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OPENING COMMENT:

Warning: Sadly, this edition is depressing for this writer and no doubt for the reader. We are living in uncertain times, that if for certain, though not unusual. The situation in the Middle East demands attention from history and from Scripture, for we may well be facing World Wide War. The war between Israel and the Palestinians will spread world-wide. Biden has allowed known terrorists unrestricted entrance into the US. How long will it be before this war comes here? (Actually, the US is financing both sides, and presently Congress is considering placing US boots on the ground on Israel's side – that will bring the war here.) This writer will attempt to place the situation in its proper context of Scripture and history. In the process, he will no doubt receive some response from the “Christian Zionists” on this mailing list. But their argument is not with this writer, but with honest history and the Word of God. Those who have followed the Examiner know that this writer enjoys honest and true history, history that has not been rewritten for political purposes. It is difficult to find such history, but honest history can be

found with research and determination. When people ignore honest history, they fail to learn those important points, and history will repeat itself. Neither foolish charges of “Anti-Semitism,” (the “Jews” are not Semites) nor various arguments can change history nor Scripture. We shall seek to show

the truth concerning Israel as we face the current conflict.

Through faith Christians must understand that all things are being accomplished according to the determinate counsel of God, and the end result will be subduing of all men and nations under the footstool of Christ. A fact that should cause us to rejoice as we see the Lord at work through the efforts of wicked men. (Acts 4:23-28, Hebrews 10:13, 11:3.)

THEY ARE FOR WAR

By Bro Need

They are for war, money & power, but I [am for] peace: but when I speak, they [are] for war. (Ps120:7)

War means money and power, and the ungodly whose faith says *there is no God* are willing to sacrifice as many lives, and as much fiat money needed to accomplish their vain dream to overthrow Godly order.

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Thus, the wicked **are for war**. (Over the years, the powerful have financed both sides of a war, for they know that in the end, they will gain more power and wealth, James 4.) Biblical Christians have no business being for or against either side. We are against death, particularly death of the innocent. Our warfare is spiritual and against the powers of darkness. Our weapons are not fleshly; our weapon requires faith and a clear conscience. Our weapon is the Law-Word of God, and dependence on the Spirit to subdue the enemy. Our calling is to life and peace found only in the gospel of Christ.

But today we may be facing a world-wide war between “Jews” and Palestinians. (See “What goes around comes around.”)



BLINDNESS

ORIGIN OF CHRISTIAN BLIND SUPPORT OF THE ANTICHRIST ISRAELI NATION.

By Bro Need

Death of the Church Victorious, (Ross House Books, pp. 136 ff.) documents how that in 1826, a “Jew” named Joseph Wolff introduced “Protestant, or Christian Zionism” into what became in the following years a solid plank in the premillennial dispensational theory. “Joseph Wolff laid the foundation for modern Protestant Zionism.” “Christian Zionism” has since taken over the evangelical church, and **seems to be in total control of US foreign policy, as well as politics. Politicians see who can be the best supporter of Zionism in order to gain the Christian Zionist’s vote.** The war currently taking place in the Middle East is a direct result of the ideas introduced by one “Jewish” man, Joseph Wolff two centuries ago. Ideas have bloody consequences.

JESUS

A JEW OR A JEW?

By Bro. Need

— **GEORGE ORWELL, 1984 “IT’S A BEAUTIFUL THING, THE DESTRUCTION OF WORDS.”**

Such is the situation before us, the destruction of a **word**.

[Below are documented facts that are almost unknown to the public, Christian or Pagan. Though the facts may

seem to be made up by an Anti-Semite person, everything is thoroughly documented. There are more details and documentation from “Jewish” sources than the average reader can endure, so I will leave it up the interested reader to follow up at <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/JudaismOpen.html>]

Looking at one word, **Jew** in this case, may give us some insight into how the Ashkenazi Jews gained and hold such tremendous power over the Evangelical community, sincere Christians who want to serve God, yet want to go to war to support a pagan nation. Why does the evangelical Christian community so rabidly support the war with their money, blood, and with

their vote?

A common practice throughout history by those who desire to make history support their self-serving goals has been to change the spelling and meanings of words, and even introduce new words. Those changes quietly take place over a lengthy period of time, and is best accomplished through education of the youth.

The reason I will go into such great detail, even boring detail, is because of the seriousness of the current conflict. Christians should know why we are facing a world-wide conflict between “Jews” and Arabs, Palestinians. (See “What goes around comes around” in this issue.)

As George Orwell said, “*It’s a beautiful thing, the destruction of words.*” We hope to trace the destruction of one word over the last 100+ years, and show how its serious world-wide implications is controlling US foreign policy today.

The goal of the “Jews” has been to gain public acceptance and support for an Arian Turkish tribe that in the ninth century converted to the Rabbinic Judaism, the religion of Pharisees that is so strongly condemned in the New Testament, or simply continuation of New Testament Judaism. After their conversion, they hired “memory-merchants” to create a new “Jewish” history.

Converting to Judaism, the self-professed Jews claim to be the legitimate heirs to Palestine, “the Land of Israel.” Religious Judaism considers Palestine the land of the world’s origin, the center of creation and the center

from where their Messiah will rule the world with a rod of iron through them. This idea is dealt with elsewhere. Thanks to Joseph Wolff, Dispensational Christians claimed that pagan Jewish hope.

“... After the conquest and settlement of the land of Canaan, Judah also referred to the territory allocated to the tribe. After the splitting of the united Kingdom of Israel, the name was used for the southern kingdom of Judah. The kingdom now encompassed the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Simeon, along with some of the cities of the Levites. With the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel (Samaria), the kingdom of Judah became the sole Jewish state and the term *y’hudi* (יְהוּדִי) was applied to all Israelites. When the word makes its first appearance in writing (in the book of Esther) its meaning has already expanded to include converts to the Jewish religion as well as descendants of Israelites.” (1)

WAS JESUS A JEW? (2)

ONLY ONE WORD! The Israeli nation has used and is using the one word “Jew” to great advantage to gain Christian support for anything but Godly goals. Many will consider the following simply an argument over semantics, and a waste of time, as well as a waste of ink and paper. Many will think we are making a mountain out of a molehill. However, words are important, for it takes proper words and proper Biblical understanding to know how to please God and enjoy him forever. How many corrupt words does it take to corrupt the gospel of grace? The goal of Christians, particularly Christian teachers, is not only to present truth, but defend truth. Just one word can change the meaning of history or change the meaning of God’s word. (3)

We are facing a worldwide war and Evangelicals are in it over their heads because of one letter, “e.”

1, 2 & 3 John emphasize the truth as found in the Word in contrast to the many subtle lies of the spirit of the Anti-Christ that have been inserted into the Evangelical message. We assume the reader is familiar enough with the three “little” Johns that there is no need to develop them here.

The goal of the “Jews” since the ninth century has been to make their religion of Judaism acceptable to the world, especially to the Christian world. Their influence has been especially strong in the last 100-150 years. Judaism’s effort to make “**Jesus a Jew**” has had a powerful influence in making Judaism acceptable to Christians. Our effort herein is to call attention to the

subtle word-change that has caused many Christians to believe that Christ was a Jew, making him a follower of Judaism.

Genesis 3:1 *Now the serpent was more **subtil** than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.* **2 Corinthians 11:3** *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his **subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

Subtil: Shrewd, cunning, crafty. Thus, the serpent changed the meaning of the word of *the LORD* in his vain effort against the Lord and his Christ. See Paul and Peter’s warning about the danger of Satan’s subtle changes of words. (2 Tim 2:14, 15, 2 Peter 3:16, 17.)

Presenting themselves as angels of righteousness, the messengers of Satan introduce or redefine words. We will see how they made just one word accomplish their goal of subverting the Word of God. Accordingly, it is not only unwise but foolish to ignore **a subtle** word change, for the change of **a word** can easily change the meaning of a text. A few words, even one word, can create a new history that will replace truth with lies.

Are words, even one letter worth “fighting” over? (4)

This author readily admits he is not a language expert, but he does have access to the writings of those who are. Using reliable sources, we will examine how one letter, “e” can change the perception of Judaism. We will see that in older writings, **Jewe** meant “men of Judah”; and that word morphed into **Jew**, which means “followers of Judaism.” We will also see that the word “Jew” in New Testament times and in our own time simply means a follower of the Jewish religion, which has nothing to do with Israel’s religion as was given to them at the Mount.

The apostate “Jews” have used and currently use “**Jesus was a Jew**” in order to gain Christian support for their evil desires.

Though the term **Jewe** **initially meant only the “men of Judah,”** the term was shortened to “Jews,” and came to “denote not only every descendent of Abraham in the largest possible sense, especially in opposition to foreigners, but even proselytes who had no blood relation to the Hebrews. ... After the exile, the title Jew became the usual one, while the term “Hebrews” fell into disuse... An especial use of the term in the Gospel of John, where it frequently stands for the chief Jews, the *elders*, who were opposed to Christ.” (5)

By New Testament times, the title Jew came to include the priests, scribes, Pharisees, elders and other leaders who opposed Christ, and who put Him to death. After His resurrection, the Jews did all they could to stop the gospel of Christ, even putting Stephen to death. In fact, the *Jews* had commissioned Saul (Paul) to arrest followers of Christ. It was the *Jews* who led in the rebellion against Rome, and brought about their own destruction. The Talmud tells us that the name and goal of the now self-identified Jews continues.

According to Wigram's Concordance, the Old Testament word *Jew* simply meant "the men of Judah. (6) Strong's Concordance says that the original designation of the Israelite nation was "the *Hebrews*," by which all legitimate posterity of Abraham were known, not only by themselves, but also by the nations around them.

Accordingly, "the word 'Jew' is a corrupted form of the word Judah, which was a reference to two of the 12 tribes of Israel, Judah and Benjamin; it does not even appear in the Bible until II Kings 16:6 and then again in 25:25 and in II Chronicles 32:18." (7)

The self-identified Turkish "Jews" had to change history in order to support their untenable claim that they are the legitimate heirs to God's covenant of the "Promised Land" of Canaan, as given to Abraham, and was which passed down to Jacob; that is, to the nation of Israel that was redeemed out of Egypt.

"Vatican II recognized the Jewish covenant with God as eternal and equal to that which Christians enjoy. Except in evangelical and fundamentalist circles, the harsh Protestant triumphalism of many of the church leaders who founded America is disappearing. Christians and Jews now work together creating a single shared community based on mutual respect and profound understanding.

