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## JEW VS JEW

### MODERN JEW VS BIBLICAL JEW

Trump's recent move to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and move of the US embassy there require a serious Biblical review of what is now taking place. The move has sparked new "prophetic excitement" in both the Christian and Jewish communities; it will be used to raise vast amounts of money and support to build an exalted Zionist State. The emphasis will be on how the "Jews" are suffering, and how great is their need of a safe homeland. However, when we judge current events according to Scripture and secular history, things are not as they appear. We must understand both Scriptural and secular history, or we will follow traditions and appearances over truth.

I offer for your consideration two articles, "Jew vs Jew," and "Israel vs Israel." Though the "meat of the issue" that is before us is offered in the "Israel vs Israel" article, I need first to develop "Jew vs Jew."

Modern Judaism came into being long before the modern State of Israel (c. 600-700 A.D. vs early 1940s). Here is the secular history of the modern Jew below, and then we will deal with the secular history of Israel in "Israel vs Israel."

Paul was a sincere follower of the Jew's religion, and he traveled widely persecuting those who departed from the Jew's religion. The goal of the book of Hebrews was to prove to the Hebrew or the Jewish nation that the Jew's religion died with the sacrifice of Christ. (Col 2:14, &c.) Any idea of a restored Judaism and all that goes with that faith is a rebellious act of evil apostasy. Every New Testament author defines the Biblical Jew, which was the same under the Old Covenant:

Romans 2:28 *For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*

More than once, we have dealt with the Biblical Jew

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issue, so we will not spend that time here: [biblicalexaminer.org/topics](http://biblicalexaminer.org/topics)

### • SECULAR HISTORY

Throughout the Old Testament, history is repeated to keep it alive. In Deuteronomy, Moses continually reminds the Nation of Israel of its origin. How many times did the Prophets remind Israel and Judah of their history? It cost Stephen his life when he reminded the religious leaders of their history.

History has meaning; history is important. When we ignore history, we are no better than the brute beasts that have no concept of history. Sinister men ignore or rewrite history for their own advantage, leaving the simple open to anything they are told.

The modern "Jews" have rejected their true history, and have identified themselves with Biblical Jews of the Old Testament. American Christians do not know history, and it is far easier to "go with the flow," and invest multiplied billions in the lies they have been taught, than to study for truth. (Knowing history is no guarantee that men will avoid the trap that was revealed. I knew of a pastor in Crawfordsville, Indiana, who went to prison for "Kiting Checks for a good cause." When he got out, the Church called him again to be their pastor.)

The following are points taken from Fred Millar's "The Great Khazarian Empire." His entire post is reproduced at the end of this section.

The history of modern Jewry started around 1500 years ago with the Khazars, a vile degenerate pagan nation.

**The Khazars** were a fierce nomadic warring people

who easily conquered its surrounding, mostly agricultural nations. They became the most powerful, and maybe the richest kingdom in Europe. Their conquests consisted of Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, almost to St. Petersburg, to the Caucasus Mountains, and to the Ural Mountains. They took their vile, lewd and idolatrous worship with them.

*C. 650. Area 1,200,000 sq mi. Population 7 cen., 1,400,000. A map of their kingdom <http://www.historytoday.com/nicolas-soteri/khazaria-forgotten-jewish-empire>*

The degeneracy became so bad that the Khazarian King could no longer endure it, so he gathered representatives from the three monotheistic religions. He then decided to adopt “Talmudism” over Islam and Christianity, and “Talmudism” became the mandatory new state religion.

*The ruling elite of the Khazars was said by Judah Halevi and Abraham ibn Daud to have converted to Rabbinic Judaism in the 8th century, but the scope of the conversion within the Khazar Khanate remains uncertain.” <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khazars>*

**Rabbis** were imported from Babylon to teach the proper ways of “Talmudism.” From that time on, no one but a self-styled “Jew” could occupy the Khazarian throne. Many things were added to the Talmud to protect the state from outside religions, and to prevent a return to the vile worship practices of the past.

**Talmudism:** 1. the teachings of the collection of Jewish law and tradition called the Talmud. 2. the observance of and adherence to these teachings. — Talmudist, n. — Talmudic, adj. “Rabbinic Judaism (used by some to imply the post-Christian Judaism is an aberration from “original” Judaism.)

**The Khazars** had no written alphabet, so when they converted, the King decreed that the Hebrew characters he saw in the Talmud and other Hebrew documents would be the alphabet for the Khazar language. The present day language, with many German words added, is known as “Yiddish,” which must not be confused with Hebrew.

**The Khazars** had a large presence in Czarist Russia. When Czar Vladimir III converted to Christianity, he made Christianity Russia’s state Religion. The Khazarian Jews resisted Christianity vigorously, and were persecuted. “After the last and final blow from the Russians the Khazarian King and his twenty-five wives (all of royal blood), and sixty concubines emigrated to Spain with many family members, and some went to Hungary and Poland, but the mass of the people stayed in their native country.”

Thus we see that the fathers’ of today’s Khazarian or Ashkenazi Jews, adapted Talmudism as their official religion, and self-identified as Jews. (Think of the white woman who self-identified as a black person, the Congresswoman who self-identified as an Indian, and the many men who self-identify as women. Self-identifying does not change facts.)

**Observe:**

**First,**

**The Khazar thesis gained global prominence** when Prof. Shlomo Sand of Tel Aviv University published “The Invention of the Jewish People” in 2008. In that book, which became a best seller and was translated into several languages, Sand argued that the “Jewish people” is an invention, forged out of myths and fictitious “history” to justify Jewish ownership of the Land of Israel.” (With which I must agree, ed.)

However, “another Israeli historian has challenged...” Sand’s book had to be challenged with new research, for “Israel” cannot let the truth cost them the world’s sympathy, and billions of dollars in cash and military aid. [forward.com/news/200825/why-ashkenazi-jews-are-not-descended-from-khazars/](http://forward.com/news/200825/why-ashkenazi-jews-are-not-descended-from-khazars/)

**Trump threatens U.N. nations rejecting Jerusalem declaration**

‘We’re watching those votes. Let them vote against us. We’ll save a lot’

President Trump is threatening to cut off aid to the countries in Haley’s list of names that call for him to withdraw his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital... <http://www.wnd.com/2017/12/trump-issues-bold-warning-to-u-n-nations-rejecting-jerusalem-declaration/>

We hope that the UN votes against us. It would be good riddance. Trump’s stand is to appease the foolish notion that national Israel is in anyway connected with Biblical Israel.

**Second:**

**The Khazar empire was basically Turkic, Mongol.**

The Khazar ruling class adopted Judaism, c. 740. [www.britannica.com/topic/Khazar](http://www.britannica.com/topic/Khazar) & [yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Khazaria](http://yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Khazaria)

**Third:**

**Surprise: Ashkenazi Jews Are Genetically European**

The origin of the Ashkenazi Jews, who come most recently from Europe, has largely been shrouded in mystery. But a new study suggests that at least their maternal lineage may derive largely from Europe.

Though the finding may seem intuitive, it **contradicts** the notion that European Jews mostly descend from people who left Israel and the Middle East around 2,000 years ago. Instead, a substantial proportion of the population

originates from local **Europeans who converted to Judaism**, said study co-author Martin Richards, an archaeogeneticist at the University of Huddersfield in England.

Little is known about the history of Ashkenazi Jews before they were expelled from the Mediterranean and settled in what is now Poland around the 12th century. On average, all Ashkenazi Jews are genetically as closely related to each other as fourth or fifth cousins, said Dr. Harry Ostrer, a pathology, pediatrics and genetics professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and the author of "Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People" (Oxford University Press, 2012).

<https://www.livescience.com/40247-ashkenazi-jews-have-european-genes.html>. See also Martin Richards, an archaeogeneticist at the University of Huddersfield in the U.K. [the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/37821/title/Genetic-Roots-of-the-Ashkenazi-Jews/](http://the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/37821/title/Genetic-Roots-of-the-Ashkenazi-Jews/)

**Ashkenazi Jews descended from ancient Turkey:** New research

Most of the world's modern Jewish population, as well as the Yiddish language, come from Turkey and not other parts of the Middle East, according to a new study.

Dr Eran Elhaik of the University of Sheffield used a computer modeling system to convert Ashkenazi Jewish DNA - the Jewish communities historically located in Europe - data into geographical information, which revealed that 90 percent of Ashkenazi Jews descend from the Greeks, Iranians and others who colonized northern Anatolia (now northern Turkey) more than 2,000 years ago before **converting to Judaism**.

[middleeasteye.net/news/most-jews-descended-ancient-turkey-new-study-2107639949](http://middleeasteye.net/news/most-jews-descended-ancient-turkey-new-study-2107639949)

All of the Ashkenazi Jews alive today can trace their roots to a group of about 330 people who lived 600 to 800 years ago.

Ashkenazi in Hebrew refers to Germany, and Ashkenazi Jews are those who originated in Eastern Europe. (Sephardic Jews, by contrast, are from the areas around the Mediterranean Sea, including Portugal, Spain, the Middle East and Northern Africa.) About 80% of modern Jews have Ashkenazi ancestry, according to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Albert Einstein was an Ashkenazi Jew, as were Gertrude Stein and Carl Sagan. Steven Spielberg and Scarlett Johansson are also Ashkenazi Jews, along with three current members of the U.S. Supreme Court (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan). ... Today there are more than 10 million Ashkenazi Jews around the world, including 2.8 million in Israel, according to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

[latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-ashkenazi-jews-dna-diseases-20140909-story.html](http://latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-ashkenazi-jews-dna-diseases-20140909-story.html)

**Fourth:**

**"In the ninth century, some of these merchants** were involved in long distance trade encompassing the whole

of Eurasia. From the Frankish kingdom they exported **swords, slaves, and furs to the Muslim world:** then, following the Silk Road to India and China and returning via Khazaria and the Slavic lands, they brought back spices and perfumes to Europe. A Muslim document refers to these great dealers as *radhaniya* (from the river Rhone or a region near Baghdad)." [Accordingly, history tells us that the "Jews" trafficked in war and slaves, ed.]

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/european-jewry-the-beginnings/>

**Fifth:**

**Historically, Sephardic Jews** have been more integrated into the local non-Jewish culture than Ashkenazic Jews. In the Christian lands where Ashkenazic Judaism flourished, the tension between Christians and Jews was great, and Jews tended to be isolated from their non-Jewish neighbors, either voluntarily or involuntarily. In the Islamic lands where Sephardic Judaism developed, there was less segregation and oppression. Sephardic Jewish thought and culture was strongly influenced by Arabic and Greek philosophy and science.

<http://www.jewfaq.org/ashkseph.htm>

**Sixth:**

**From about 1000 AD, the Sephardic Jews**, who were at peace with the Muslim Caliphate, fought against the Christians. The agreement between these Jews and the Muslims was that the Jews would convert to Islam if their Messiah did not return within 500 years after the death of Muhammad. There was then a campaign to convert the Sephardic by force. About 1147 AD, the Sephardic Jews had to unite with the Christians to fight the common enemy, Muslims. In 1391, the Roman Church told the Jews, "Join the church or die." Many Christians were secretly observing the Judaic rites. In 1492, King Ferdinand expelled the Jews from Spain.

<http://www.orbilat.com/Languages/Spanish-Ladino/History/Ladino-History.htm>

It is beyond disputing that those who claim to have a Biblical Jewish heritage, have no such thing; rather, their "fathers" were a warring, totally debased Gentile nation. Even after their "conversion to Judaism," they continued their slave trade with the Muslims. Nor do the modern Jews make any claim upon Biblical Jews. It is the uninformed, and maybe simple minded Christians who want to follow, support and finance the old Rabbinic dream of world domination from a rebuilt Temple at Jerusalem from where a Jewish king rules with a "rod of iron."

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. (Matt 22:29)*

**ROMANS 11:25, 26**

A concluding note in passing: Several very able

Bible scholars, such as Dr Gill and Dr Lightfoot, say that all the elect Jews out of old national Israel were called to Christ before the destruction of the Jewish nation in 70 AD. In addition, A.H. Strong places Romans 11:25, 26 (*all Israel shall be saved*) with Matthew 24:14 and Revelation 3:11. Strong tells us that because Romans 11:25, 26 was written before 70 AD, the promise in Romans 11 was fulfilled before the destruction of Jerusalem. Dr. Hodge says the same thing in his systematic theology.

In Christ, there is no longer any Jew-Gentile distinction. The only distinction is saved or unsaved. According to some expositors, there are now **four** classes of people: Saved and unsaved Gentiles. **Saved** (Messianic) Jews and unsaved Jews.

A “Messianic Jew” is like saying a Messianic Muslim, or a Messianic Buddhist. One is either a Jew, Muslim or Buddhist, or he is a Christian. No man can serve two masters. Certainly, one can be a saved out of Judaism as one can be saved out of Muhammadism, but then he is no longer a follower of the Jewish religion which made him a Jew.

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### The complete and unedited article

#### **THE GREAT KHAZARIAN EMPIRE**

For more than a millennium, there existed the Khazars, a pagan nation that totally converted to Judaism for the better part of the last half of their existence. Until the fall of the Khazarian Empire in the 13th century. This Empire was the largest, encompassing almost one million square miles at its peak.

Not until the fall of the former Soviet Union are details coming into a better light, and this is some of what we know. (See [historytoday.com/nicolas-soteri/khazaria-forgotten-jewish-empire](http://historytoday.com/nicolas-soteri/khazaria-forgotten-jewish-empire), which includes a map of the Khazar Khaganate, between 650 and 850. Ed.)

A.D. 100 seems to be the beginning of the Khazarian Empire. The Khazars were a fierce nomadic warring people that were driven out of Asia by numerous defeats by their neighbors. The Khazars invaded Europe over the land route between the north end of the Caspian Sea and the South end of the Ural Mountains.

They moved west and conquered twenty-five or so mostly agricultural nations with very little resistance. This then became known as the Khazarian Empire. It stretched West to Poland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria and north to within a few hundred miles south of present day St. Petersburg. South to the Caucasus Mountains,

and East to the Ural Mountains near modern-day Perm.

The Khazars were a Pagan civilization, and in a short period in history, became the largest and most powerful kingdom in Europe, and possibly the wealthiest also. They brought with them their religious worship that was a mix of phallic worship and other forms of idolatrous worship practiced in Asia by other Pagan nations. This form of Pagan worship continued into the seventh century with vile forms of sexual excesses and lewdness indulged in by the Khazars as part of their religious beliefs. This form of worship produced to a large degree a moral degeneracy that the Khazarian King could no longer endure.

In the seventh century King Bulan, ( the ruler at that time ), decided to end the practice of Phallic worship and all other forms of idolatrous worship and to make one of three monotheistic religions,( which he knew very little about ) the new Khazarian state religion.

After an historic session with representatives from the three monotheistic religions, King Bulan decided to adopt “Talmudism”, ( as it was known then and practiced today as Judaism,) over Islam and Christianity and became the new state religion.

King Bulan and his four thousand feudal nobles were promptly converted by rabbis imported from Babylonia for the event. Phallic worship and all other forms of idol worship were there after forbidden. The Khazarian Kings invited large numbers of Rabbis from Babylon and vicinity, to come and open synagogues and schools to instruct the population in the new state religion.

After the mass conversion of the King and his empire, none other than a so called or self styled Jew, could occupy the Khazarian throne. The empire became a virtual theocracy with the religious leaders being the civil administrators as well. During this time the Talmud was added to or altered to protect their state religion from any other outside religious influence and to prevent a return to previous vile worship styles.

The ideologies of the Talmud became the axis of political, cultural, economic and social attitudes and activities throughout the Khazarian kingdom. The Talmud provided civil and religious law.

When the Khazars in the first century B.C. invaded eastern Europe their mother-tongue was an Asiatic language, referred to in the Jewish Encyclopedia as the “Khazar languages”. they were primitive Asiatic dialects without any written alphabet or any written form. When King Bulan was converted in the 7th century he decreed

that the Hebrew characters that he saw in the Talmud and other Hebrew documents was thereupon to become the alphabet for the Khazar language. the Hebrew characters were adopted to the phonics of the spoken Khazar language. The Khazars adopted the characters in order to provide a means for a written record of their speech.

The present day language of the Khazars is known as “Yiddish”. The Khazars adapted words to their requirements from the German, the Baltic and Slavonic languages.

The Khazars adopted a great number of words from the German language. The Germans had a much more advanced civilization than their neighbors the Khazars so the Khazars sent their children to German schools and higher learning institutions. The “Yiddish” is not a German dialect. Many are led to believe that “Yiddish” must be German since it shares so much with the German language. The Khazars must have spoken some language when they invaded Eastern Europe. What was the language that the Khazars spoke for over a thousand years? When did they discard it? How did an entire population discard one language for another all of a sudden?

“Yiddish” must not be confused with “Hebrew” because they both use the same characters as their alphabets. There is not one word of “Yiddish” in ancient “Hebrew” nor is there one word of ancient “Hebrew” in “Yiddish”.

During the 10th, 11th 12th, and 13th centuries the rapidly expanding Russian nation gradually swallowed up the Khazarian kingdom. After the fall of the Khazarian kingdom the people were known as “Yiddish” in Russia and Eastern Europe.

They still to this day, refer to themselves as “Yiddish”.

The year was 986 A.D. the ruler of Russia, Vladimir III, became a convert to Christianity in order to marry a Catholic Slavonic princess of a neighboring sovereign state. Vladimir made his newly acquired Christian faith the state religion of Russia replacing the pagan worship formerly practiced since Russia was founded in 820 A.D. Vladimir III and his successors as rulers of Russia attempted in vain to convert his so called or self styled “Jews”, now Russian subjects, to Russia’s state religion “Christianity”.

These Khazarian Jews in Russia refused and resisted Christianity vigorously, they refused to adopt the Russian alphabet in place of Hebrew characters used in writing their “Yiddish” language. They opposed ever

attempt to bring about their assimilation of the former Khazarian kingdom into the Russian nation.

Jews of our era fall into two main categories the Ashkenazim Jew (common), whom in 1960 numbered around 11 million. The term Ashkenazim Jew is associated with Germany, Hungary and Poland which shared culture and borders with the Khazarian empire and received a large migration of “Yiddish” people from the disintegrating Khazarian kingdom.

The Sephardim Jews who numbered about 500,000 in 1960 and are the descendants of the Spanish Jews that were expelled from Spain by the Moslems in 1492.

Now are you wondering the same as I am, just who are the majority of those people now living in modern day Israel anyway?, Well it looks as though 90% of them are probably descendants of the Great Khazars and never were descendants of Abraham.

Fred Millar.

*Note: Mr Millar’s spelling, grammar and punctuation above is not what it should be, but it is as it is presented at, <http://www.lostisrael.com/khazars.htm> “Lost Israel” is a Christian Identity web site. Their purpose is to convince the white Anglo-Saxon race that it is the lost ten tribes of Israel. Obviously, before they can convert one to their faith, they must prove that the modern Jews have no relationship to the Jews of Scripture. I attempted to document his article the best I could before I published this, and from what I have found, his article is basically true. It is common for the Christian Identity teachers to offer a good amount of truth as bait, as a worm on a hook. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khazars>*

The above is the foundation for the following

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## ISRAEL VS ISRAEL.

### BIBLICAL ISRAEL VS MODERN ISRAEL

#### Trump, Jerusalem and Deceived Christians

The big news has been that Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and moved the US embassy there. However, the State Department has not yet recognized that Jerusalem is Israel’s capital, so those Americans born in Jerusalem at this time have no country in which to be born. Indeed a strange situation.

Trump’s move “... also fulfills the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act, in which Congress required the embassy to be moved to Jerusalem but also allowed for repeating six-month waivers to delay the decision. Only President Trump stopped the seemingly endless delays.” Accordingly, we see that Congress and Trump are in the hands of the Zionists, and of Christians who do not know history nor the Scriptures. They have been caught up in the web of the false “profiting prophets” who are raking in

boatloads of money from the simple.

“Obviously those of the **Judaic faith** hold the longest claim to the city, followed by Christians and then Muslims.”

*Emp added. 12/9/17. [https://conservativetribune.com/discovery-for-devout-muslims/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=conservative-brief&utm\\_campaign=dailypm&utm\\_content=western-journal](https://conservativetribune.com/discovery-for-devout-muslims/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=conservative-brief&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=western-journal)*

### **We must ask where is the concern for those of the Christian faith?**

The modern “state of Israel” or “Jewish state” was officially formed after WW II (1948) when sympathy was high for those who followed the Jew’s religious faith. Israel was formed as a religious state, not as a historical state. The Ottoman Empire collapsed during WW I, and Britain took Palestine over in 1917, with the intent to establish a homeland for those who followed the Jew’s religion. In 1945, The US took up the Zionist cause. Britain was unable to find a practical solution for the conflict, so the problem was turned over to the UN, “which in 1947 voted to partition Palestine.” Two groups were thus set at war with each other: those who were forced from their property so it could be given to those Gentiles who had adopted the Jew’s religion.

### **“Trump’s Jerusalem declaration sparks talk of 3rd Temple**

Israeli activist: ‘Words of prophecy are coming forth from the Bible and becoming facts’

“... Yakov Hayman, the United Temple Movement chairman, also saw Trump’s statement as part of a major shift in modern history for Israel and the Jewish people.

He said, “1917 was the Balfour Declaration establishing Israel for the nations, 2017 was Trump’s declaration.”

“When Jews and non-Jews go up en masse, the Temple is inevitable,” Hayman added. “The people of Israel are returning to their roots while simultaneously the non-Jews of the world are realizing the authenticity of our claim to the Temple Mount and our right to build a Jewish Temple as a House of Prayer for All Nations. These processes are codependent. It depends on the Jews, our actions, but the non-Jews are an essential part of the process. Our task is to act as priests to make the whole world holy,” Hayman said, citing verse 19:6 in the Book of Exodus: “And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

He added: “That will only happen in a Temple in Jerusalem,” he emphasized. “The next step, the most important step, must be taken by the Jews. We need to begin going up to the Temple Mount in massive numbers. Once we do that, the Temple is the next inevitable step.”