"Nevertheless, group memories run deep. The centuries of Christian teaching that the Jews are dispersed because they rejected the Savior 'himself a Jew', and the Jewish suspicion and fear of Christians, are not easily erased. We have much hate to unlearn before the vital lesson of love and amity can fully penetrate the deepest layers of our psychics. ...

"As we have gotten to know one another, we have had to define more closely the relationship of our two faiths to each other. For Christians particularly, this reassessment has involved the growing awareness that historical-

ly speaking, Christianity rose out of Judaism. Jesus was a Jew who kept Shabbat, went to the synagogue, read from the prophets, made pilgrimage to Jerusalem, said Jewish prayers, studied Torah, and celebrated a seder. Whereas once Christian churches ignored what it called the "Old Testament," the trend now has been to reaffirm that Testament, and not even call it Old Testament anymore, as if to imply that it had been superseded by the new one. Readings from the Hebrew Bible have been inserted into church liturgies, as Christians have claimed their Jew-

ish heritage in addition to the specifically Christian part of their identity.

"The Christian accent on reclaiming Jewish roots means that many Christians now feel more comfortable doing Jewish things: going to Jewish services, for instance, or visiting a Jewish Passover seder. By and large, whatever Jews affirm in their prayers, Christians can say also, though they may have their own specifically Christian

interpretation of what they are doing. They can affirm the covenant at Sinai, without denying their covenant in Christ; they can read Isaiah publicly just as Jews do and still believe that Isaiah was predicting the coming of Jesus; they can read how God chose the People of Israel for service believing all the while that without Israel's mission, there would be no Christianity. They can and do participate in many Jewish rituals in the hope that their own Christian faith will only be strengthened as they rediscover and even relive their Jewish heritage.

"Unfortunately, it does not work the other way around. ..." (8)

The Jewish propaganda machine has changed the Christian's view toward the openly antichrist religion of Judaism.

"Christianity grew out of Judaism and defined itself with reference to those Jewish beliefs and practices that it accepted and those it did not. Judaism spawned Christianity and worried increasingly about how to retain its independence in what became largely a hostile Christian world." (9)

Let us sum up what we have seen thus far:

First: The word which meant "men of Judah," **Jewe** slowly morphed into a general term meaning all who desire to identify as Jews, and who follow the Jews'



religion, Talmudic Judaism.

Second: *Convincing Christians that Jesus was a Jew* has been a successful effort to unite into a single shared community based on mutual respect and profound understanding. However, Christians realize that the covenant was never a Jewish covenant, for the word “Jews” did not exist until 2 Kings 16:6.

Third: Can Jesus be identified as a Jew, considering that a Jew is defined as one who adopts Judaism as his religion? Did Christ follow the Jew’s religion? Were the Apostles Jews who follow the Jew’s religion, or were they Judeans, men who lived in Judah? Paul, who was not of the tribe of Judah, admitted that he was a fanatical follower of the “Jew’s Religion.” He was a **Jew**.

Fourth: Jew defined as a follower of Judaism. *“historically speaking, Christianity rose out of Judaism. Jesus was a Jew who kept Shabbat, went to the synagogue, read from the prophets, made pilgrimage to Jerusalem, said Jewish prayers, studied Torah, and celebrate a seder.”* Certainly, Christ fulfilled perfectly all the rites and rituals of the Hebrew religion as required by Moses, and then they were all nailed to the cross Colossians 2:13. Throughout the New Testament, Judaism is condemned in the strongest terms. What thinking Christian who knows his Bible could even think that Judaism gave birth to Christianity? “Judeo-Christian” heritage is a product of lying spirits sent by God for judgment upon a rebellious people, I Kings 2:22, 23.

But in order to get Christian support for the antichristian nation of Israel, Christians must be convinced that **Jesus was a Jew**, a follower of the Jews religion, Talmudic Judaism.

Fifth: “Studied Torah.” That is, he studied the “Oral Torah” which was the tradition of the elders of Christ’s day. Depending on how the word is used determines what is meant– the **Oral Torah or the written law**. (The oral Torah was supposed to be secret communication apart from the written communication and was preserved orally.) Judaism is experienced at confusing various issues, even one word, in order to confuse the truth. We show elsewhere, that the Jews were not “dispersed by Rome.” The only ones “dispersed” were those who were sold as slaves and those who were taken back to the city of Rome by Titus in his victory parade. We also see that Judaism needed a new history of a dispersion in order to claim Palestine as their homeland. **Sixth:** “Christians have claimed their Jewish heritage in addi-

tion to the specifically Christian part of their identity.” We nowhere find in God’s Word anything that might give Christianity a “*Jewish Heritage*.” With well-placed misused words, Rabbinic Judaism has **connected Jesus Christ with those who follow the Jew’s religion**. With Judaism’s claim that Jesus was a follower of Rabbinic Judaism, it has gained “Christian” support with their blood, money, and vote.

Seventh: Christians “can and do participate in many Jewish rituals in the hope that their own Christian faith will only be strengthened as they rediscover and even relive their Jewish heritage. However, Jews must avoid anything that might point to Christ, for that would deny the faith of Judaism. On the other hand, uninformed Christians are urged, even by ‘Christian’ leaders, to join in events that clearly point to the now satanic rituals of Judaism. Participation in Jewish rituals denies the Christian faith.

The public Jewish effort has been very effective, for there is not a person in the whole English-speaking world today who regards a “Jew” as a “Judean” [“a man of Judah.”] in the original and literal sense of the word. **(10)**

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD “JEW,” AND THE LETTER, “E.”

“The title *Jew* did not come into existence until 1775. Until then, the word Jew did not exist in any language. The word was introduced by Sheridan in his 18th century play, ‘The Rivals’”. **(11)** Mr. Freedman points out that

“It was during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries that a well-organized and very rich international group introduced a ‘secondary meaning’ for the word ‘Jew’ among the English-speaking peoples of the world. That ‘secondary meaning’ has no relation whatsoever to the pre-18th century original connotation of the word ‘Jew’ [men of Judah, ed.]. That group intentionally corrupted and manipulated the word in order to get public, especially Christian, acceptance of the replacement word Jew.” **(12)**

Their very public effort has been wonderfully successful, for a vast number of Evangelicals are giving wholehearted support of money and blood to the self-identified Jews as they pursue their goals as spelled out in the Talmud, that is, world domination.

[The Talmud. https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/J_The%20Talmud.pdf]

Mr. Freedman is very well qualified to make the following observations concerning the “e” in Jewe, and its absence in Jew.

“With the rapidly expanding use in England in the 18th century for the first time in history of the greatly improved printing presses unlimited quantities of the New Testament were printed. These revised 18th century editions of the earlier 14th century first translations into the English language were then widely distributed throughout England and the English speaking world among families who had never possessed a copy of the New Testament in any language. In these 18th century editions with revisions the word ‘Jew’ appeared for the first time in any English translations. The word ‘Jew’ as it was used in the 18th century editions has since continued in use in all versions of the New Testament in the English language. The [mis]use of the word ‘Jew’ thus was stabilized.” (13)

“The English translation of the gospel by John XIX, 19, from the original text in the Greek language reads as follows, ‘Pilate wrote a sign and fastened it to the Cross and the writing was “Jesus the Nazarene the monarch of the Judeans”’. In the original Greek manuscript there is mention also made of the demands upon Pontius Pilate by the spiritual leaders in Judea that Pontius Pilate alter the reference on the Cross to Jesus as ‘Ruler of the Judeans’. The Greek text of the original manuscript of the Gospel by John establishes beyond any question or doubt that the spiritual leaders in Judea at that time had protested to Pontius Pilate that Jesus was ‘not the ruler of the Judeans’ but only ‘had said that He was the ruler of the Judeans’”. (14)

As we look at the change in spelling since the 1500s, removing the “e”, we will see the subtle and unnoticed change in meaning. The new edition of the 1599 Geneva, and the new editions of the 1611 KJV changed the spelling from Jewe, “sons of Judah” to Jews, followers of Judaism, which, since the destruction of the Second Temple, has simply been a religious group. With that simple change, Judaism has been able to influence Christians to support the “Zionist project.”

Documentation: Here are quotes that will show how Jesus has been made into a follower of the Jew’s religion, Judaism by dropping one letter, “e.”

Edited KJV, John 19:19, “Jesus of Nazareth THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

Original 1611 KJV. “And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the croffe. And the writing was, IESVS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE IEWES.”

Original 1599 Geneva: “ISUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE IEWES.”

Identifying Jesus with the Jew’s religion cannot be sup-

ported from Scripture. With the change of one letter, Judaism has gained surprising control of Evangelical Christian pulpits. With that one word, the self-identified Jews gained for themselves the undying gratitude and support of Christians world-wide, because Jesus was a “Jew.”

Jesus is never referred to as a Jew except by the revisers of the Scriptures. According to all the texts up to the 18th century, He is identified as a **Jewe; that is, a Judean**. He was and is truly Man, a man of Judah, who came to his own, and they received him not.

The change is not unique for the New Testament, for we see in the Old Testament:

Edited KJV, 2 Kings 16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from Elath:...

Original 1611 KJV, At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jewes from elath...

Original 1599 Geneva, At that fame time Rizin king of Aram reftored Ellath to Aram, and droue the Iewes from Elath...

Original KJV, Galatians 1:13, in the Iewish religion..., not Jews’ religion. Same with v. 14, And profited in the Iewifh religion... (15)

The original spelling and meaning, Jewe, a Judean, has been **subtily** replaced by new spelling which means Jew, a follower of Judaism.

Thus, the Biblical idea of a man of Judah has been erased from the Christian’s mind and teaching, and replaced by a fictitious name, Jew. History and public perception have been changed by deleting one letter “e.” The result has been that the Jews have gained great public support, even military and financial support, among Christians for their goals, which are clearly spelled out in the Torah – the claim of a land that is not and never has been theirs.

The primary means of stabilizing the word Jew has been through various and subtle revisions of the Scriptures. Furthermore, we are told by Rabbi Kertzer that “Jews are not a race, for Jews come in all colors, sizes and descriptions. Though most self-proclaimed Jews are of the white or Caucasian race, there are black African Jews from Ethiopia, African-American Jews in the United States, and until recently, there were Chinese Jews. Nor are Jews a nation, though in antiquity they were.” (16)

“the Jews are not a ‘race’ in the biological sense (that is Hitler talk and Talmud talk), and any Jew is welcome to walk away from Zionism and the Jewish religion and to face historical Truths; many Jews have. I repeat the point and hope you read it three times: ‘race’ in the biological sense is not the issue, ‘ethnicity’ per se is not the issue, who one’s mother and father is not the issue; ideologies are the issue.” (17)

Thus, we understand from the above comparison of “Jewe” and “Jew” that Christ had to be a racial Judean, i.e., man of Judah, and could not have been a Jew. There was a Hebrew race, and an Israelite nation, but there never was a Jewish race.