*World Net Daily is a huge supporter of the modern Israel/Jew heresy. <http://www.wnd.com/2017/12/trumps-jerusalem-declaration-sparks-talk-of-3rd-temple/>*

### **• CHRISTIAN ZIONISM AND SCRIPTURE**

We can open this section with Christ’s words in Matthew 22:29,

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

To our everlasting shame, the average Christian does not know *the scriptures, nor the power of God* to open the scriptures to him. He is unwilling to spend the time in personal study of *scripture* so that he might be able recognize good doctrine from false doctrine. More devastating is his unwillingness to replace the doctrine passed down by the traditions of the elders with sound doctrine.

The issue of Zionism, Dispensationalism and Millennialism came up while pastoring in Indiana. These are three terms (used interchangeably below) for the same basic idea: An exalted Jewish State. Three books resulted from the next 18 years as I sought Biblical answers: *Israel’s Identity/Israel’s Conversion; The Triumph of Titus, a study in Matthew 24; and Death of the Church Victorious*. When I departed from the dispensational faith concerning the Jews and Israel, most of my pastor “friends” and church members left, for one’s view concerning Israel many times today is the test of fellowship. Generally, Dispensational pastors absolutely refuse to allow their people to hear any teaching that might question Dispensationalism. Well they should fear, for neither Dispensationalism nor can their Church/Israel be Scripturally defended; it must first be believed, and then read into the Scripture.

### **ZIONISM DEFINED**

**1. Zionism:** “An organized movement of world Jewry that arose in Europe in the late 19th century with the aim of reconstituting a Jewish state in Palestine.” (1)

**Christian Zionism** can be defined as Christians seeking to rebuild a national Jewish state from where a Jewish Messiah will rule, bringing in peace and righteousness with a sword.

**Political Zionism** can be defined as non-Christians working to rebuild a national Jewish state that will rule the world, but not from a Christian aspect. Both support a Jewish state.

Israel makes it clear that both the modern nation and those who claim to be Jews today have no connection with the Word of God. According to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

“The term **Israelite** is purely Biblical. An **Israeli** is a citizen of Israel, regardless of religion. A Jew is a person anywhere in the world born to a Jewish mother, or converted to Judaism, who is thus identified as a member of the Jewish people and religion.”(2)

**There is no Jewish race today, nor is there a Biblical Israel.** Both Biblical terms are meant to motivate Christians to support an anti-christ nation. The official stand is that a Jew is simply one who follows the Jews’ religion, which Paul rejected, Galatians 1:13, 14. Since Christ, Christians alone are the true Jews. (Romans 2:28, 29. See “Israel v Israel” in this issue.)

**2. Dispensationalism:** a philosophy that divides history into a number of distinct eras in each of which the mode of God’s operations, if not nature’s, is unique. C.I. Scofield used seven.

**3. Millennialism** says there is a thousand year reign of peace coming.

All three look forward to a literal thousand year reign by a warlike Jewish leader who will rule with *a rod of iron* from a renewed, glorious city, Jerusalem. (Revelation 12:5, 19:15, Psalms 2.) In his military rule, the *Christian view* says that everyone will do right or face death; the *non-Christian view* simply says that Israel will again be the head of all nations. The Zionist hope was a Jewish *rabbinic dream* held by the religious leaders of Christ’s day; when Christ did not fulfill that carnal dream, he was rejected.(3)

The families of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were called Hebrews until the Babylonian Captivity, about 400 years after David. Jews today make no claim of being Hebrews. Accordingly, **they deny any connection to the Jews of Christ’s day.**

#### • ZIONISM’S ROOTS

Zionism is based on some misused Old Testament passages.

Luke 1:70-80 gives a good overview of the *rabbinic dream*: Though it was meant in a spiritual sense, the Jews took it literally, clinging to it even while Rome compassed the city in AD 70. The Hebrew, or Jewish, nation was totally destroyed as its religious leaders promised the people that the Messiah would come and deliver them out of the hand of their enemies, Rome at the time, v. 74.(4) Israel’s dream that Jahweh [sic] would reign in Zion over his people “is not something quite new, but a glorification of the old.”(5)

The New Testament writers identified the enemies as spiritual, enemies that prevent one’s proper service to the Lord. (Romans 6:22, Hebrews 2:15, &c.)

Though Luke opens with the promise of freedom, it closes with Christ telling the Apostles that the promise from the very first, Genesis 12 through his time, was spiritual, and spoke of his coming. (24:44-48.) The Apostles held the Zionist hope until Acts 1:6, after the risen Lord told them to get to work, v. 7.

The Zionist idea is based on a misuse of God’s promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16. Yet passages like 1 Kings 8:56 (Joshua 21:44, 45, 21:45, 23:14, 15) tell us that all the Lord promised was fulfilled under King Solomon about 1000 BC. Romans 4:13 tells us that through Christ, the whole world, not just Canaan, was promised to Abraham.

Zionism is also based upon passages such as Isaiah 42:5-7 & Daniel 2:44. Dispensationalism says these passages must be understood literally. However, Christ gave the proper understanding to these and similar passages after he read Isaiah 42 in the synagogue in Nazareth. He said, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” (Luke 4:16-21.) Throughout his earthly ministry, Christ tells Israel that he is the promised Messiah sent to free the people from bondage. Israel looked for a literal freedom from physical bondage to other nations, Rome at that time. Christ, though, said that his freedom was from the bondage of sin. Rome understood that Christ did not offer to free the Hebrew nation from its rule, so Rome refused to prosecute Christ. (Luke 23:4, 14, John 18:36; 19:4, 6.) Rome only killed Christ at the Jewish leaders’ insistence. (John 19:6, 12.)

**Other passages** misused by Dispensationalists: Genesis 12:1-3, 22:18, Abraham receives the promise of the world’s blessing through his seed. Dispensationalism, or Darbyism/Scofieldism looks for Abraham’s promise to be fulfilled through a physical line, though Galatians 3:16ff., identifies that seed as Christ. In Genesis 49:10, Jacob promised Judah the everlasting king and kingdom; 2 Samuel 7, God promised David an everlasting king and kingdom. These passages, with many others, e.g., Psalms 72, Psalms 89, Psalms 110, Isaiah 9:6, 7, appear to promise a literal king over a renewed, literal Hebrew, Jewish nation, who will rule the world, Christian Zionism. But the New Testament authors in referring to these “prophetic” passages made it clear that they were to be spiritually understood. Christ is that everlasting King. (Eph. 1:20ff., Acts 2:24-31.)

The followers of Judaism clung to the *rabbinic dream* after Christ went back to the Father, even though Christ and the apostles rejected it, and Jerusalem and the Jewish (Hebrew) race were destroyed. The early

church condemned Zionism as a heresy, and it retreated.(6) However, Judaism's *dream* did not die out, and followers of the Jews' religion, primarily through the Church of Rome, convinced Protestant Christians to accept the *dream*.

#### • ZIONISM'S INFILTRATION

As a result of the Reformation, Rome was having great difficulty with the Protestants. The two great points of the Reformation were 1) the just shall live by faith, and 2) the Papacy is the Antichrist of Scripture.(7) The 1511 Geneva Bible called Pope Gregory the 7<sup>th</sup> a most damnable necromancer and sorcerer, whom Satan used. The introduction to the 1611 King James Version called the pope the Man of Sin presently reigning in the world.

Turning the blame away from the present Papacy, Roman theologians admitted the Papacy was the antichrist, but the antichrist would be some future individual who would come to power in another dispensation. Then there would be a great battle between him and the Messiah. There was, therefore, no need for the Protestants to make such a fuss about Rome, for Rome was no threat to them in this dispensation. The new dispensation would include a revived, exalted Jewish nation, Zionism.

**John Gill:** J. Gill (1696-1771) said that the idea of a future, literal antichrist that is to come and then be destroyed by Christ is a Papists' fable.(8)

Some of the Roman theologians who offered Zionism were Francisco Ribera (1537-1591), Cardinal Robert Bellarmine (1544-1621), and a Spanish Jesuit Alcazar (1554-1613), but the first successful offer was by the Jesuit, *Manuel Lacunza* (1731-1801), who wrote under the pen-name, *Ben-Ezra*. It turns out that these Roman theologians who offered an exalted Jewish state were "converted" Jews.(9) History tells us that dispensationalism took the pressure off the papal system.

The theologian's first successful effort to infest the Protestants with the poison pill was the effort by Lacunza with his 1791 offering, *The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty*, or simply, *Ben-Ezra*.

Lacunza's offer was accepted by a Presbyterian pastor, Edward Irving (1792-1834). Irving passed it on to the Protestants at the first *conference on unfulfilled prophecy*, 1826, which was financed by a wealthy English banker, Henry Drummond, at his home in Albury Park, Suffix, England.

Irving attended that first conference while he was translating from Spanish into English a document writ-

ten by a "converted" Jew, now a Roman Jesuit, Manuel De Lacunza who wrote under the pen name *Ben-Ezra*. Irving translated Lacunza's introduction to his manuscript, where Lacunza gave three reasons for his document, the third being to restore the Jewish hope "to my own brethren the Jews." (10) The whole 500 page introduction reads as though Lacunza intentionally wrote a theological document to change the then accepted Christian view of the Jews to one that would exalt a Jewish nation. Through Lacunza's and Irvings efforts, Zionism was awaked after its 1400 year sleep.(11)

Another attendee was a "converted" son of a Jewish rabbi, Joseph Wolff. Wolff was considered by the attendees to be the foremost Hebrew scholar of the day, so he was the only one allowed to give the proper interpretation to the prophetic passages discussed.(12)

The conference met to discuss and develop some prophetic passages. No doubt through the influence of Irving (who was translating *Ben-Ezra*) and Wolff, the prophetic passages studied took a Zionist twist, and Zionism went on to become a key doctrine in the Protestant Church. The attendees then set about to help God set up his millennial kingdom by working to establish a Zionist state.

J.N. Darby was not at that first meeting, but he was at the 1827 meeting. Over the next few years, he absorbed the Dispensational doctrine, and with his persuasive personality and hard work (he was single and had been a lawyer), he covered the earth with the new doctrine.

#### • ZIONISM'S POWER

Where does it get its power to hold well known Christian leaders like *Robertson, Falwell, Cal Thomas, &c.?*

One word, MONEY. "Popular dispensationalist teachers have found it quite profitable to play on people's fears and their desire to escape suffering and death for many decades, and LaHaye continues the practice." (13)

From its start in the middle 1800s, the doctrine of dispensational - millennialism has had the potential to raise tremendous amounts of money: "Some ... [pastors] at a few hours' notice can fill the largest Churches with audiences anxious to hear of the latest signs of the times." (14) C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) called them false, profiting prophets who shuffle Scripture as the Norwood gypsies shuffle cards in order to gain money from simpletons. He had no good words for the teachers of millennialism.(15)

MONEY! Look at the vast sums that the *Left Behind* series has made for Tim Lahaye. He gave millions to

Jerry Falwell to start the *Tim Lahaye School of Prophecy* to pass on the dispensational doctrine to young men. Falwell would be foolish to depart from Dispensationalism because of the income it produces.

Dave McPhearson tells us that at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Biola College was among the first to discover the tremendous fund raising potential of the dispensational millennial, pre-trib rapture theory.(16) From that discovery on, “pre-trib” became the “shibboleth” for fellowship. I have experienced such a “shibboleth” even from those I considered close friends.

As long as Zionism, or millennialism, has such a fund-raising potential, it will not fall out of favor with many church leaders. Really, the reason Christian leaders started teaching it was because they were losing their people if they did not teach it. Darby complained that the American preachers were teaching his theories not because they believed them, but in order to keep their people.