“The greatest historian on the origin and the history of the so-called or self-styled ‘Jews’ in eastern Europe was Professor H. Graetz, himself a so-called or self-styled ‘Jew.’ Professor H. Graetz points out in his famous ‘History of the Jews’ that when so-called or self-styled ‘Jews’ in other countries heard a rumor about so-called or self-styled ‘Jews’ in the Khazar Kingdom they believed these converted Khazars to be the ‘lost ten tribes.’ These rumors were no doubt responsible for the legend which grew up that Palestine was the ‘homeland’ of the converted Khazars.” (18)

Hence, the Ashkenazi Jews are not part of the supposed “Lost Tribes,” (19)

“The self-identified Jew today is one who professes the form of religious worship known as ‘Judaism.’ A Jew is one who accepts the faith of Judaism. He is one who, even without formal religious affiliation, regards the teaching of Judaism — its ethics, its folkways, its literature — as his or her own. He professes that Judaism is his way of life, just as a Christian professes that Christianity is his way of life.” (20)

One must admit, however, that extremely few who self-identify as Jews realize with what they are identifying—the Talmud, the Oral Torah, and a vast amount of additional Jewish laws and traditions. And if they knew what the Talmud required of them, they would deny any knowledge of or connection with it.

“Research also revealed that the so-called or self-styled ‘Jews’ in eastern Europe were never ‘Semites’, are not ‘Semites’ now, nor can they ever be regarded as ‘Semites’ at any future time by any stretch of the imagination. Exhaustive research also irrevocably rejects as a fantastic fabrication the generally accepted belief by Christians that the so-called or self-styled ‘Jews’ in eastern Europe are the legendary ‘Chosen People’ so very vocally publicized by the Christian clergy from their pulpits.” (21)

Facts prove that “Anti-Semitism” & a supposed “Judeo-Christian” heritage of this nation are lies to ensnare the simple into supporting ungodly causes.

In closing, let us consider these passages:

1 Timothy 1:3 *As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.* **2 Timothy 2:23** *But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.*

Titus 3:9 *But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.*

In addition, we have the curse of

Revelation 22:18 *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.*

Understanding the subtle changes implied by leaving out a letter “e” in the various renditions of the original text, are we violating the three passages above? Or are we calling attention to how a false and demonic doctrine has crept into the Church – the Jewish doctrine that teaches that Jesus followed the Jew’s religion, and studied and followed Talmudic Judaism?

If a Christian admits that Jesus was a Jew, one who followed the Jew’s religion, then he has denied the faith, the same as if a Jew admits Jesus was the Messiah, then that Jew has denied the Jewish faith. So, we see that just a word or even one letter can change the meaning of the word “Jews” in the mind of the public. Leaving out just one letter, “e” changed a word, which changed history and changed public perception. The new word gave the self-identified, Jews unfettered permission and endless finances to carry out the “Zionist project.” (The first project of the new Speaker was to finance the Jewish war.)

“The word ‘Jew’ as we understand it today is NOT in the Bible.

“It has been completely hollowed out of its ‘Judean’ or ‘Judahite’ meaning, because the proselytized Rabbinites who hijacked it are not of the tribe of Judah. All it does is create confusion in the Christian mind, which is exactly what the demonic forces want in order to unseat Chris-

tians as the new Chosen People – chosen to love and to do good – and to calumniate Christ as a Pharisee. (22)

No matter what the powers of darkness do, Jesus remains who he is and who he always was, a true Juda-hite, the awaited King and Messiah, the Salvation that was to come through a son of Jacob, Judah.

SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED

about the subtle changes in words or letters? Let us sum up our argument above with this quote from John Gill:

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes. Song 2:15.

Ver. 15. “Take us the foxes, &c.] ... these words are directed not to angels, nor to civil magistrates, but to ministers of the word...

“By foxes may be meant false teachers, to whom the false prophets of old were compared, #Eze 13:3,4; foxes are crafty and subtle creatures, malignant and mischievous, hungry and voracious, full of deceit and dissimulation, are of an ill smell, and abominably filthy; so false teachers walk in craftiness, use good words and fair speeches, and thereby deceive the hearts of the simple; their doctrines are pernicious, their heresies damnable, and they bring destruction on themselves and others; they are hungry after worldly substance, are greedy of it, and can never have enough; devour widows’ houses, and make merchandise of men, to enrich themselves; they put on sheep’s clothing, transform themselves into angels of light, mimic the voice of Gospel ministers, use their phrases and expressions, that they may not be easily discovered; and are abominable in their principles and practices, and to be shunned by all good men. Now ministers of the Gospel are ordered to take these, to detect them, and refute their errors, and reprove them sharply for them; and, after proper steps taken, to reject them, to cast them out of the vineyards, the churches, and keep them out. Even the little foxes; heresies and heretics are to be nipped in the bud, before they increase to more ungodliness; otherwise errors, which may seem small at first, soon grow larger and spread themselves, and become fatal to the churches: ... false teachers make divisions and schisms in churches; disturb their peace; unsettle some, and subvert others; sap the foundation of religion, and corrupt the word of God; and therefore by all means to be taken, and the sooner the better;...

“The ‘vines’ are the churches; the ‘tender grapes,’ or ‘flowers,’ young converts, which Christ has a particular regard unto, #Isa 40:11 42:3; and these, having but a small degree of knowledge, are more easily imposed upon and seduced by false teachers; and therefore, for

their sakes, should be carefully watched, and vigorously opposed, since otherwise a promising vintage is in danger of being spoiled. Christ, in this address, intimates, that not only he and the church, but, the ministers also, had an interest in the vines and tender grapes, as they have; see #So 8:11,12; and therefore should be the more concerned for their welfare; hence he calls them ‘ours’; interest carries a powerful argument in it. ...”

Gill calls our attention to the fact that God has appointed his ministers to detect and guard his church from the crafty, deceitful expressions, words and phrases of those who seek to devour the simple and the young Christians. The “grapes” in the Lord’s vineyard are tender, and they must be guarded by the under-shepherds at all cost. What is the result for a people who will not listen, or a pastor who will not protect the flock.

So, yes, even the smallest fox – a word, a letter – must be exposed, and cast out of the vineyard in order to protect the tender harvest for the Lord of the Harvest.

Was Jesus Christ a follower of the Jew’s religion, Judaism, or was he a Jewe, a son of Judah sent according the promise to be the propitiation for the sins of his people?

End Notes

(1) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jew_\(word\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jew_(word)) (2) “What is a Jew” is developed elsewhere. (3) Modern versions change a word, and thus can change the whole meaning of Scripture. (4) For a very thorough word-study and how the proper meaning of Jew has been edited out of the Christian Bible, see “Jesus was not a Jew.” <https://biblicismstitute.wordpress.com/2014/07/27/jesus-was-not-a-jew/> (5) *McClintock & Strong’s Cyclopaedia*. (6) *The New Englishman’s Hebrew/Aramaic Concordance*, #3064. The English term Jew originates in the Biblical Hebrew word Yehudi, meaning “from the Kingdom of Judah”, or “Jew”. (7) *Strange Gods*, p. 15. (8) *What is a Jew*, pp. 270, 281, 282. Emp added. (9) *What is a Jew*, p. 269. (10) *Facts*, p. 24. Mr. Freedman’s documentation is found in *Facts*, pp. 16-24. Before you dismiss his observations, check his documentation. (11) *Facts*, p. 18. (12) *Facts*, p. 22. (13) See the Bibliography for Mr. Freedman’s qualifications to make this statement. On pp. 20-22, he goes into the Latin and the various translations, e.g., Latin Vulgate, the 1380 Wycliffe edition, the 1535 Cloverdale Edition. Consider what has been done to the Word of God by the many “translations” since the 17th century. Not even the Geneva nor the KJV were safe from the revisers who sought to change history. Download and read “Facts are Facts.” (14) *Facts*, p. 18.

(15) Zondervan reproduced the original 1611 KJV to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first printing. It was sold for \$5 through Walmart. The Geneva Bible is a facsimile of the 1599 edition, published in 1991 by The Geneva Publishing Company, Buena Park CA. One might be able to find the facsimile of the 1599 Geneva on Amazon. All the new printings have the “e” dropped. The 400th anniversary of the KJV might also be found there. (16) *What is a Jew*, p. 8. (17) *Zionism And Russia*, p. 16. (18) *Facts-III*, p. 1. (19) *Facts*, p. 50. (20) *Facts*, p. 26. *What is a Jew*, p. 7. (21) *Facts*, p. 50. We deal with the conversion of the Caucasian Turkish tribe to Judaism elsewhere. (22) <https://biblicisminstitute.wordpress.com/2014/07/27/jesus-was-not-a-jew/> This article has a very thorough word-study and how the proper meaning of Jew has been edited out of the Bible.

The above is available in booklet form. See <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/JudaismOpen.html>

MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS

QUEEN ISABELLA

Mighty Men Herald – Virtuous Women Edition, September of 2023

It was a dazzling affair for Princess Isabella. She was the sister of the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, thus the Spanish name. In her veins flowed the finest blood in Europe, and she was the daughter of the famous Ferdinand and Isabella, her namesake. Now, added to her Hapsburg titles, she was to be wed to the King of all Scandinavia, embracing the three kingdoms of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Her new husband, Emperor of all Scandinavia, was His Majesty Christian II. The vast country of Scandinavia would all be under her scepter, and with her husband she would rule this vast shield of northern Europe.

Isabella’s bridegroom, Christian II, was a magnificent king, skilled in the art of war, but also an expert in agriculture, industry, and commerce. He was now 37 years old, at the perfect blend of youthful strength and mature experience, and still retained the flush of youth on his handsome face. A grand and royal wedding was prepared for her in Copenhagen, her new home. Even the most ambitious girl’s heart would flutter at such a dazzling wedding.

As she arrived at the palace in Copenhagen, Denmark for the royal wedding, a splendid array awaited her. In her train was a chest of gold containing 300,000 flourins, her wedding dowry. When she entered the grand hall, trumpets blared, men-at-arms stood at atten-

tion, and all rose. Even the minstrels and dancers ceased their tumbling and turned their eyes to look upon their new monarch. Isabella was only 15 years old.

The people of Scandinavia honored large and brawny muscles, blond hair, and strong features. Their new monarch was a thin, pale girl with dark hair and a distinctly Spanish appearance. In spite of the contrast between the young, thin, pale bride and the middle-aged, broad-shouldered, ruddy groom, the wedding went on grandly. The Scandinavian people paid their respects to their new queen. The minstrels went on playing, the royal dinner was prepared, and the grand evening of festivities commenced.

At this time in the history of Scandinavia, the Roman Catholic Church still held sway, but the winds of Reform were sweeping through Europe. It was 1518, and the year before, an unknown German monk named Martin Luther had nailed 95 theses to the door of a church in the city of Wittenberg in the German state of Saxony.

Already, the writings of Luther had filtered into Denmark, and Copenhagen was shaken by the simple truth of Luther’s propositions. But Christian II still held fast to the faith of his ancestors, and a priest was present at the wedding to say mass. Unfortunately for the young and tender bride, the priest, impressed with a sense of his own importance, had prepared a lengthy sermon on the significance of this union. While he was delivering what the historian of the Reformation, J.H. Merle D’Aubigne calls “an interminable discourse,” the young bride, the object of everyone’s attention, suddenly turned deathly pale and fainted.

Perhaps Isabella was overcome by the brilliance of the festivities. Perhaps her frail body could no longer tolerate the attention of the crowd. Perhaps she simply locked her knees too long. One of her ladies in waiting caught the fifteen-year-old bride, and she was carried to an adjoining room.

This young princess, now queen of Scandinavia, would have a much greater impact upon Europe than her frail form would suggest. This tender, thin, black-eyed Spanish girl would transform, by her example, the future of three kingdoms, and her name would soon be known throughout Protestant Europe. For early in her reign, this young queen embraced the doctrines of the Word of God.

Ponder for a moment the implications of the conversion of Isabella. Her father and mother were Ferdinand

and Isabella of Spain. They were the pair that instituted the bloody Spanish Inquisition, that inundated the streets of Madrid and Seville in the blood of martyrs. Her brother was Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, the man who declared Martin Luther an outlaw and public enemy at the Diet of Worms. She was also related to Catherine of Aragon of England, and thus the infamous Bloody Mary. For this young girl to take a stand on the side of the Reformed faith was a marvelous thing indeed.

Isabella's married life was not a happy one. In spite of his fine name, Christian II was anything but. D'Aubigne says of Christian II, "It must be confessed that self-interest was the mainspring of his enterprises. A friend to knowledge, to the sciences, to agriculture, commerce, and industry, he nevertheless took after his barbarian ancestors. He was cruel, and would go headlong to extremities. This man of the North always retained the fierce temper of a savage, nor did he ever learn to subdue the evil dispositions which actuated him. In his fits of violence, he had no regard for age, for virtue, or for greatness."

Such was the man Isabella, now an earnest Christian, had to live with. Like Queen Esther in the court of Ahasuerus, Queen Isabella had to try to please a wicked husband who was absolute ruler over both her and the realm. Christian II was known for his dissolute living, and he kept mistresses at court, which was a constant grief to his pure and devoted young wife. But, as was the case with Esther in a similar situation, God had brought Isabella into the kingdom for "such a time as this."

Soon, she began to quietly give aid to the persecuted evangelical preachers of northern Europe. Her piety was known throughout Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, and although war was brewing between these kingdoms, and the Swedes were valiantly rising up against the oppression of Danish rule, even the Swedes respected their young and pious queen.

Isabella did not live a long life. Her frail body could not support her long in this world, but she lived to accomplish her mission. Her piety did more for her realm than all the warlike vigor of her dissolute husband. She prayed for the conversion of her realm. She gave money to needy pastors. She interceded with her husband on behalf of the persecuted believers of Scandinavia. She became a warm friend of Martin Luther and corresponded with him often. Once, her staunchly Roman

Catholic family, including the Emperor Charles V and another brother, Ferdinand, the archduke of the Austrian and Hungarian realms, threatened to disown her if she persisted in her heresy.

The noble young lady replied, "Even if you disown me, I will not on that account disown the Word of God." The girl that had fainted at her own wedding would not faint now. Truly, God's grace is sufficient and His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Isabella died at the age of 23. Her family, in their superstition and fear, ordered that a priest give her extreme unction, but by that time, the young queen was unconscious. All Europe knew that the Romish ceremony was done against her will and without her consent. Her life had a wide and deep impact beyond her tender years. She impacted the future of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, and even the German states. D'Aubigne says of her life, "The faith of the dying queen was everywhere known and gladdened the friends of the Gospel."

Martin Luther commented, perhaps with a smile, upon the death of his young friend, "Christ wished for once to have a queen in heaven."

Drawn from History of the Reformation by J. H. Merle D'Aubigne

HOMESCHOOL

FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN

By Roger Simon

This column's headline—"hed" in journalistic parlance—could have been crafted as "Homeschool for as Long as You Can, but if and When You Can't or When That's Over, Do Everything Possible to Avoid Government Indoctrination of Your Children at All Costs, Including the Ivy League," but it seemed a bit lengthy.

Nevertheless, that's what sprung to mind when a friend of mine texted an article from Yahoo Finance with a hed that seemed out of Mad Magazine from my youth or today's Babylon Bee: "Harvard University Encourages Students to Go on Food Stamps, Even Though It's the Richest School in The World With a \$53 Billion Endowment"

This was aimed primarily at graduate students who are seeking a minimum of \$60,000 per annum for their work. Currently, the minimum is \$40,000. Needless to say, on interest alone, Harvard could probably feed everyone in its home city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, seven days a week with truffles and caviar on Sundays

without putting much of a dent, if any, in its net worth. The other Ivies aren't quite as rich, but they aren't suffering.

What's actually going on here is yet another example of how our schools are abandoning education for social engineering. Consciously or unconsciously—the two have probably blended—they are teaching their students to rely on the state. Mother government is there to take care of you, even those of you who are highly educated, such as Harvard students.

Forget self-reliance. Use food stamps—it's your right. And it's simple and fast. (That's why, these days, they call it the SNAP program.) Even after you get your Ph.D., you can stay on food stamps, not to mention many other wonderful government programs that will be available to you. This educational road-to-socialism, as many of us now realize, doesn't suddenly appear in college or grad school. It begins in kindergarten, now mixed in with all manner of post-Frankfurt School claptrap such as critical race theory and critical gender theory.

Educational reformer John Dewey also did his part decades ago so that that you may now get such a thing as a "doctorate" in education.

None of this adds to knowledge, but that's more than likely the point. It's cradle to grave indoctrination. Education, once our country's glory, has been headed downwards for years. Even average IQs are lower.

Given that we spend more per student than almost every other country makes this all the more of a disgrace. (HINT: Money has little or nothing to do with education.) Also, needless to say, everything has gotten worse in the era of "woke." "Woke" is educational cancer.

The most important thing we can do for our country and ourselves, and ultimately even more important than electing a decent president, is to retrieve actual education by taking it in our own hands. Alternative institutions are sprouting up around our country—constitutional schools, classical education schools, parochial schools, and so forth. Use them, but, as we used to say, look before you leap. In Ronald Reagan's words, "trust, but verify." Unfortunately, some have been woke-infected. The best of all possible worlds, although unfortunately not accessible to all for a variety of reasons, is now homeschooling.

I was initially skeptical, but some of the early caveats,

including worries about children's social development due to their isolation from each other, have been assuaged by families organizing into teams and teaching in groups. Equally importantly, with actual working family members and friends pitching in, more expertise is often being imparted than by teachers who have spent much of their time in banal accreditation programs.

What we are witnessing is potentially a revolution in education, abjuring overweening government programs such as Common Core in favor of the face-to-face tradition that gave us people such as Abraham Lincoln. This movement is still small, but we can all take part in it. I would imagine numerous readers of *The Epoch Times* have considerable knowledge to impart to young people that stems from years of working experience. Education undoubtedly began in that manner: an older person teaching a skill to a younger one. Even in some Western countries today, notably Germany, the apprenticeship system is in heavy use, particularly for the trades. We seem to think everybody must go to college. This is nonsense. College is often a complete waste of time and money. Young people should learn to support themselves in a fulfilling and honorable way.

Sometimes, this involves college as we know it, especially in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines, but often it's overrated. Even in the arts, this is so. You don't have to go to college to write the Great American Novel. F. Scott Fitzgerald was kicked out of Princeton; Ernest Hemingway never went to college. Of course, these were people of genius and not particularly fair examples, but they should serve as illustrations that we all have choices.

If you're planning on going to Harvard—or sending your son or daughter there—be sure to tell them that they don't really need food stamps. They can work and make it on their own. And they'll feel better about themselves because they have.

The Epoch Times 8/11/23

A comment on the Biden's Election

FREE SCHOOLS

By R. L. Dabney, 1897.

... we have property taxed 30 cents on every \$100, to educate the children of those who pay no tax, or nearly none. This is three-fourths of all the property tax the State of Virginia used to require for all the ends of government, in the days of her glory and greatness; and three fifths of all that she now ex-acts for all her other

purposes, in these days of enormous and reckless taxation and expenditure! But who are the “county board” and the “district board?” The “district board” is one of three “trustees” for the townships, appointed by the county superintendent, county court (judge), and commonwealth’s attorney! And who appoints the “county superintendent?” The State school board nominally—Dr. Ruffner actually, according to his own admission.” And the county judge? He is elected for a term of years by the Legislature. And the common-wealth’s attorney? He is elected by the non-tax-paying voters of his county; in my county, elected by pauper negroes. And who is the “county school board?” These little officeholders, thus appointed of the several townships, with the county superintendent again, constitute the “county school board.” Thus the power of taxing the people, the most important function of sovereignty, is entrusted to persons with whose appointment the people can have nothing direct to do. This is an out-rage against the first principle of free government: that representation must accompany taxation. True, this county board is directed by law to report their proposed levies to the county “board of supervisors,” who are elected by the people, i. e., by the non-taxpaying voters; in our county, by the pauper negroes. But in this matter of the school levies, this board of supervisors is, to the school board, only what a “lit de justice” was to Louis XIV. of France. It can hear, register and enforce their majesties’ edicts, and hound on the constable who sells the last cow of the white widow of a Confederate soldier to ‘play at schooling the brats of negroes who are stealing out of the field the poor little crop of corn she has tilled with the hands of her fatherless boys. The law itself is so worded as constructively to enjoin the supervisors to ordain whatever levies the school board demands, provided it does not pass the maximum limit.