I had a close pastor friend in Indiana (before I became so vocal against Dispensationalism) who holds a series of meetings on the book of Revelation whenever he needs an attendance boost. When I questioned him concerning his misuse of some passages to support what he was teaching, he said he did not care. That was the way he was taught by men he admired, that is the way he had taught it, and he was too old now to change.

You could call it *newspaper eisegesis*, as these false teachers take daily headlines and tell how they are fulfilling Bible prophecy. They have done this since the French Revolution, but the followers don't seem to care that what they say changes daily.

(It was not long ago that we heard the prognosticators say that America was clearly in prophetic scripture, as the head of all nations. Today, the same prognosticators say that America is not even in scripture. Their words change with the newspaper headlines.)

#### • ZIONISM'S OPPORTUNITY

Dispensationalism got its hold because of the social conditions of the times in which it was offered. The French Revolution (1789-1799) and the Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815) left people very distressed over man the sinner. Here was an offer of escape from the turmoil: “Prophecy has a special power to separate us from this present evil world...”(17) Though Darby offered the Dispensational ideas in America, America did not accept them until after the War between the States, and after D.L. Moody (1837-1899) approved them. Scofield

took over Moody's Northfield church after Moody died.

Dispensationalism offers a false hope of escape from responsibility and the mess made by these same people who are waiting to be beamed up, so they take no social responsibility ; it keeps its hold with money and its false promises.

#### • ZIONISM'S TENACITY

Modern Zionism cannot be found **in** but must be read **into** Scripture. It keeps its hold by telling its followers that they must always study Scripture with the preconceived notion of a “church/Israel” distinction; that is, no promise what was given to literal Israel can ever be transferred to the Gospel Church. Thus, leaders teach the Zionist myth because that is what they were taught by those they respect, and their people believe it for the same reason, and then read it into Scripture.

#### • ZIONISM'S PROMOTER

C.I. Scofield no doubt did more to promote Zionism than any one other man. He was a scoundrel, to put it mildly.(18) I do not know his motives, but I suspect that he saw how Dispensationalism was sweeping the world of his day, and he saw the tremendous money making potential of a book containing Darby's notes. We do know that Jewish money financed him while he put his book together.(19) Furthermore, by looking at the results, Zionism's exaltation, we can assume that there was not only big money in publishing the book, but also probably personal pocket money for doing the job.

Because the public had already been influenced by Darby's thoughts, it was ready for Scofield's 1911 book. It did more to spread Zionism than any one other event in history as missionaries carried his book into every corner of the world.

Dispensationalism permitted the Bolshevik Revolution, Hitler, and the second American revolution, a revolution away from our Christian roots. Dispensationalism, permitted places like China and Russia to fall into Communists hands.(20) Christian Zionism can be directly blamed for WW I and WWII, and for the current mess in which we find ourselves. The West's current problems can't be resolved until Zionism is dealt with Scripturally.

#### • ZIONISM'S THEOLOGY

Zionism is totally unbiblical, as shown above. It exalts a literal nation over the church Christ purchased with his own blood. (Acts 20:28. He did not purchase any literal nation.) Christian Zionism says that Christ failed in his efforts to establish the prom-

ised kingdom the first time he came. Rather, he was killed. So now God must go to plan B, which is to return in great power and glory and establish this kingdom with a sword; either bow to Christ, or he will have your head cut off. Christian Zionism promises Christians that they will also be exalted with Christ as literal rulers over particular areas of the earth.

However, the purpose of Christ's coming was to shed his blood to redeem his people. (Isa. 53.) Christ made it clear while he was here that his was not a literal, physical kingdom, but a spiritual kingdom. Even Pilate understood that, but the Jewish religious leaders would not accept that fact. However, it was all according to prophecy, that they would be blinded to the truth, and kill the Son. (Acts 2:22-24) It had to take place like that.

As far as the relationship between interpretation and Eschatology, we really need to abolish the idolatrous worship of national Israel so prevalent among Evangelicals and Fundamentalists. We need to establish the fact that **Christ**, not national Israel, is the key to interpreting and understanding prophecy and, indeed, all of Scripture (Revelation 19:10; John 5:39). The church's promotion of Dispensationalism's Israel is nothing less than **pure idolatry**. They have placed national Israel on the throne that belongs to **Christ**, giving national Israel the preeminence that belongs to **Christ**. It has made national Israel, **rather than Christ**, the key and center to interpreting Scripture. All of the promises of God (Millennial promises included) **in Christ** "are yea, and **in him** Amen" (II Corinthians 1:20). They are for His body, the Church (Ephesians 1: 1-23; 5:25-30; Hebrews 2:11-12; Galatians 3:13-14, 29). Placing Christ and His church in their proper place, should make prophecy comparatively easy to understand

Romans 11:36 *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

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## THE BAPTIST WHITE LIE CAKE

Have you ever told a white lie?

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angelfood cake mix & quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!"

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake.

She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet Paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

And, before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom.

Alice was horrified - she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed!

All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time.

She did not really want to attend because the hostess

was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south, and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert!

Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."

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### The DEBT of Christmas past will haunt us unto Christmas future.

#### DEBT SLAVERY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, which is all on the credit card. The theme song of many Christians should be:

*You load sixteen tons, what do you get/Another day older and deeper in debt/Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go/I owe my soul to the company store*

We are being overrun with the "good news" of a skyrocketing stock market; U.S. New-Home Sales Unexpectedly Rise to Highest in a Decade (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-27/u-s-new-home-sales-unexpectedly-climb-to-highest-in-a-decade>); and holiday spending reaches new heights!! There are many gleeful accounts of the great expansion of "consumer spending," but the fact of overwhelming consumer debt is ignored. Don't overlook student debt.

"Taken altogether, the holiday shopping season is reflecting positive consumer sentiment and outlook, with real wages increasing, unemployment dropping to record lows, and the ebullience in the stock market adding additional encouragement. Market seers consider the stock market as a barometer for future economic activity — a bet on the future. As stock market indexes — the Dow, the S&P 500, and NASDAQ — all continue to notch new highs, consumers are riding the wave of confidence by spending (& borrowing, ed.) at record levels this holiday season.

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/economy/markets/item/27456-total-black-friday-sales-set-records-cyber-monday-also-likely-a>

*record*

Those who keep track of the financial markets realize that the stock market is "fixed," as is the London "fix" on precious metals. The "fix" is in with the market way too high, (ready for a 80% correction) and the metals way too low. The "fix" gives the illusion that all is well, which gives the consumers confidence that they can go deeper in debt. (The banks issuing the debt will be the owners of everything.) Remember, Fabian Socialism's goal is a One World Order by using deceitful words as their choice weapons of warfare.

Lower taxes are promoted, but there is nothing said about lower expenditures. Lower taxes mean more debt, "borrowing" fiat money that is created by the private banks known as the Federal Reserve System. However, the population is "hooked on debt," and that is reflected by the Federal Government being "hooked on debt."

As debt soars, we need to be reminded of the dangers if not outright sin of consumer debt.

#### • GOD'S LAW AND DEBT

Closely related to the future reference of the sabbath, the law of the sabbath required *providence*, i.e., a provident people. Because of the short-term nature of debt, only emergency debts could be contracted. In each century, sixteen years out of that 100 year period were sabbaths, including two jubilee years. While God promised an abundant harvest for faithfulness to His law, it was still necessary for man to use that abundance providently, or else he would be unable to live. Providence in management means an obviously future-oriented perspective. Instead of a past-oriented and consumption-centered economy, the sabbath produced a production-centered, future-oriented, and rest-conscious society. A provident society can rest with peace and security, and a productive society is best able to enjoy rest. (Rushdoony, Institutes of Biblical Law, pp, 156, 157.)

Debt is past oriented. It cares not about the future generations. We are living in the midst of God's word coming true as the house built by debt crumbles.

My dad used to say to me, "Jr, stay out of debt." He was speaking from experience. Coming up through the "Great Depression," he always had a good job as a welder. That was before WWII, when everyone learned to arc weld. From the earliest, I can remember him making business deals with a handshake rather than by written contracts. I can remember at least two times he lost his shirt, even having to sell a 110 acre farm for \$10,000 to pay a debt with which he was saddled because of a "gentleman's agreement." (That would have been in the

early '50s. Obviously, that \$10,000 is much more today.)

My dad was a soft touch, and kept credit cards maxed out. He told me one time that when he received some of those bank checks with his credit card bill, he called the bank to see if they were good. They were, so he used them. I asked him one time, "You tell me to stay out of debt, but you don't. Why?" He said it was easier to preach than to practice.

As a single man, I stayed in debt to drive a nice car. After the insurance on my 67 Corvette got as high as my car payments (\$90 a month), I got rid of the Corvette for a VW. The VW was paid for, and from then on, By God's mercy, he has permitted us to stay debt free, even on the very minimal income from the small church in which we served.

#### • DEBT

There are many areas of the law that fall into the category of debt, *e.g.*, loaning money, giving to the poor, &c. Moreover, I learned the hard way that with VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, it is bad business to lend or give money to relatives.

The Sabbath commandment deals with debt. The New Testament applies the Old Testament warnings against debt and against bondage to the things of this world:

**Romans 13:8** *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (1 Cor 7:23, Gal 5:1)*

Debt makes the borrower servant to a lender rather than to Christ. I cannot remember how many men I have spoken with who hate their jobs. I ask why they do not quit and do what they want to do. The answer was that they were in debt, and could not afford to quit. How many people do we know who would like to home educate their children, but the wife is bound to the workforce by the debt they incurred to live the "good life?" Clearly, there are situations when the wife must work.

When I meet with people who want to marry, I sound a very loud warning about the wife entering the marriage as a workingwoman. They will get accustomed to the extra income she might provide, and she will remain in the work force.

In addition, co-signing is actually taking on a debt. We may or may not have to pay that debt, but when we co-sign we must assume we will be paying that debt.

**Proverbs 17:17** *A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. 18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.*

Even though the confidence in our friend may be well grounded, we can never know when he will depart from sound understanding and make some dumb deal with which he will lose his shirt, and ours also. The friend speculated, and is going down the tubes. He comes to us, and begs us to become a surety for him, *in the presence of his friends*. It is the man who is *void of understanding* who agrees to co-sign for him. We are then in bondage to the friend and to the one he borrowed from.

Speculations are forbidden! God condemns being a surety for speculation on the part of others. We can **define speculation** as get-rich quick efforts, stock market, &c. Banks speculate with others' money with their never-ending stream of credit cards offers, car loans and mortgages. People speculate that they will always have a good job to pay their debts to the banks. But when the speculations fail, the banks will be reimbursed with tax money as the government borrows untold billions of dollars to bail out the investment banks. But the debtor will lose everything.

There are certainly godly partnerships where a lot of planning and work is involved. Partnerships where risks and profits are shared are not condemned. However, partnerships with those who are not of like mind are forbidden, particularly Christian and non-Christian.

All debts were to be short term, 6 years. Carol and I took out a loan to purchase a very small house which we could afford with a 6 year loan. The sabbath spoke of rest, not worship. The normal life required for the believer was and is to be debt-free.