Why this outrage on the principles of free government? The nature of the Underwood Constitution is to make each township a corporation for township purposes. Why did not the law allow the township corporation, like all other corporations in the land, to elect its own officers! Ah, the concocters of the tyranny did not mean to allow the sacred principle, for which our fathers fought, to hold here, for fear the citizens in the townships should use their right of election to protect their property from plunder under the name of school tax! One might have thought that they had sufficient guarantee of lavish taxation, in the universal and the negro suffrage prevailing in the townships, where the

voters who pay no property tax have the power of a majority, to vote away the property of the minority who do pay. But this sweeping and ruthless power, wicked as it is, was not enough for the artificers of our system; so, to make sure that property shall be absolutely helpless, under the robbery designed, they also sundered representation from taxation, and gave the taxing power, in township and county, to persons not elected by the tax payers. Our system is worse than those of the Yankees, from whom our school men seem so greedy to borrow; for, while the major part of the school money in the



Yankee States usually comes from the local taxes, the rights of townships and their citizens in assenting to those taxes are more respected. The township there is a little republic, and exercises the rights of one; ours are in names. corporations, but helpless corpses in fact, under the exactions of these officials with their foreign appointments.

Once more; bad as the laws are, I have the personal evidence, that these irresponsible exactors are capable of transcending those laws. They actually made me pay in Prince Edward county, for 1877, to the State ten cents on every \$100 for school purposes. To the county and district jointly twenty cents on every \$100 of my real estate in Prince Edward, and 26 9-10 on every \$100 of my personal property. I have the county treasurer’s receipt for this lawless plunder (6 9-10 cents per \$100 more than the maximum allowed by their own tyrannical laws) in my desk. It may be satisfying to the curious to know how much tax a countryman pays who has no municipal taxes and no municipal privileges...

R. L. Dabney, “Free Schools.” Discussions, Secular, Vol IV. 1897. PP 270, 271. Sprinkle Publishing, Harrisonburg.

Note the “complaint.” Those who elect the “decision makers” are the ones who do not own property, and pay little or no taxes. They elect the ones who will be

the most beneficial to themselves.

GOD VS SOCIALISM

By Dr. H. Rondel Rumburg

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:7-8

Is there a danger of being deceived? Obviously, there is, or the Spirit of God would not have inspired Paul to write those words which could literally be translated, “stop being deceived or led astray.”

Then Paul gives an absolute, “God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Mark it down or register it in your mind that God is not going to be mocked or treated with contempt or have fallen created beings thumb their noses at Him without consequences! What a person sows is what a person reaps. No, it is not what you meant to sow or thought you had sown, but what you actually sowed will be reaped. “For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7) is the admonition of God’s Word because you reap more than you sow.

We who presently inhabit this country need to remember that the system of evil that has been put in place by the deranged leaders who have run the country for the past many years, have the law of sowing and reaping to contend with before God. There is fixed judgment built into evil doings whereby there is the reaping of the whirlwind of evil doings. Just as God has given the law of gravity which is built into His world and the consequence of you jumping out of an airplane at two thousand feet without consequence, when you have not a parachute, will be catastrophic.

The prevalent present system of evil will run its course until, as Sodom and Gomorrah, judgment will fall! What should evil systems seeking to disobey God, and then do it their own way, expect? Utopia? No, they may expect error and ultimate failure. I would like to bring before you something written in 1971 by Dr. Rousas John Rushdoony so you may see what a parallel this is to our own day. The following gleanings are taken from *Law and Liberty* and the chapter called “Socialism as a Perpetual Civil War:”

Basic to the theory of scientific socialism is its infallibility concept.... Thus, first of all, socialism’s answer to every problem is civil war. Someone is guilty, but

never socialism itself.

The second aspect of this socialist civil warfare is that it is perpetual civil war because of perpetual failure. Socialism is incapable of solving any problem it addresses itself to in the economic sphere. Because its premises are unsound and wholly in error, its conclusions are consistently failures. But, since socialism is by definition the scientific answer to problems of society, socialism cannot blame itself. As a result, it wages perpetual civil warfare as its answer to perpetual failure.

Third, the consequence of this perpetual civil warfare is an ever-deepening crisis. Propaganda works to disguise the crises.... Socialism is never the way out for socialism, but simply the guarantee of an economic dead end.

Fourth, this perpetual civil warfare can and will terminate in the death of the state, and possibly of the civilization as well. It is destructive of the public and private resources of the state; ... but it cannot perpetuate a living social order; it can only kill the order it seizes or inherits....

Fifth, perpetual civil warfare means in some form perpetual violence or repressive force, and as a result the use of terror is not only accepted but is often justified and exalted.... Terror is made a moral principle and an inevitable requirement of history. As a result, “total terror” is practiced as a necessary and moral requirement of scientific socialism. Incredible brutality, barbarism, savagery, and degeneracy become the products of scientific socialism.... It is this aspect of perpetual and total warfare which has made socialists like George Orwell, author of 1984, turn from socialism in horror, without believing really in anything else. Theirs is not a conversion but simply a revulsion from terror.

The purposes of these brief thaws and breathers is strategic: they serve to give a despairing populace hope for a change. This, then, is simply a sixth aspect of socialism’s civil warfare against its people. The thaw creates a deviation from socialist policy only for the purpose of re-enforcing that policy.

This points clearly to a seventh aspect of socialism’s perpetual civil war: truth is at all times a central casualty. Since ... any strategy which will further the socialist experiment is valid. The lie is spoken to delude the masses and the enemy; speech has as its purpose not the communication of truth but utility to the dictatorship of the proletariat as a weapon of warfare. Semantics therefore becomes a major concern of socialism. Language

must be used; it is a superb weapon.... To expect language to have the same content to a socialist as it does to a Christian is a delusion. For the socialist, language is instrumental; it is a tool of revolution....

This, then, is the course of action, perpetual civil warfare, required by the scientific socialist state to maintain its delusion of infallibility. This perpetual civil warfare is a consequence of its departure from God and its socialism. It is a suicidal course, one well described by our Lord of old, when He declared, "He that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death" (Prov. 8:36). [Taken from pages 133 to 137]

What this overview of socialism shows us is that what is sown is reaped; sowing to the flesh reaps corruption. The Greek word for "corruption" in the ethical sense means moral decay that is a rottenness that follows fleshly sin. Thus, the protection of evil brings utter rot to the body politic. Reaping the whirlwind appears to be upon us, but evil runs its course and proves itself an utter failure which vindicates the Truth. Yes, reaping is necessary to show the failure of sin against God in time.

There is great danger for those whose authority is of "this world." Scripture warns us that the arm of flesh always fails. We are presently in the proving mode for man's attempts to commandeer and run God's world apart from Him. Our God only needs to step back and let these feeble attempts collapse of their own weight, but the consignment of final judgement in hell is His prerogative. Those who reject belief in a literal hell are thereby denying any need for justice. Hell reminds us that with God there is justice to be served and the debt of sin to be paid or the wages of sin to be collected. Hell reminds us that God requires absolute righteousness as represented in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. This present evil world challenges this by claiming there is no God, and by profaning God by sacrilege, immorality, and the practice of trying to reverse God's moral standard. Paul wrote to the Roman believers telling them that sodomy is an expression of their radical hatred of God and that God has given them over to a reprobate mind to do that which is against nature (Romans 1:17-32). The full weight of God's almightiness will exact His justice in eternal damnation!

As a Christian you may be bewildered as the culture collapses around you. Remember the words of Jesus, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"

(John 16:33). In the Saviour is "peace" but in the world we can expect "tribulations." The divine reminder is that Jesus declared to His own, "I have conquered the world." That means that in the end everything will be set straight, every knee will bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD!

Now we must look to our great and glorious God who keeps us, for we "are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:5). The words of Paul by the Holy Spirit were "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:8). The last sowing mentioned is of the child of God sowing "to the Spirit" and the prospect is the reaping life everlasting. This everlasting life comes through the Spirit not the flesh! The child of God must live in the terms of not only time but eternity. Yes, live in this life with the prospects of eternity in your heart.

STAR OF DAVID

served as a magical sign or as a decoration. In the Middle Ages the Star of David appeared with greater frequency among Jews but did not assume any special religious significance; it is found as well on some medieval cathedrals. The term Magen David, which in Jewish liturgy signifies God as the protector (shield) of David, gained currency among medieval Jewish mystics, who attached magical powers to King David's shield just as earlier (non-Jewish) magical traditions had referred to the five-pointed star [hexagram, ed.] as the "seal of Solomon." Kabbalists popularized the use of the symbol as a protection against evil spirits. The Jewish community of Prague was the first to use the Star of David as its official symbol, and from the 17th century on the six-pointed star became the official seal of many Jewish communities and a general sign of Judaism, though it has no biblical or Talmudic authority....

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-of-David>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Kabbala>

The hexagram is thought to have originated in Buddhism and was also used by Hindus. It was used by Muslims as a mystic symbol in the medieval period, known as the Seal of Solomon, depicted as either a hexagram or pentagram.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hexagram>

OBSERVE:

- Magical powers attributed to the Magen David

• Protection against evil spirits • Associated with the five-pointed star, which is highest magical symbol in Satanism. Christians do not know what they are doing by displaying the “Star of David.”

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND, 1948-2023.

By Bro Need

• “The attackers came at dawn, quickly occupying the town. The men were separated from the women and shot. One of the attackers, opening the door of one of the homes, found an old man standing there. He shot him. ‘He enjoyed shooting him,’ an eyewitness to the attack said afterwards.

Soon the town was empty—the entire population of 5,000 had either been killed or expelled, those who survived put on trucks, and driven to Gaza. The empty homes were looted. ‘We were very happy,’ one of the participants said afterwards. ‘If you don’t take it, someone else will. You don’t feel you have to give it back. They were not coming back.’”

It sounds like a narrative torn from the front pages of today’s newspapers, one of many such stories—too many to count—describing the atrocities inflicted on the civilian populations of Israeli towns and Kibbutzes adjacent to the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

But it is not. Instead, it is the recollections of Yaakov Sharett, the son of Moshe Sharett, one of the fathers of Israel, a signatory to Israel’s Declaration of Independence, and Israel’s first Foreign Minister, and second Prime Minister. Yaakov Sharett was recounting the seizure of the Arab town of Bersheeba, in 1948, by Israeli soldiers, during Israel’s War of Independence. ...