#### **Debt is bondage. What about loaning money?**

Scriptures nowhere forbid the covenant-people from lending money to the unsaved. Thus, Wisdom tells us that if we loan to the unsaved, be sure we have collateral to back it up, and be willing and prepared to foreclose.

**Proverbs 20:16** *Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.*

The eighth commandment reads, *Thou shalt not steal.* Exodus 20:15

Let us look a little at what is wrongly called **Usury**. Biblical usury refers to any interest at all.

**Exodus 12:3, 26, 27.** Exodus 22:25-27. Keeping the raiment during the day kept him from using it to secure loans from others. See also, Leviticus 25:35-38, Deuteronomy 23:19, 20, 15:7-11.

#### **Observe:**

The laws concerning usury or interest deals with the poor among fellow believers, and according to Rush-

doony, it applies particularly to the rich employer of the “stricken” fellow believer who is an employee. (*Institutes*, p. 477.) He is to advance wages with no interest and provide emergency loans with no interest. Basically, it requires charity where there is genuine need.

**We are forbidden from benefitting from the distresses of others.** The interest that would normally be charged is the charitable gift. Also, the pledge, or security, of Exodus 22:26, 27 was not required by law, but it was insurance against the failure to repay or to work out the loan if the worker was not trustworthy

As we examine the Old Testament law, some will say, “But we are under grace, not under law.” I do not have time to go into that corruption of Romans 6:14, 15, though I would love to. (<http://biblicalexaminer.org/gracelaw.htm>)

• **UNDER THE NEW COVENANT**

The Old Covenant laws concerning loaning money to the poor brethren are repeated many times in the New Covenant. As is typical, the New carries the Old loan requirement further, telling us that we are to loan our Christian brothers who are in dire circumstances with no expectation of return of the loan. Rather, God will return it with the interest. Loans are required to be made to those of the household of faith who are in distress because of unforeseen circumstances or events beyond their control.

**Luke 6:34**, Mat 5:42. The fruits of our labour, money, are to be shared with the weak and needy, Acts 20:35, Rom 12:13, Eph 4:28, 1 Tim 6:18, Heb 13:16, Pro 3:27.

Interest, or Usury charged to fellow Christians in need is forbidden. God forbids us from making a profit from the hardships of fellow believers. In fact, just the opposite. We are to open our arms and help them as much as we can from the resources God has provided for us.

**But we are NOT forbidden to charge** interest to those of the household of faith who are using the funds to make a profit. We share in their risks, so we should share in their profits. Luke 19:23, Matthew 25:27. Nor are we forbidden to charge interest to the unsaved, even long term interest. Moreover, obeying the Shariah finance laws will not set one free:

**U.S. TREASURY TEACHES ‘ISLAMIC FINANCE 101’**

Advisers, scholars to promote controversial Shariah funding

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U.S. Department of the Treasury

The Treasury Department has announced it will teach

“Islamic finance” to U.S. banking regulatory agencies, Congress and other parts of the executive branch today in Washington, D.C. – but critics say it is opening a door to American funding of Islamic extremism.

**‘ISLAMIC FINANCE 101’**

According to its announcement, the “Islamic Finance 101” forum is “designed to help inform the policy community about Islamic financial services, which are an increasingly important part of the global financial industry.”

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<http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=80003>

**Only the Truth, or Christ Jesus, will make one free.** (Jn 8:32) Therefore, it was and is fine to charge interest to the unsaved, for they are not free in Christ. The unsaved are already slaves to sin by nature, and the slave mentality cannot be removed by financial freedom. There is no freedom without Christ. It is foolish to treat the slave as a free man, for he would only misuse that freedom for his own purpose. His only hope of freedom is regeneration.

Also, the poverty that is brought on by uncontrolled consumer spending --nice things--is not a call for interest free loans. Those folks are in debt because they are not free in Christ, though they might be saved. Rather, they are in bondage to covetousness, or even to slothfulness. (Philippians 4:11, Hebrews 13:5)

The purpose of these laws concerning debt, as well as all of God’s law-word is to deliver man into freedom under God. Rushdoony:

“But God is not mocked. We either live by God’s law, or we die by it; in the long run, it is death for all, and the world is marching towards a selfinflected judgment.

Knowing about this evil doctrine is necessary, but it is not enough. We must know God’s doctrine. Our debt of judgment and death is paid to God the Father by Jesus Christ in His atonement. Our debt of service must be paid all our life. Because we are now alive in Christ, we must follow the way of life, His law, and we must see ourselves as saved to serve, to love and to obey Him.

*Psalms 116:12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.*

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**LEST WE FORGET**

Never Forget: The US Gov’t Carried Out the Largest Church Massacre—24 Years Ago, In Texas

The mainstream media has completely forgotten

about the deadliest church massacre in history, the one the US government carried out in Waco, Texas.

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## CHANGING SCIENCE

My, how things change. In 1999, my cardiologist told me after my heart attack to drink no coffee, but now

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Amos 9:11-15

## **FULFILLED BY NATIONAL ISRAEL**

**OR BY THE CHURCH?**

*Thomas Williamson*

“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof: and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

“That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowmen shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed: and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

“And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

“And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.”

When we read this passage, we have a tendency to regard it as being a prediction of the literal restoration of the nation of Israel in the latter days. Amos 9 is commonly used as a proof-text for an end-times restoration of national Israel. Jeremiah’s prophecies of the restoration of Israel cannot legitimately be used to prove a literal end-times restoration of Israel, since he stated that his prophecies would be fulfilled within 70 years after

the destruction of Israel in 586 BC (see Jeremiah 25:11-12, 29:10).

At first glance, Amos appears to be talking about a second literal restoration of national Israel. The Jews, after being restored to their land in 536 BC as predicted by Jeremiah, were definitely pulled up out of their land and scattered by the Romans in 70 AD. So it would appear that Amos is promising another restoration that will be permanent, in which the Jews will be restored to Palestine, never again to be pulled out.

However, in Acts 15 we find out that Amos was not talking about a literal restoration of the Jews in national Israel at all. He was predicting the conversion of the Gentiles to the true God, a process that was taking place in the time of the Apostles, thus fulfilling Amos’ prophecy, and which has been taking place throughout the Church Age.

In Acts 15:13-18 we read, “And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down: and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”

The Scofield notes attempt to obscure the significance of this inspired apostolic interpretation of Amos’ prophecy, claiming that James is talking about “the final regathering of Israel.” Clearly this is not what James is discussing, nor was that subject under consideration at all in the Jerusalem Council. James distinctly states that the conversion of the Gentiles under the ministry of Simeon, or Simon Peter, as described in Acts 10-11, is the fulfillment of Amos’ prophecy. It was at this time that God first began to visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. Scofield says that the “residue of men” refers to Israelites, but in the original Amos passage, the reference is to “the remnant of Edom” - it is talking about Gentiles, not Jews as Scofield would have us believe.

The debate at the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15 did not in any way deal with the question of a future literal national restoration of Israel. It dealt with the question of how to incorporate the Gentiles, who God had begun to visit in a saving way, into the Lord’s churches. It was

this ongoing conversion of Gentiles that James identified as a fulfillment of Amos 9.

Some may say, "What about the prophecy that the tabernacle of David would be restored? Does this not refer to a future literal temple in Jerusalem?" No, because the tabernacle of David was not a temple - it was a mere tent. Few if any prophecy writers would insist that the literal tabernacle, as described in Exodus, will be reconstructed in Jerusalem in the end-times. Scofield himself, in his note on Acts 15:13, spiritualizes the tabernacle of David, making it refer to the re-establishment of the Davidic rule over Israel. This is a totally non-literal interpretation. Scofield is correct to realize that not all Old Testament prophecies will be fulfilled in a woodenly literal manner. But he is incorrect to assign the prophecy of Amos to a restoration of the earthly Davidic dynasty over national Israel, which is something that was not remotely mentioned, discussed or thought of during the Jerusalem Council.

The Jerusalem Council did not in any manner uphold any principle of racial or ethnic privilege for the Jews in a future restoration of Israel. On the contrary, such a possibility of racial privilege for the Jews was specifically denied by the Apostle Peter when he said in Acts 15:8-9, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us [Jews] and them [Gentiles], purifying their hearts by faith."

If we carefully consider the context in which James quoted Amos 9, it is clear that he regarded it as a prophecy of the gathering in of Gentile souls in the Age of Grace, which was already taking place in 52 AD. It was not a prediction of a restoration of the earthly Jewish political entity, which was not even a matter under consideration at this council.

Paul Sisco, in "Scofield Versus the Scriptures," says with regard to the Jerusalem Council, "After the disputing had subsided and the testimonies of the experiences of the apostles were related, it was necessary that they should turn to the O.T. prophetic scriptures for enlightenment and proof of their fulfillment in this new movement of the Holy Spirit. These men searched and knew the scriptures. They applied them correctly under the Holy Spirit's leading, so in this instance, James speaking of Simeon's or Peter's testimony concerning God's salvation of the Gentiles, turns to Amos 9:11-12 to prove that Peter's ministry to the Gentiles was a fulfillment of this prophecy. . . Therefore, the prophecy that follows must agree with the situation then present, and not to some

far-off future period."

Concerning Amos 9:11-12, Matthew Henry says, "To him to whom all the prophets bear witness this prophet here bears his testimony, and speaks of that day in which God will do great things for his church, by the setting up of the kingdom of the Messiah. The promise here may refer to the planting of the Christian church, Acts 15:15-17. It is promised, that in the Messiah the kingdom of David shall be restored (v.11). . . . By Jesus Christ these tabernacles were raised and rebuilt. . . . In him God's covenant with Israel had its accomplishment, and in the gospel-church the tabernacle of God was set up among men again. This is quoted in the first council at Jerusalem as referring to the calling in of the Gentiles and God's taking out of them a people for his name."

Matthew Poole says concerning Amos 9:11-12, "Now as it refers to Messiah's kingdom, it is a prophecy of the conversion of the Gentiles, as appears Acts 15:16-17. . . . That this is a prophecy of setting up the kingdom of the Messiah, and bringing in the Gentiles, is very certain."

David Chilton, in "Days of Vengeance," says, "The prophet Amos foretold the subjugation of 'Edom' under the rule of the House of David (Amos 9:11-12), and the New Testament interpretation of this text explains it as a prophecy of the conversion of the nations under the government of Christ (Acts 15:14-19)."

Kenneth Gentry, in "He Shall Have Dominion," says, "Other passages illustrating how the Church fulfills prophecies regarding Israel are found in the New Testament. Citing Amos 9:11-12, James says God is rebuilding the tabernacle of David through the calling of the Gentiles (Acts 15:15ff)."

Ron Smith in "Apostolic Interpretation" says, "When the Apostle James quoted this passage in Acts 15:16, he seemed to be calling the church the tabernacle or house of David. God is now rebuilding this house that was fallen and bringing the Gentiles in 'to boot.' In Acts 15:14 James said that the bringing in of the Gentiles to the church was in fulfillment of the prophecy in Amos."

Willard Ramsey, in "Zion's Glad Morning," says, "[God] has repaired the 'tabernacle of David' (Acts 15:13-18), i.e. the House of God, now the church. . . . James says that the prophecy of Amos (9:11-12) agrees with God's purpose to take out of the Gentiles a people for His name (Acts 15:14-16). . . . It has nothing to do with the second coming; James paraphrases Amos according to James' own time-frame and says simply, 'after this' (after the 'day' of which Amos spoke, i.e., during

the first advent of Christ). . . . James cited this verse to confirm the validity of what they were doing at that time through the church. If Amos' prophecy is fulfilled only after the second coming, it did not confirm the work they were doing and had no relevancy to their problem."