[This article is lengthy, and loaded with facts. We have mentioned in the past that Israeli soldiers consider Palestinians no better than pigs to be shot at will. Yet that fact is withheld for the public.]

<https://www.scottritterextra.com/p/why-i-no-longer-stand-with-israel>

• An ongoing armed conflict between Palestinian militant groups led by Hamas and Israel began on 7 October 2023, with a coordinated surprise offensive on Israel.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_Israel%E2%80%93Hamas_war

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Gal 6:7)

Sent to me

UNFORTUNATELY THEY VOTE !!!

Listen to these Stories and they are not even political, specifically (but they all sure could be).

Good grief!

• **So, I am at Walmart self-scanning** and bagging my almost \$300 worth of groceries while an employee (wearing her Never-Trumper T-shirt) monitors my activities from her “podium”. And then this happened.

Her - Why are you double-bagging all of your groceries?

Me - Excuse me?

Her - You are wasting our bags?

Me - If you don’t like the way I’m bagging the groceries, feel free to come on over here and bag them yourself.

Her - That’s not my job!

Me - Okay, then I will bag my groceries how I please if that’s alright with you.

Her - Why are you using two bags?

Me - Because the bags are weak and I don’t want the handles to break or the bottoms to rip out.

Her - Well, that’s because you are putting too much stuff in the bag. If you took half of that stuff out and put it in a different bag then you wouldn’t need to double bag.

(10 seconds of me just staring at her)

Me - So you want me to split these items in half and put half of them in a different bag so that I don’t have to double bag.

Her - Exactly.

Me - So I would still be using two bags to hold the same number of items.

Her - No, because you wouldn’t be double-bagging.

(Me pressing two fingers to my left eye in an attempt to make it stop twitching.)

Me - Okay. So here I have a jug of milk and a bottle of juice double-bagged. If I take the milk out and remove the double bagging and just put the milk in the single bag and the juice in that single bag, I’m still using two bags for these two items.

Her - No, because you are not double-bagging them so it’s not the same number of bags.

(Me looking around at about 10 other customers who at this point are enjoying the show.)

Me - Is this like that Common Core math stuff I keep hearing about?

Her - Never mind. You just don't get it.

And with that she went back to her little podium so she could continue texting or playing games on her phone or whatever it was she was doing before she decided to come over and critique my bagging skills.

• **My husband and I went through the McDonald's** drive thru window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c

She said, 'You gave me too much money.'

I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 25 cents, and said 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.'

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change.

Tip: Do not confuse the people at McD's.

• **We had to have the garage door repaired.**

The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower'.

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since.

• **I live in a semi-rural area.**

We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

• **IDIOT SIGHTING IN FOOD SERVICE.**

My daughter went to a Mexican fast food and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce

• **I was at the airport,** checking in at the gate when

an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

• **The pedestrian light on the corner beeps** when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?'

She is a government employee

• **When my wife and I arrived** at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!'

His reply, 'I know I already did that side.'

• **STAY ALERT! They walk among us, they breed, and they vote!!**

VARIOUS

• **Major U.S Meat Producer to Open WEF-Linked Insect Plant**

America's largest meat producer has announced a new partnership with a World Economic Forum-linked company to open a major insect processing plant in the United States. Tyson Foods Inc., the largest producer in the U.S. for all kinds of meats, is buying a stake in Netherlands-based insect-protein company Protix BV.

Protix BV describes itself "as leading the world in the technical aspects of insect production." The company has also been hailed by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and was awarded with globalist organization's "Technology Pioneer" award. Protix CEO Kees Aarts is also listed as a member of the WEF.

The two companies will collaborate to establish a manufacturing facility in the U.S.

The new plant will produce bug-based meal and oil, typically used in fish feed and dog food.

However, Tyson CFO John Tyson said in an interview that “in the long run,” the company will produce products that are “good for people.” “It’s a multibillion-dollar industry opportunity that has tremendous growth potential, and we see Protix as being a leader there,” Tyson said. Tyson added that “insect-protein inclusion” can be beneficial to both the “planet and animals.” ...

<https://slaynews.com/news/major-us-meat-producer-open-wef-linked-insect-plant/>

• Oregon again says students don’t need to prove mastery of reading, writing or math to graduate, citing harm to students of color

Oregon high school students won’t have to prove basic mastery of reading, writing or math to graduate from high school until at least 2029, the state Board of Education decided unanimously on Thursday, extending the pause on the controversial graduation requirement that began in 2020. ...

Higher rates of students of color, students learning English as a second language and students with disabilities ended up having to take intensive senior-year writing and math classes to prove they deserved a diploma. That denied those students the opportunity to take an elective, despite the lack of evidence the extra academic work helped them in the workplace or at college, they said....

“The board failed to discuss their responsibility for lagging academic achievement in our state. Instead they cast the blame on a tool used to measure a student’s ability to read, write and do math,” ...

<https://www.oregonlive.com/education/2023/10/oregon-again-says-students-dont-need-to-prove-mastery-of-reading-writing-or-math-to-graduate-citing-harm-to-students-of-color.html>

Comment: Oregon is not alone as they lower education standards to the lowest common denominator of a select few. The state is intentionally producing drones who are useless to society, and must depend on the state for their very life. The NEA is a known communis organization which is intent on destroying the heart of America.

• **BOMBSHELL intelligence analysis:** Israel ordered STAND DOWN to allow Hamas to attack - Jeffrey Prather and Mike Adams

<https://www.brighteon.com/3e5434ad-c9c4-49fc-a9e7-e238c6d753f1>

THE REAL WAR IS ON MEN, NOT WOMEN

By Edward B. Driscoll, Jr.

Watch the trailer for the recent Disney Pixar movie “Inside Out” and you will get a glimpse of Hollywood’s warped ideas about men and women.

The star of the scene is a concerned mother who is sensitive to her daughter’s feelings and takes charge in a difficult parenting situation. The butt of the jokes is a clueless father who daydreams about sports, provokes his daughter and creates “disaster” by getting angry instead of getting to the root of his daughter’s distress.

Viewed alone, the scene is amusing, especially for fathers who may feel like they’re watching a home movie instead of an animated kids flick. But viewed in the context of today’s barrage against dumb dads, the trailer looks more like the latest battlefield in the war on men.

Masculinity is under attack on multiple fronts in America – in schools where boys are treated like defective girls, in colleges where young men are presumed guilty of rape unless proven innocent and even in the justice system where they are treated more harshly than women.

PJTV tackles all of these topics and more in a new six-part video series.

Bill Whittle leads the roundtable discussion with a cast of eight PJTV regulars and contributors, who kick it off with a critique of the current attitude toward boys.

Whittle notes that boys are being medicated for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder at more than twice the rate of girls simply because they are more energetic than girls. Dr. Helen Smith, a forensic psychologist and author of “Men on Strike” says that is a direct result of liberal policies shaping public schools for the past three or four decades.

“People don’t know how to deal with boys,” says Smith. “And what they’re doing is ... using drugs as an avenue for having boys be cooperative and fitting into a school system that often times they don’t fit into.”

The war on men continues once boys head off to college. The outcry against “rape culture” on campuses has created a scenario wherein feminists are so determined to be right that they believe the worst about men – and even publish hoax stories like the one in Rolling Stone about a supposed gang rape at the University of Virginia.

“There’s this narrative that fraternities are just evil, filled with terrible men who are just preying on women,” said Ashe Schow, a staff writer at the Washington

Examiner.

The war also rages in today's American workplaces, with the focus there encompassing distorted claims of wage inequality for women. Whittle challenges the math behind those complaints, noting that they do not take into account factors such as men working longer hours and gravitating toward work that is more dangerous.

"The so-called war on women is a great political issue, and we've seen [President Obama] basically make up statistics and make up facts," PJ Media contributor Paula Bolyard says. "Yes, there's a wage gap, but it's because of different choices that women make."

In the home, the war on men is being waged through movies, television shows and even commercials that portray dads as incompetent bozos. "The wife is always smarter," says PJTV contributor Scott Ott. "She's always got that acerbic wit that bests her husband, and the husband is either sort of a hapless dunce with a heart or a hapless dunce without a heart."

Whittle illustrates the point by contrasting Ward Cleaver of "Leave it to Beaver" with Homer Simpson of "The Simpsons." PJTV contributor Stephen Kruiser says the TV commercials are even worse than the shows. "They reinforce the children are going to starve if the father doesn't get them to a fast-food outlet," he says.

With stereotypes like that being perpetuated, it should not come as a surprise that men do not fare as well as women in the justice system – be it higher conviction rates than women for equal crimes or the assignment of child custody to women in divorce cases. "Our whole welfare state is predicated on the notion that men, that fathers, that husbands are essentially disposable and can be replaced by a paycheck," comments PJTV contributor Stephen Green.

PJ Media contributor Rhonda Robinson agrees with Whittle's conclusion that feminism has gone beyond the pursuit of equality for the sexes, such as the right to vote, to actually destroying masculinity so women can be better than men. The turning point, she says, came in

1963 with publication of "The Feminine Mystique" by Betty Friedan.

Today's feminists want a gender-neutral world, Robinson says. "They want to ignore the fact that there are differences. Because if [there are] differences, then you have to acknowledge the strengths and weakness of each."

<http://www.wnd.com/2015/10/the-real-war-is-on-men-not-women/>



AMERICAN HISTORY DESTROYED

We spend so much time looking at things we have no control over. We worry about things we can do nothing about. Yelling about the eclipse and whether

or not it's the end of the world. Or why the numbers all add up to the end of the 1000 year reign of Satan or some such. Why does any of that matter at all? It doesn't, there are plenty of things IN THIS LIFE to worry about, and things that you have control over.

The left is tearing down all our heroes. They are destroying history. Their next target are the confederate heroes. They are lying about the history and working people into a frenzy. One example, Robert E. Lee was a great Christian man. He was against slavery, and the statue they pulled down was in "Emancipation Park". HE WAS AGAINST SLAVERY. The left is changing history in front of our eyes, and they are doing it because they hate everything Christian and everything good.

The left is destroying our heritage, and we are letting it happen. They are silencing the white men particularly, through shaming of our own heritage and history. Stand up, Stand up for Jesus, Men. Be bold as lions, speak the truth, and stand for righteousness.