Oswald Allis, in "Prophecy and the Church, says, "The words of Amos, 'all the nations upon whom my name is called,' clearly imply that Edom and all the Gentiles are to be incorporated with Israel as the people of the Lord. . . . James declares expressly that Peter's experience at Caesarea, which he speaks of as God's 'visiting the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name,' was in accord with the burden of prophecy as a whole, and quotes freely from Amos in proof of it. . . . the words quoted by James apply directly and definitely to the situation under discussion, the status of the Gentiles in the Church, and that this is the reason that James appealed to them. The words, 'I will raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen' do not refer to a future Davidic kingdom. . . . They naturally refer to the first advent and to the whole of the great redemptive work of which it was the beginning and which will culminate in the second advent. The only natural interpretation of this passage is that it refers to the Church age and to the ingathering of the Gentiles during that age."

Calvin Goodspeed, in "Messiah's Second Advent," says, "James (in Acts 15:15sq.) interprets the prophecy of Amos (9:11sq.) . . . as affording proof that the Gentiles are to share in the promises to Israel, and as already in process of fulfillment in the conversion of the Gentiles as represented by the case of Cornelius.

". . . For this reason, all commentators we have been able to consult on this passage, including Meyer, Wordsworth, Canon Cook, Plumptre, Lechler in Lange, Schaff, A.R. Fausset, Olshausen, Cambridge Bible, Abbott, Howson and Spence, Hackett, and Alford, interpret the prophecy quoted as referring to the reception of the Gentiles to the Gospel, and their subsequent salvation and gathering into Christ's spiritual kingdom in the present dispensation. As Meyer says, 'The prophecy has found its Messianic historical fulfillment in the reception of the Gentiles unto Christianity, after that thereby the Davidic dominion, in the higher and antitypical sense of the Son of David, was re-established.' Bishop Wordsworth explains, Amos declares in these words, 'that the true restoration of the tabernacle of David is to be found in the reception of the residue of the human family, and in the flowing in of all nations, into the Church of Christ.' They all associate this prophecy with

our Lord's first coming, and make the building again of the tabernacle of David refer to what was to follow this coming of David's greater Son."

The references to abundant harvests, rebuilding of the waste cities, and being deeply planted in the land so as not to be uprooted, are predictions of the fruitful ministry of the Lord's churches (Galatians 4:27) and the perpetuity of those churches to the end of time (Ephesians 3:21).

Matthew Henry comments thus on Amos 9:14-15: "The remnant shall return, and shall build the waste cities and inhabit them, shall form themselves into Christian churches and set up pure doctrine, worship, and discipline among them, according to the gospel charter, by which Christ's cities are incorporated. The kingdom of the Messiah shall take such deep rooting in the world as never to be rooted out of it (v. 15): I will plant them upon their land. God's spiritual Israel shall be planted by the right hand of God Himself upon the land assigned them, and they shall no more be pulled up out of it, as the old Jewish church was."

We should not presume to appropriate any of God's promise to Jews after the flesh, and apply them to the Church, without scriptural and apostolic authority for doing so. But in this case, it is clear that James taught that the prophecy of Amos was being fulfilled by the spread of the Christian gospel message among the Gentiles, such as the Italians who were converted by Peter's ministry in Acts 10-11. James, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, has shown us how Amos' prophecy is to be applied. It cannot be interpreted as a prediction of future national blessing for the Jews, not when the Holy Spirit has stated that it is a prophecy of the spread of the gospel among the Gentiles.

One reason why certain theologians in the Scofield mold are so anxious to deny that Amos prophesied of the Lord's Church is because they teach that there are no Old Testament prophecies about the Church, or about the Gentiles being part of God's people. They see the Church Age as a parenthesis, an afterthought in the mind of God - supposedly Christ failed to set up the promised Kingdom of God at His first advent, so that meant that God's purpose of setting up a literal Jewish kingdom was temporarily set aside for thousands of years.

This pessimistic, defeatist theology teaches us that God's real purposes will not move forward again until Christ's Second Coming - until then, we are just to twiddle our thumbs, patiently waiting for the Rapture, until

God's "prophetic time clock" starts ticking and tocking again, and the real action resumes.

That is why some Bible teachers strain so hard to deny the plain meaning of Amos' prophecy as interpreted by James in Acts 15. According to the Holy Spirit speaking through James, now is the time for God's people to rebuild and inhabit the waste places - now is the time for the abundant Gospel harvest in which the plowman shall overtake the reaper. A proper understanding of Amos 9 will revolutionize our theology and our practice. It will give us purpose in life, a great cause to live and die for, as we labor for the increase of Christ's government and peace - an increase which, according to Isaiah 9:6-7, already began at Christ's first advent, at which time He successfully set up His Kingdom (Matthew 12:28, Luke 16:16, Colossians 1:13).

The notion that the Old Testament prophets never predicted that Gentiles would be one with the Jews, as part of God's people, can be quickly and decisively disposed of by checking out the prophecy of Hosea 1:10, "And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God."

Now we go to Hosea 2:23, "And I will sow her unto me in the earth: and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people, and they shall say, Thou art my God."

Now let us see how Paul applies these passages from Hosea in Romans 9:24-26, ". . . Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee [Hosea], I will call them my people, which were not my people: and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God."

There can be no doubt that Paul is talking about the conversion of the Gentiles, since in Romans 9:30-31, he says, "What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness."

Paul in Romans 9, in common with James in Acts 15, quotes Old Testament passages that we might have thought were applicable only to Jews after the flesh, but Paul and James apply them to the Gentiles. There is no reason why we should be shy about laying hold of these promises of God's blessings upon the Gentiles in the

Church Age - these promises are for us.

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## WHY THE GLOBALISTS NEED A WAR, AND SOON

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It is difficult to gauge and understand geopolitical and economic events without first comprehending the fact that much of what happens in the world is engineered to happen and with a specific encompassing goal in mind. If you subscribe to the theory that all is random "chaos" and outcomes are circumstantial or coincidental, then you will be lost in the dark on most things. If you think a globalist "conspiracy" would require "too much control" or foresight, I would point out that organized conspiracy by people in power is a matter of history, not of theory. If such cabals were prevalent in the past, it is rather foolish to dismiss the reality that they are prevalent today.

In my articles "The Economic End Game Explained" and "The Economic End Game Continues," I outline considerable evidence supporting the following conclusion: International financiers and political puppets in Western AND Eastern countries share a deep rooted ideology called "globalism" or the "new world order." This ideology demands total centralization of economy and government resulting in a single global fiscal authority, a single global monetary system and a one world ruling structure. Obviously, such a pursuit would take extensive time and planning. It is a long term project, with moments of accelerated change.

The globalists refer to the process of their intended change as the "global economic reset." A reset of the world's economic processes is not so far fetched as skeptics like to argue. When an organized group of ideologues maintains control over the currency production and interest rates of most nations on the planet, it would hardly be difficult to manipulate politicians, manipulate legislation or even scientifically conjure financial bubbles and collapses. By extension, it would also be simple to trigger international conflicts if needed.

But why would war be a necessary ingredient to globalization?

War is the ultimate distraction, the ultimate divider and, perhaps ironically, the ultimate consolidator. In the past century, war always seems to follow or coincide with economic crisis events that are later exposed as products of the banking elites and their aggressive monetary policies. And, in the aftermath of these wars,

supranational institutions are often founded (like the League of Nations, the United Nations, the Bank for International Settlements and the International Monetary Fund) as “solutions” to preventing mass tragedies from ever happening again. War is a social steroid promoting mutation, usually in an unhealthy way.

In recent years the concept of “world war” has given way to a more insidious trend of constant and sporadic regional wars. In most cases these regional wars have helped to contribute to the steady downfall of the U.S. through accumulating national debts as well as international distrust or hatred. In fact, one might conclude that if we were to look at the macro-picture of the vast array of regional wars being perpetrated by the globalists we would see that all of them combined are amounting to a kind of world war in a different form.

That said, the globalists will need a new and far larger catalyst for their reset, and soon. Why? Because a sizable distraction is essential to the next phase of the ongoing collapse. A pervasive scapegoat is needed; one that can be blamed for almost any negative scenario. This draws public attention away from the globalists themselves as the culprits behind fiscal crisis, maybe so much so that it will take decades before the mainstream ever questions what actually happened, if they ever question anything at all.

The fear generated through an uncertain war also acts as a form of psychological alchemy, transmuting the collective public mindset to accept centralization they never would have accepted otherwise.

Here is the issue at hand — central banks are seeking a monetary reset more than anything else. A monetary reset demands massive debt, followed by massive stimulus, followed by fiscal tightening, then massive inflation, followed by currency implosion that opens the door to a replacement structure (most likely in the form of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency). The credit crisis of 2008 conveniently provided at least two of these elements so far, vast debt and stimulus measures. Today, we are beginning to witness the fiscal tightening phase of this process.

As I have been warning since before the Fed taper of QE, the central bank trend will lead to a removal of stimulus support, facilitating a crushing blow to bonds and equities markets. Now, interestingly enough, the Bank for International Settlements is warning of the same thing as 2017 comes to a close. It should be noted that this is not the first time the BIS warned of an im-

pending crash; they also predicted with keen timing the derivatives and credit crash back in 2007. This was, of course, too little too late for the masses to react in any positive way, though.

Their latest warning arrives on the heels of the December Federal Reserve meeting at which it is widely expected that the central bank will raise interest rates yet again while taking the next step towards reducing their balance sheet. Many mainstream and alternative economists doubted the taper of QE and doubted the hiking of interest rates. They were wrong. Just as the doubts over the Fed balance sheet reductions are wrong. The pullback in these measures will invariably strike bonds and equities in a negative way. Time is running out.

But, the banking elites have taken steps. For example, they have in place a perfect distraction in the form of the Trump Administration. With Trump loudly and proudly taking credit for the stock market bull run over the course of the past year, who do you think the public will blame when those same markets go south as the central bank pulls the rug out? Probably not the Fed or the establishment banks.

Trump has also in an odd way created the perfect rationale for the Fed as they increase interest rates and end the cheap money that has been feeding stocks for so long. With the passage of Trump’s tax “reform” plan, the fed can now argue that interest rates MUST be raised in order to create incentives for treasury investment and to pay for Trump’s intended public works programs and military expansion goals. Meaning, the fed can claim it is not culpable for any negative effects from removing cheap capital from the table because Trump’s actions demanded it.

I would also point out that in most cases in history the Fed has lowered interest rates immediately following tax cuts and reforms. They did this after Reagan’s tax reforms in 1981 and in 1986, as well as after George W. Bush’s tax reforms in 2001. Juxtapose that with 2018, as the Fed intends to continue RAISING interest rates in the wake of Trump’s tax reforms. Meaning, they are taking the opposite action from what they have often done in the past. Something to think about...

Trump’s tax plan itself is primarily a distraction from the real problem. First, when comparing tax brackets from this past year to the intended tax brackets for next year under the Trump reforms, there is almost no change whatsoever for the average American. The only major reductions in taxes are, no surprise, in the form

of corporate tax cuts; reducing the corporate tax ceiling from 35 percent to 20 percent. This is trickle-down economics at best, and not a solution to a single problem facing the public and the country in terms of the flailing economy.

Second, why are we talking about income tax “reform” when we should be talking about abolishing the income tax and the Federal Reserve altogether? Whatever happened to that dialogue? It has disappeared down the memory hole.

Trump’s tax plan will do nothing to slow or undo the current economic crisis because the crisis stems directly from central banking monetary policies and interest rate manipulations. Tax reform is far too little far too late, and stands as nothing more than meager bones thrown to conservatives to keep them quiet for a while. This is what Trump’s tax reform does do very well, though — it rallies conservatives around Trump, regardless of whether it actually helps them or not. Much like Obama’s universal health care bill, which has proven to be a continued disaster in practice, but was rather successful at the time of its passage in rallying the liberal base. Trump is certainly going to need a base of public support if he is going to initiate a major war campaign.

North Korea continues to be the most likely powder keg for the next distraction event. Two months of quiet led people with short attention spans to dismiss the notion, and perhaps some of them will double down and continue their denials, but it is growing more difficult to ignore by the day. I would argue that North Korea is the most viable option simply because almost no one expects a war with the isolated nation to happen. The level of complacency despite all the signals to the contrary is palpable.

The U.S. has staged three aircraft carrier groups in the region for the first time in a decade. Major combat exercises are underway, designated Vigilant Ace 18, specifically designed to simulate an invasion of North Korea with over 230 aircraft and 12,000 American troops participating. North Korea has warned of “nuclear war” as a consequence.

North Korea may have the ability to follow through, at least on a limited scale, as they have recently test launched what appears to be a huge leap in missile technology — an ICBM capable of carrying multiple warheads and striking the Eastern seaboard of the U.S. How the North Koreans came to possess this technology so quickly is a question everyone should be asking.

In response, the war rhetoric has been amplified. White House National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster has stated that North Korea is the greatest immediate threat to the U.S., saying that the potential for war “is increasing every day.” Warmonger and enemy of the Constitution, Lindsay Graham, has stated that the families of U.S. military personnel should be moved out of South Korea for their own safety, and that “We’re getting close to military conflict.”

So how close is close? I maintain that war with North Korea is likely by the second quarter of 2018. I also maintain the globalists will continue the strategy of multiple regional conflicts and global economic warfare rather than a one-off global nuclear mess that would wipe out trillions of dollars and decades of effort put into infrastructure and surveillance grids.

This would be advantageous to the globalists if they plan to continue interest rate hikes and stimulus removal by central banks around the world. It would help hide the effects of balance sheet reductions on stocks and it could expedite the fall of the dollar as the world reserve as Eastern and European nations apply alternatives like the IMF’s SDR basket system in response to the massive debt brought on by a military quagmire for the U.S. In other words, catastrophic fiscal developments that were already going to happen anyway due to central bank sabotage will be entirely blamed on geopolitical crisis rather than the true culprits.

Finally, will the East step in militarily to prevent a conflict in North Korea? No. China has already stated that if North Korea attacks first, then they will not obstruct regime change by the U.S.

This flies in the face of those that believe in the false east/west paradigm. China has left the door wide open to potential conflict. If the globalists want a war in North Korea, they will create a war in North Korea, and the Chinese have publicly admitted they will step out of the way to let it happen. A false flag is probable. More provocations leading to a violent response by North Korea would also be rather easy to produce. So far, North Korea remains the best existing shock and awe event to hide a globally disintegrating economic situation. Would the globalists pass up an opportunity like this? There is no reason for them to do so.

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## **KINGLY OFFICE**

The following is extracted from A. A. Hodge’s lecture on “The

Kingly Office of Christ” by Pastor Ron Rumburg. It is from Hodge’s Popular Lectures on Theological Themes, 1887.

The overwhelming importance of this principle and weight of this obligation appear in the clearest light the moment the nation claims to regulate the supreme function of education....

• **THE SITUATION, THEREFORE, STANDS THUS:**

**1st.** The tendency of the entire system, in which already vast progress has been made, is to centralization. Each State governs her own system of common schools by a central agency, which brings them, for the sake of greater efficiency, into uniformity of method and rules. These schools are graded and supplemented by normal schools, high schools and crowned by the State university. The tendency is to unite all these school systems of the several States in one uniform national system, providing with all the abundant resources of the nation for the entire education of its citizens in every department of human knowledge, and in doing this to establish a uniform curriculum of study, uniform standards for the selection of teachers and a uniform school literary apparatus of textbooks, etc.

**2d.** The tendency is to hold that this system must be altogether secular. The atheistic doctrine is gaining currency, even among professed Christians and even among some bewildered Christian ministers, that an education provided by the common government for the children of diverse religious parties should be entirely emptied of all religious character. ... It is capable of exact demonstration that if every party in the State has the right of excluding from the public schools whatever he does not believe to be true, then he that believes most must give way to him that believes least, and then he that believes least must give way to him that believes absolutely nothing, no matter in how small a minority the atheists or the agnostics may be. It is self-evident that on this scheme, if it is consistently and persistently carried out in all parts of the country, the United States system of national popular education will be the most efficient and wide instrument for the propagation of Atheism which the world has ever seen.

**3d.** The claim of impartiality between positions as directly contradictory as that of Jews, Mohammedans and Christians, and especially as that of theists and of atheists, is evidently absurd. And no less is the claim absurd and impossible that a system of education can be indifferent on these fun-

damental subjects. There is no possible branch of human knowledge which is not purely formal, like abstract logic or mathematics, which can be known or taught in a spirit of entire indifference between Theism and Atheism. Every department which deals with realities, either principles, objective things or substances, or with events, must be in reality one or the other; if it be not positively and confessedly theistic, it must be really and in full effect atheistic. The physical as well as the moral universe must be conceived either in a theistic or an atheistic light. ... English common law is unintelligible if not read in the light of that religion in which it had its genesis (that is Christianity). The English language cannot be sympathetically understood or taught by a mind blind to the everywhere-present current of religious thought and life which expresses itself through its terms. The history of Christendom, especially the history of the English-speaking races, and the philosophy of history in general, will prove an utterly insoluble riddle to all who attempt to read it in any non-theistic, religiously-indifferent sense. ...

The prevalent superstition that men can be educated for good citizenship or for any other use under heaven without religion is as unscientific and unphilosophical as it is irreligious. It deliberately leaves out of view the most essential and controlling elements of human character: that man is constitutionally as religious (i.e. loyally or disloyally) as he is rational; that morals are impossible when dissociated from the religious basis out of which they grow; that, as a matter of fact, human liberty and stable republican institutions, and every practically successful scheme of universal education in all past history, have originated in the active ministries of the Christian religion, and in these alone. This miserable superstition rests upon no facts of experience, and, on the contrary, is maintained on purely theoretical grounds in opposition to all the lessons which the past history of our race furnishes on the subject.

It is no answer to say that the deficiency of the national system of education in this regard will be adequately supplied by the activities of the Christian churches. No court would admit in excuse for the diffusion of poison the plea that the poisoner knew of another agent actively employed in diffusing an antidote. ...

I am as sure as I am of the fact of Christ’s reign that a comprehensive and centralized system of national

education, separated from religion (that is biblical Christianity), as is now commonly proposed, will prove the most appalling engine for the propagation of anti-Christian and atheistic unbelief, and of anti-social nihilistic ethics, individual, social and political, which this sin-rent world has ever seen.

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## PLAY THE MAN

(They were valiant men of might in their generations. 1 Chron 7:2)

In the last issue, we considered the life of Latimer. We turn now to the life of Ridley, Latimer's faithful companion at the stake, and the man to whom Latimer addressed his final sermon, "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man. We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as I trust shall never be put out."

In this issue, we shall see how Master Ridley did indeed stand firm in the fire and "play the man." But first we will consider Ridley's background and the steps that brought him to the fire.

Nicholas Ridley was born in 1500 in the extreme north of England, very near the Scottish border. The Ridelys were an ancient house of knights whose bravery was known and admired throughout the border country. They could meet an enemy with calm courage, keep their heads in the heat of battle, and endure pain without flinching. These qualities would be seen in Nicholas Ridley, but he was a knight of a different kind, a knight who wielded the Sword of Truth with unflinching courage. He was resolved to win the victory, though he must die an agonizing death.

Like Latimer, the man who became his close friend and example, Nicholas Ridley went to Cambridge University where he came into contact with other young students like John Rogers, Thomas Bilney, John Bradford, and William Tyndale. These became known as the "Scripture men," and they met in the White Horse Inn to study and discuss the Bible.

Since the Ridley family was a family of influence and wealth, they sent Nicholas to the continent to study. Thus, unlike the other English Reformers, Nicholas Ridley had experience in the University of Paris. Among the Doctors of the Sorbonne, Ridley was sickened and saddened by the lack of knowledge of Scripture. He wearied of reading the Medi-

eval Scholastics and longed for the pure fountain of God's truth.

The steps of Ridley's conversion are not known. He was not converted in a moment, like Hugh Latimer or Saul of Tarsus. His conversion was slow, gradual, but just as sure. We know from his writings that he began, in the halls and gardens of Cambridge, to commit large sections of Scripture to memory. What the sword was to the ancient house of Ridley, the Bible was to be to Nicholas.

The English Reformation did not gush forth from the earth like a geyser. Rather it grew slowly and steadily, just as the melting snow on a mountain-side descends into the valleys where it forms creeks, then streams, then a mighty river that rolls silently and slowly along with resistless power. So grew the English Reformation.

A brief discussion needs to be made of the relative usefulness of Cranmer, Latimer, and Ridley, the three great martyrs of Mary's reign. Cranmer was a wise leader who used his gentle ways to win friends to the cause of Reform. Latimer was an eloquent speaker who used his tongue to proclaim verbally the truth of God. Ridley was a careful writer who used his pen to write clearly the defense of the Reformed Cause. Though Ridley was the junior of the three men, the other two leaned upon his writing.

The great question at stake in the English Reformation was the question of Transubstantiation. For a long time, even Cranmer held to the belief that, somehow, the Real Presence of Christ must be in the elements. This seems absurd to most Protestants today, but it was not an easy thing for a Bishop of the church to challenge and overturn centuries of tradition. It was Ridley whose masterful examination of the subject convinced Cranmer and Latimer that the Mass must be entirely rejected, not only as unbiblical, but also as blasphemous, idolatrous, and dangerous. Ridley read the continental Reformers like Zwingli, and he drew on Zwingli's writing to form his own position.

Nicholas Ridley was recognized by his friends as the intellectual leader of the English Reformation. He had a mind that retained all it was given, and his memory was remarkable. He studied for several hours each day and was an active reader whose conversation delighted and edified all that came to stay with him in his parsonage. He was a warm and generous host, and nobody ever came away from his

home without being edified by the friendship.

Along with Latimer and Cranmer, Ridley knew that he would not long survive Mary's reign. After the death of Edward VI, Ridley gave strong support to the coronation of Lady Jane Grey. When she and her young husband went to the block, Ridley was a marked man from the very start of Mary's reign. Notwithstanding his knowledge of her hatred of him, Ridley went to greet Mary and even offered to serve her and hold services for the royal court. This request was turned down.