We have a great Christian history that needs to be defended, not belittled and lied about.

https://coachdavelive.com/live/white-nationalist-history-is-being-destroyed?mc_cid=4450a476fd&mc_eid=ae97645131

WHY THEY FEAR JIM JORDAN AS HOUSE

SPEAKER

By Jeffrey A. Tucker

In the backdrop of the controversies about who is to be voted Speaker of the House of Representatives is the awareness that this role is third in line for the presidency.

The current president seems barely functional. The number two in line is absent without leave, never qualified in any sense, and is universally regarded as a joke if she is regarded at all, which she mostly is not.

That leaves the Speaker of the House, very close to the center of power. For many people in Washington, this is a huge problem. The uniparty decided some years ago never to allow another “populist”—meaning someone who actually responds to the public in reality and not just in rhetoric—near the center of power.

When the spot suddenly opened up, thanks to a vote pushed by a rebellious member, it threw the place into chaos. Jim Jordan of Ohio stepped up as the most respected and popular member among the grassroots of the party. Everyone has seen him on television. In his activism, he is everywhere at once, and a passionate opponent of business as usual on Capitol Hill.

By any normal standard, he was a shoo-in, provided the grassroots gets their way. The phones lit up for days and days, with people calling and demanding an on-record vote and ready to punish lawmakers who shrunk from their responsibilities.

Thomas Massie of Kentucky, one of the few national politicians with real backbone combined with high intelligence, has the highest respect for Jordan. Here is what Massie wrote in the thick of battle. These are important words:

“I’ve taken thousands of votes during my time in Congress. No roll call has been as clarifying as the one for Jim Jordan as Speaker. Why isn’t his election easy here? Because his leadership represents a credible threat to the unchecked growth of our bloated federal government.”

Of course the mainstream media described Jordan as far-right and a Trump guy, which certainly gives the wrong impression, if those words mean anything at all beyond signaling “we don’t like him.” What he is in

fact is the best investigator of deep-state machinations, a fierce debater, and a dedicated opponent of corruption and big government on all fronts.

He is a good representative of the most prescient and powerful ideas within the GOP. Most especially, he has a bead on the administrative state as the hidden enemy of the U.S. Constitution and American liberty generally.

And this is precisely why certain powers-that-be in Washington, D.C. were absolutely dedicated to making sure that he could not get this close to the center of power. The urgency these days to keep the racket going and keep rebels at bay has become extremely intense.

The deep state wants to keep a lid on it. They are behaving as Machiavelli described the wise prince, better feared than loved. Also like the prince, they would rather crush and destroy than give small offenses that can be avenged. In the case of any authentic representative of the populist movement, there is zero tolerance. This is why the D.C. insiders have yanked at every possible lever of influence to keep Jordan from the speaker’s chair.

Here’s the critical issue. The administrative state that has long run Washington, D.C. has two main branches, the old civilian bureaucracy that presumes as a matter of course that it is really in charge of the country, plus a deeper layer of the intelligence community that knows for sure that it is the real power running the nation.

They have both lived in the shadows for a very long time without members of the general public discovering it is the fourth and most important branch of government. It’s not in the Constitution but it runs things no matter what.

The election of Donald Trump in 2016 was a real turning point. Here is where the panic set in. The ridiculous claim that Russia was responsible for his election was the first psyop. It took years and vast resources but that supposed investigation turned up nothing of any substance at all. It was worse than a partisan attack. It was the old Washington fighting for its life against something they truly feared.

That turned out to be only the beginning. The worst of it came when they finally deployed the ultimate Trump-



crushing scheme, the response to a virus that led him to greenlight lockdowns, which led to trillions in spending, money creation, and explosive welfare payments, not to mention a huge attack on the property rights of just about everyone. The only beneficiaries were the big businesses that hated him, and the Democrats who gamed the virus fears to liberalize mail-in ballots used to cause his loss of the White House.

Part of the motivation here was Trump's clever scheme to reclassify deep-state employees as subject to the president and not their labor unions. That one change—finally shoved through in the weeks before the 2020 election—would have done more to drain the swamp than anything he had yet tried. That was the real moment of panic. Without a permanent and unelected deep state, the whole scheme would dry up and fundamentally falter.

The pandemic response is what finally exposed the administrative state to the general public, and gave rise to a next-level mass movement determined to stop this robbery of the American idea. That's where we are today: a tremendous and existential struggle between the people and the deep state, exactly as portrayed in every dystopian novel. Get that and you understand most every headline in the American press today.

And it's not just the United States. This great struggle is taking place all over the world. It's a battle between the elites and the people. The former have all the power but the latter have the passion and the ideas. What happens now really depends on an iterative series of steps that seemingly have nothing to do with the big picture but actually they do.

The election of Jim Jordan as speaker of the House is part of that grand struggle, one of many more to come in the years ahead. This is why there are so many people determined to stop it from happening. If someone like this can be third in line to the presidency, where does that leave the permanent bureaucracy in D.C. and all the interest groups for whom they carry water?

As of this writing, we don't know the final outcome. But this much we know for sure: this is only the beginning of a very long battle to take back the powers of government for the people.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/why-they-fear-jim-jordan-as-house-speaker-5513984?utm_source=ref_share&utm_campaign=copy

Comment: The Democrats are united in retaining bureaucratic power. Evidently, a good number of Republicans are also. Hence, there are enough Republicans

who want to retain power to stop Jordan, and elect a Democrat if necessary, in order to keep bureaucrats in power.

TAXES AND THE FALL OF ROME

By Bro. Need

IRS Raids Business and Owner's Home, Claims Tax Evasion

Two raids in one day. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) decided to raid both a business owners' place of business as well as his private residence on the same day. These were not tax agents clad in black suits carrying briefcases. These were federal agents in full body armor carrying assault rifles gathering boxes of paperwork, computers and phones from both locations.

<https://www.districtofcolumbiataxattorney.com/blog/2020/04/irs-raids-business-and-owners-home-claims-tax-evasion/>

Remember the many broken promises made by the wicked to get their many anti-Christ agendas through Congress. In order to get the Social Security Act passed and overcome the public resistance to "the mark of the beast," the promise was made that the SS number would not be used for identification. Some older people may still have their old SS card that said "Not to be used for Identification Purposes." I lost mine some years ago. And Obamacare: "You can keep your doctor." Facial recognition has been promoted in order to keep track of law breakers, but it is the innocent who are being persecuted and prosecuted. We cannot count the lies told by "Big Brother" in order to increase the power of the State. One of the more recent lies is "The Deficit Reduction Act," which financed an army of armed IRS agents with the promise they were not after those whose income was under \$400,000,00

Not long ago, I spoke with a waitress about her tips. When I said I would leave cash on the table, she told me it did not matter. They had to empty their pockets of any cash before their shift started. Then after their shift, they had to empty their pockets because the IRS required their tip income be reported. Deficit Reduction not by cutting spending, but by murder of the small guy as they rob him of what little livelihood and what little savings he might have. (Government sponsored inflation is the biggest lie and thief of our day.) "We" are pleading for God's judgment, and it is here, and will increase unless there is a genuine revival that results in a love for and obedience to the law of the LORD.

"WE" ARE DESTROYING OURSELVES BY PLEADING FOR

• **HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF**

This writer finds history an extremely interesting subject, and he can bore the uninterested to death. The term "History repeats itself" is true, because each generation of fallen man thinks history starts with him, so he ignores past history. He even rewrites history to suit his own purpose in the present and in a vain attempt to control the future, *e.g.*, the War of Northern Aggression was not about slavery, but about states' rights, the tax money Lincoln needed for the Northern bankers, and about religion, Unitarianism vs Calvinism. The Unitarian North invaded an independent nation, the Confederate Nation, and forced Unitarianism on the South through Reconstruction.

We hear comparisons with the Fall of Rome and the Fall of the US. Rome "fell" because of debauchery AND oppressive taxation. We are considering taxation in this tome.

We are living under an oppressive Government that rather than decrease spending, it plunders its honest, hardworking citizens through confiscatory taxation. Though Congress has taken on a conservative leaning, it refuses to control the spending that allows the State to increase its oppressive power. Republicans and Democrats are to blame. However, all parties realize the reality of reigning in Government deficit spending; it would cause the greatest depression on record, for everything is now depends on big government's defect spending. How many jobs would evaporate without government grants and contracts in every field of human endeavor? But let us not fool ourselves, for government fiat money must come to an end; that end is unavoidable according to God's monetary laws, silver and gold.

TAXES AND THE "FALL OF ROME."

Salvian of Marsille (c. 440 A.D.)

1. "Their oppressions in time of peace are much more bitter than the calamities due to war, both on account of the harsh tributes and on account of the oppression of the wicked, since the laws are not enforced for all alike. If a rich or powerful man transgresses them, he does not pay the penalty for his misdeed; but if a needy man, who does not know how to conduct his affairs, transgresses, he must expect the penalty ordained by law; unless perhaps, before the sentence is decided, when much time has been spent in continual litigation and great amounts of money expended beside, his life ends.

But the worst injustice of all is that law and justice are to be obtained only by bargaining and bribery. For no one will open the courts to any injured man before he turns over his money to the use of the judge and his assistants." Priseus countered with a description of the general justice of the Roman law and government, to which the exile replied that the laws of the Roman state were indeed good and the empire gloriously constituted, but the magistrates, less public-spirited than of old, were weakening and perverting it.

2. They are not willing to declare the truth openly, for this the sensitive ears of the wicked cannot bear. Not content with shunning the truth, our oppressors hate and curse it; they fail to evince any reverence or respect when they do hear the truth, and show utter scorn for it, In [sic] their stubborn and rebellious conceit. Therefore, even those who have occasion to speak remain silent and refrain from immediate attacks on those whom they know to be guilty. They dare not publish the whole truth openly for fear of increasing oppression by a too emphatic insistence.

Taxes (P. 141)

That is, the oppressive state is more bitter than war, for the State is at war with its non-rich citizens. Moreover, the State cannot bear to hear the truth, and will persecute those who try to speak out.

In the late third century Diocletian sent his colleague Maximian [sic] to Gaul to subdue the "country folk and bandits whom the inhabitants call the Bagaudae". . . .

"Yet, as its [Rome's] core strengthened – alongside its fire-fighting abilities on the periphery – confidence in the west Roman state's future weakened. Strength is always relative. Despite the state becoming more robust, its challenges grew weightier.

This meant that while the late Roman state's arteries became oxygenised – like some sort of drugged-up athlete – its capillaries fell into a state of neglect. In the mountainous regions of Gaul and Spain (and anywhere the imperial presence wasn't kept running at 100 per cent), the Bagaudae appeared.

6. I must now speak of the Bagaudae, who, despoiled, afflicted, and murdered by wicked and bloodthirsty magistrates, after they had lost the rights of Roman citizens, forfeited also the honor of the Roman name.

[P. 142, footnote 17. Strictly speaking the Bagaudae were not barbarians, but revolted peasants from among the Roman citizenry, whose long-continued revolts had

invested them in Roman eyes with a quasi-barbarian character; for the other barbarians note that in VII. 15 the Franks are described as especially hospitable.]

That is, the Roman oppression and tax burden on the average citizen became so heavy that the “country” folks, even though they would become slaves, sought the authority and protection of the pagans where Rome could not tax. Rome became a name of shame to the world. Accordingly, it was not the barbarians who destroyed Rome; rather, it was her own citizens who were forced to join with the “barbarians” because of Rome’s tax burden. Governor Newsom’s tax burden is driving “his” citizens to find shelter anywhere out of his reach. The same with Illinois and New York. At a Southern Heritage Conference many years ago, a man told us that the US would be divided up. We are experiencing that radical division.

7. Such is the ease [sic] among almost all the lower classes, for the same circumstances force them to two very different alternatives. They are most strongly compelled to wish for freedom, but the compulsion they suffer deprives them of power to carry out their wish. Perhaps it may be asserted that the very men who have these desires would wish for nothing better than to be free of any occasion to feel them, for what they wish is the greatest misfortune. They would be much better off if they had no need for such ambitions. But what other wish can these poor wretches have? They must endure the frequent, even continuous, ruin of state requisitions, always menaced by severe and unremitting proscription; they desert their homes to avoid being tortured in them, and go into voluntary exile to escape heavy punishment. To such men the enemy are kinder than the tax collectors. This is proved by their actions, for they flee to the enemy to avoid the oppression of the levies.

Such taxation in itself, however harsh and brutal, would still be less severe and painful if all shared equally in the common lot. But the situation is made more shameful and disastrous by the fact that all do not bear the burden together; the tributes due from the rich are extorted from the poor, and the weaker bear the burdens of the stronger. The only reason why they do not bear the whole burden is that the exactions are greater than their resources. They are suffering the most diverse and dissimilar misfortunes, envy and need. For envy is involved in the payment, and need in the means by which it is made. If you consider the amount they pay, you will think them wealthy; but if you consider what they have,

you will find them in dire need. Who can square the accounts of such injustice? They make the payments due from the rich while they suffer the poverty of beggars.

My next point is still more serious. The rich themselves from time to time make additions to the amount of taxation demanded from the poor. You may ask how it is, when their assessment has already reached a maximum figure, and the payments due from them are very large, that the rich can possibly wish to increase the total. But I did not say that they increase their own payments, for they permit the increase simply because it does not cost them anything additional.

Let me explain. Frequently there come from the highest imperial officials new envoys, new bearers of dispatches, sent under recommendation to a few men of note, for the ruin of the many. In their honor new contributions and tax levies are decreed. The mighty determine what sums the poor shall pay; the favor of the rich decrees what the masses of the lowly shall lose; for they themselves are not at all involved in these exactions. Do you say that it is impossible not to give due honor and entertainment to the envoys sent by our superiors? Then be the first to contribute, you men of wealth, who are first to pass such decrees; be first to lavish your property who are first in largess of mere words. You who give, give of mine and thine alike; though absolute justice would require that any one who wishes sole claim on the resulting favor should also bear the expense alone. However, we poor men accede to the wish of the rich. What you few order let us all pay. What is so just and humane as this? Your decree burdens us with new debts; at least let this indebtedness be shared between us. What can be more unjust or unworthy than that you alone should be free from debt, who are making us all debtors ?

The poor, indeed, in the extremes of their misery, pay all the exactions of which I have spoken, in utter ignorance of the object or reason of the payments. For who is allowed to discuss the payments, or inquire into the reasons for the amounts due ? The sum is openly published only when the rich fall out with one another, and some of them feel slighted because they learn that assessments have been passed without their advice and management. Then you will hear some among them say: ‘ ‘ What an unconscionable crime! Two or three decide the ruin of the many; a few powerful men determine what is to be paid for by many poor wretches!’’ For each individual rich man thinks it due to his hon-

or to object to any decree passed in his absence, but he does not consider it due to justice to object to any wrong being enacted in his presence.

Finally, what they have criticized in others they themselves afterward establish in law, either in requital for the earlier contempt, or as proof of their power. As a result the most unhappy poor are like men far out at sea, buffeted by conflicting winds; they are overwhelmed by the billows that break over them now from one side, now from the other.

Source: The Fifth Book, section 7. Salvian of Marsille. On The Government of God, pp. 144-146 440AC. Salvian continues describing what we are now experiencing from our own central government, e.g., 87,000 armed tax collectors needed to plunder America citizens. It is worth noting that congress has the power, but it has not withheld financing the many out of control branches, e.g., DOJ, IRS, &c.

Salvian of Marsille has long been known to us through one book in particular, his *de gubernatione Dei*, On the Government [that is, on the providential rule] of God, which he wrote at some time after 439 – probably in the early 440s. His book provides the most vivid, and by far the best known, commentary on the state of the western Roman empire in the 430s and 440s. (Brown) Gibbon drew heavily from Salvian for his *Decline and Fall...*

SUFFERING, HOPE & VICTORY

By Bro. Need

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalms 19:14

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5

Justification + Tribulation, Suffering = Conquering Hope!

Romans 8:24 *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? Hebrews 11:1* *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

In other words, scripture uses hope, faith and confidence interchangeably, for they are the same basic word.

As we read Romans 5:1-11, it is obvious that the Apostle Paul says that suffering has a higher and more noble place in the Christian Life than we would ever wish for in a sane moment. Paul makes it clear that suffering is a major part of the Christian life. He tells us

that it is through suffering that we enter into the joy of our salvation.

Paul points out that suffering produces good things for those who have faith in Christ. And if suffering produces good things for those with faith in Christ, then we should expect a harvest of great things.

According to Romans 5:1-5, God has great plans for those who patiently endure tribulations and sufferings!

V. 2, we stand in the midst of tribulations by faith, and the end result is rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.

Paul tells us that for those who are in Christ Jesus, suffering produces unstoppable rejoicing and hope. Suffering produces a powerful confidence in God; suffering produces confidence in the Lord no matter what comes; suffering produces the kind of hope, or confidence and faith that sees mountains moved.

Unfortunately, we want that powerful confidence and hope in the same way we want patience – immediately if not sooner. And we definitely desire the hope and faith of vv. 2 & 4 without suffering.

The hope characterizing the true Christian, though, is forged in the furnace of suffering. However, not just any suffering will create such faith, hope and love. Rather, it is the suffering that is peculiar to those who have peace with God, v. 1.

Those who suffer without the peace of v. 1 will wither, harden, shrivel and die. They will become bitter against God and against their fellow man. But those who suffer with the knowledge that though they were once enemies of God and children of wrath who were doomed to destruction; those who suffer with the knowledge that they were once haters of Christ and were traitors against God's created order; those who suffer knowing that they are now the *beloved of the Lord* (2 Thess 2:13); they are now adopted and exalted children of the Great King, and that they are now forgiven and fully accepted by God the Father; those who know they are accepted because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice and his holy obedience which have now been credited to their account — these people can suffer in hope.

The tribulations of life can be faced with quiet patience and hope, because we know that these things will shed abroad in our hearts the love of God, v. 5.

It is the suffering that has no light at the end of the tunnel that kills one.

It is the suffering that says "there is no one left to help me" that makes one shrivel up and die inside and out.



It is the suffering that says “I’m alone” that destroys one.

But those in Christ, are not alone. They are one with Him. They are clothed with his perfect righteousness and utterly forgiven and loved. They are empowered by the Holy Spirit of God who fills all who renounce self and claim Christ.

Though there may be storms of turmoil all around us, it is continually quiet and peaceful at the right hand of God where our Savior sits, rules, and intercedes for his own. Peter walked on the water, but began to sink when he looked at the storm instead of Christ. We are more like Peter than we care to admit. But we must keep our eyes on Jesus in the midst of the storm, who alone can keep us from sinking under the weight of the tribulations of this life.

Romans 5:1, *Justification by Grace through Faith*. When we fix our hope outside of ourselves, and fix it upon the immovable foundation of the finished work of Jesus Christ, nothing can keep us from ultimately sharing in Jesus Christ’s complete victory. Nothing, Paul says, will be able to separate us from the love of God.

However, the engine of ultimate victory in Christ is fueled by suffering. There is no other way to purge our self-centeredness and self-sufficiency than through the tribulations we must go through.

Suffering is God’s “acid test” of our faith. If we travel through the furnace of faith trusting in the Son of Man who is by our side like the Hebrew Children, our destiny is assured, because Christ is faithful.

When suffering causes us to give up, quit or simply grow lazy in the Christian Faith – that faith is immediately suspect as phony...a mere opinion, a preference,



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even a wonderful New Year’s resolution – but nothing more. Why? Evidently what passed for faith was all focused on ourselves and not Jesus Christ.

Despite what we call suffering, the author of Hebrews reminds us that most of us have not suffered to the shedding of blood. Not long ago a court in Yemen sentenced a Somalian refugee who had become a Christian to death for the crime of apostasy. We must pray for bold Christians like him world-wide who are shedding their blood for their Christian faith. Our sufferings are nothing by comparison. Will our small trials and paltry sufferings reveal us as phonies?

Remember this simple equation of the Christian Life if you remember nothing else:

Justification + Suffering = Conquering Hope!

Because Christ sits undisturbed at the Right Hand of God for us, because His has made atonement that cannot be undone or taken away, because we are one with Him and empowered by His Holy Spirit, we can pass through the furnace of suffering with the confidence of those who trust in the One who cannot be shaken. We have renounced trusting ourselves, and we trust Jesus Christ, and are united with Him in the power of His resurrection.

Does having peace with God really mean anything? Does seeking Christ’s forgiveness and power really make a difference?

Yes! It makes ALL the difference... if we are trusting in HIM and not ourselves.

May God help us see our minor trials as a furnace He walks through with us so that we might ultimately know the faith and confidence IN HIM, that truly moves mountains. Might we understand and operate in the faith that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us and gave himself for us, his people.