For his support of Lady Jane Grey, Nicholas Ridley was arrested on the charge of treason, but the charge was changed to a religious one and he was eventually tried and executed for heresy. Long debates failed to move him an inch from his position.

Like his ancestors, Ridley would not flinch in the public arena, and many intellectual lances were shattered against his shield. When the formal trial was made, Ridley had the audacity to put his cap on his head whenever the Pope was mentioned. When Ridley was charged with denying the validity of the Mass, he replied calmly and clearly, "Christ made one perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, neither can any man reiterate that sacrifice of His." So the debates continued. John Foxe, who was a personal friend of Ridley's and served under him as a deacon, said that, in spite of the most earnest arguments of the Papists, "nevertheless Ridley was ever talking things not pleasant to their ears."

On the day of his execution, Nicholas Ridley dressed in his best attire. While Latimer wore a plain and simple gown, Ridley dressed in a black gown trimmed with fur and velvet. This was not to be proud or showy. Ridley was from an ancient house of knights, and he was going out to his final victory. While Latimer tottered because of age and infirmity, Ridley walked firmly and boldly to the stake. When questioned if he would recant, Ridley said, "So long as the breath is in my body, I will never deny my Lord Christ and His known truth."

Ridley then gave away all his fine garments and stood in a plain undergarment. As the smith chained him to the stake, Ridley said, "Good fellow, knock it hard, for the flesh will have its way." Nicholas Ridley did not want the intense pain to make him flee the stake. The hour of his final battle had come. As the faggot was lit and laid at the feet of the two men, there was perfect silence in the air as the tension

mounted. As the flames began to leap upward, Latimer broke the tense silence with those immortal words, "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man."

As the fire blazed up, the wind blew the fire to the side of "Old Father Latimer." Latimer looked upward and said peacefully, "Father of heaven, receive my soul." He soon died with little apparent pain.

It would not be so with Ridley. He would indeed have need to "play the man." The wind blew the fire hard to Latimer's side, and the fire on Ridley's side was badly made. The green wood on top would not catch fire, but the wood at the bottom burned fiercely. While Ridley's face and body were unharmed, his legs were almost burned away. All this time, his shirt was not even singed. He involuntarily leaped up and down in the fire as the burning flesh and muscles reacted to the pain, but he would not utter a scream or cry of reproach. John Foxe says, "Even in this torment, he did not forget to call on God, saying 'Lord, have mercy on me.'"

A relative of Ridley's tried to relieve his agony and piled more wood on the fire. This only worsened the problem, and Ridley suffered on, but he "played the man."

Finally, one of the guards realized the problem and reached forward with the hook at the end of his halberd, pulling away the topmost wood. The fire blazed upward through the wood. Ridley cried out in Latin the words he had learned long ago, "In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum." But then, as though he remembered that he was an Englishman, and that the Bible was now in the hands of the common man, he repeated the prayer in his native tongue, "Lord, receive my spirit."

The candle that was lit by Latimer and Ridley that day is still burning brightly. If you hold an English Bible in your hands, if you sing hymns from an English hymnal, if you worship God in Spirit and Truth, then you owe these men a debt of gratitude. Truly, they did light a candle that has never gone out. That shining candle is now entrusted to us. Don't let it be extinguished. Don't compromise the Word of God. Don't give up the truth for which these men died. Even if you too must burn for it, remember Master Ridley and "play the man."

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## **ENOUGH WITH THE VICTIMHOOD:**

### **MILLIONAIRE ATHLETES AND THEIR LOST CAUSE**

*by Sylvia Thompson, a black lady, 1 October, 201*

I must admit I have never in my life purchased a ticket to a sports event. I am not a sports enthusiast. But I am an American black citizen, and I have had it up to the gills with black people who embrace victimhood. I also highly resent my being expected to do the same in order to affirm my "blackness." Black victims these days, for the most part, are the product of decades of Black Americans being used primarily by white progressive leftists to advance an anti-American agenda. The current brouhaha surrounding the despicable behavior of NFL athletes toward the National Anthem and the American flag is a prime example of what the Left has done to my race. One must assume these players and their guilt-conflicted white coaches and owners (and victimhood-inflicted black coaches) are being manipulated by the Left, because no intelligent, thinking people would deliberately cut themselves off at the knees. Essentially, what these young misguided mostly black men are doing is ensuring the demise of their lucrative paychecks. Further, I would wager that if these teams consisted of all white athletes, none of this idiocy would be allowed. We are witnessing this travesty because the vast majority of players are black and can whine "oppression" if appropriate action is taken against them for their unconscionable behavior. The twisted reasoning that claims these protests are to highlight "injustice" and "police brutality" is a laughable crock. What they do in fact is dishonor valued symbols of this nation's heritage and cover over truth about black crime. Black males bear the brunt of police encounters because black males commit disproportionately more crimes. Police encounters with black men are so often confrontational because so many of these men, especially the young, don't think "compliance" applies to them. They foolishly assume they are above the law and disrespect for police officers is an act of honor. These young blacks, sadly, took much of their direction from racists Obama and Eric Holder during Obama's destructive, eight-year regime and Holder's corrup-

tion of the Justice Department. These two men, abusing their federal powers, gave young blacks the impression they need not heed the law, because laws are somehow unjust when they are applied to black Americans. The NFL lot, and any other athletes taking a similar stance, are also influenced by Obama's and Holder's disdain for law and law enforcement. I am not familiar with one case where a black suspect to a crime was not proven legally to have caused the behavior against him, particularly in cases where the police officer involved was exonerated by facts. Michael Brown of "hands up, don't shoot" infamy is one good example. Blatant lies were spread to cloud the truth about Brown's case. Back in the day when I was growing up in the racially segregated South, the opposite prevailed in many cases. There was much injustice particularly toward black men, but not today. Today, too many blacks have been fed the notion that it is now "pay-back" time, and they can flaunt their lawlessness because some whites flaunted theirs during an earlier time in our nation's history. Although Obama and Holder no longer wield power in this country, some of their minions continue on the pernicious path of "paying back" American whites for wrongs, real or imagined. But as the saying goes, there is a new Sheriff in town and he is not guilt-conflicted. He expects fair play under law and tolerating pay-back is not part of his agenda. Black Americans, when they break the law, can no longer claim victim status simply because they are black. Those days are over. American laws and law enforcement personnel will be respected in America, again; our traditions and values will not be impugned in America without consequences, again. Anybody unsettled about this turn of events is welcome to leave this country. I suggest all the black players try a country in Africa, and see how successful they will be at making millions playing games. They will all soon learn what oppression really means. Some self-directed, independent-thinking blacks (and there are many of us) have offered that if these millionaire protestors want to tackle some real problems, they might consider the thousands of black children killed in abortions annually (by the progressive Left), or perhaps the many, many young blacks murdered routinely on inner-city streets by other young blacks (in cities run by progressive, leftist Democrats), or the downright criminal state of education of black inner-city children, orchestrated by the progressive leftist National Education Association (NEA). The NEA's aim is to produce unintelligent pawns to feed the cause of progressivism.

I am annoyed by the expressions of “sincerity” gracing the faces of the NFL protestors—as if to convey the “hallowedness” of their cause. In actuality, they provide a picture of grown men allowing themselves to be made fools of by the progressive Left. I don’t doubt, however, that some of these men have been coerced into compliance with this lost cause, either through threats of violence or shunning (from coaches and players). Alejandro Villanueva of the Pittsburgh Steelers and former Army ranger is very likely a victim of such threats. He was publicly castigated by his leftist coach for his patriotism. The coach demanded unity behind an ignorant cause. And finally, this issue has nothing to do with First Amendment rights. President Trump’s speaking out against the clownish behavior of the athletes, on behalf of the majority of American citizens, does not mean he can or would stop any of these misguided people from making fools of themselves. To restrict them, as a government entity, would indeed be a violation of the First Amendment. But their employers, if they were to develop even a modicum of testicular fortitude, could and should fire them for doing major damage to the bottom line of the business. The rest of us non-millionaire “Joes” would certainly be pink-slipped by an employer if we dared to be so clueless about the necessity of profits and so disdainful of the sensibilities of customers. I will wait patiently for the true sports enthusiasts to vent their rage by simply boycotting the games. It will be sweet revenge to witness the slain goose cease producing its golden eggs.

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*I hardly ever watch sports on TV and I will NEVER watch another NFL game nor the Super Bowl until this disrespect of our flag, national anthem and the thousands upon thousands of lives that have been sacrificed to keep us free is over.*

## PERSONAL

God is good: Things are going well with us, as well as old age will permit. I had a temporary spinal cord stimulator implanted to see if it would help interrupt the pain in my back. It seemed to work, so I will have a permanent one implanted probably the first of next year.

Shots in my left eye continue, as the doctor attempts to reduce the swelling behind the retina.

\* Consider: Pornography works to the advantage of

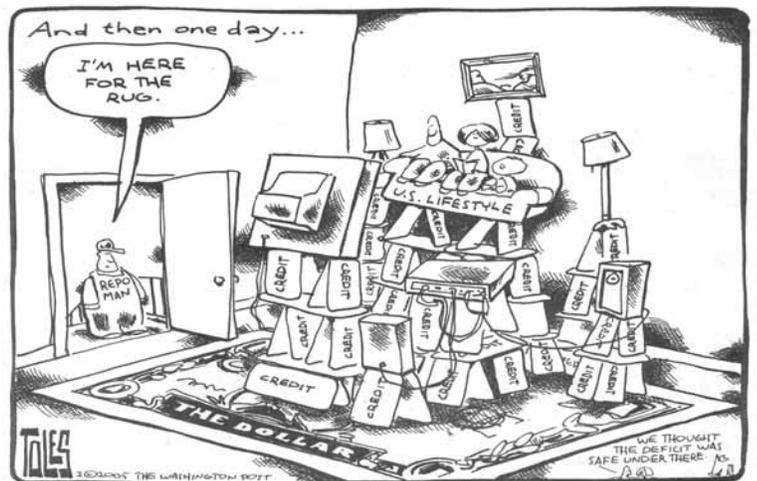
the humanist State, for it breaks down the family. The ungodly understand that a godly, close-knit family is a threat to the pagan state, and will overthrow the state’s humanistic order over time. The overthrow will not be with military might, but by the Christian family exercising godly authority in every area of their endeavor.

Well known examples: The Green family (Steve Green who now runs Hobby Lobby, and the Green family have remained true to the faith. They financed a huge Bible Museum in DC, which has drawn the ire of the Muslims because the Koran is not included.) The Cathy family (Chic -fil-a known for closed Sunday stand. Chic-fil-a is known for providing food for those in distress. They recently provided food when the Atlanta airport was shut down.)

Money certainly is not necessary to influence society; all that is necessary is each family doing what they can in their area of influence for the glory of God wherever they find themselves.

\* Roy Moore. If any election deserves examination for voter fraud, his does. However, the powers that be are pleased with the results, so there will be no effort to investigate. Trump probably won because he was not expected to win, so they left the vote alone. Moore shows us that the “powers” will not make the same mistake twice.

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Even smart and intelligent people do not read. It is so much easier to depend upon others to tell them how and what to think. Sadly, they then believe what they are told.

(MSNBC) ‘Morning Joe’ Anchor: It’s Our Job to Control What People Think

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