

# HISTORICALLY WHO WERE THE LEVITES?

## Chapter Two

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In the first chapter we traced the origins of the Celts – a mighty nation that struck fear into the hearts of all their enemies. They ruled a mighty empire, which extended from Europe to Asia. The beginning of their empire was in the sixth century B.C.

Alexander the Great made peace with them rather than provoke them to war. The success of the Celts in their many conquests made it imprudent for any to oppose them. When their demise finally came, it was from within their own empire that dissent grew and prospered.

The extent of their empire provided the pathway for the migrations of the lost Tribes of Israel to their destination in Europe.

The Celts practiced a religion that was rich in symbolism. These were called the Druids.

In the book, *‘Companion to British History’* under *‘Celtic Church’*, it says this: “The collapse of the British Church during the Anglo-Saxon invasions was only partial, for St Augustine found British church leaders when he arrived in the sixth century, but Christianity in Wales and Cornwall changed its institutional character. St. Illtud, possibly a Briton of Brittany (in France), set up a monastery in Wales.... Such men set a pattern for the Celtic Christianity, which had also reached Ireland. It came to be identified with certain practices, notably the observance of Easter (Passover) on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the moon after the spring equinox.... If there was no schism between the Celtic and the Roman churches, outlook and practice made them drift apart until the Celts thought of themselves as different and stubbornly defended their practices against Roman-trained missionaries... By the end of the eighth century, however, Roman practices and organization had permeated the English Church, but some of the Celtic aesthetic sense continued to flourish and Celtic monks taught their beautiful half-uncial penmanship to the Anglo-Saxons.”

Celtic Christianity continued to embrace the observance of Passover on the correct day as God recorded and required, but the Anglo-Saxons chose to uphold Roman practices and repudiated the Britons and their practices. The Britannic Celts found themselves further and further isolated, but stubbornly defended their practices. Obviously, Celtic Christianity did not originate in Rome as did the Christianity of the Anglo-Saxons. One of the most notable differences in the practices of the Aryan Celts was their observance of the Passover, and their observance of the first new moon of the Holy Calendar of God, and their practice of observing the Passover on the correct day – on the 14<sup>th</sup> Nissan.

Julius Caesar was something of a writer himself. He recorded the practices and lifestyles of all the nations he encountered. One thing he had noted about the Celts was their practice of observing the days from sunset to sunset. He found this quite mysterious, since the only other people on the earth who followed this practice were the Jews. It was at variance to anything he had previously encountered among the other peoples of the world. The devotion of these people to the Holy Scripture is summed up by Josephus, who quotes Julius Caesar’s successor Augustus: Antiq. 16:6:2:163 “... and that they not be obliged to go before any judge on the Sabbath Day, nor on the day of preparation to it, after the ninth hour (3pm).” Clearly, the observations of Julius Caesar had left a lasting legacy for his successor, Emperor Augustus, who decreed that the Jews should receive the same privileges under Roman law.

Being an expert on pagan gods, Caesar equated everything with one or the other of known gods. He felt that every nation could be characterized by the gods they worshipped. And since the Romans and Greeks worshipped every known kind of pagan god, every other nation had to have an affinity with one of these – *according to his philosophy!* It was just a matter of deciding which one was applicable. In the book *‘Myths and Legends of the Celts’*, published in 1905, the author draws on many of the historians and scholars who had preceded him. In the record of Caesar’s tribal investigations, he has this to say (pp. 87):

“Caesar, who tries to fit the Gallic religion into the framework of Roman mythology – which was exactly what the Gauls did (sic) after the conquest – says they held Mercury to be the chief of the gods, and looked upon him as the inventor of the arts, as the presiding deity of commerce, and as the guardian of roads and guide of travelers.” Obviously, according to Caesar, everyone had to worship at least one of the Roman gods – it was just a question of determining which one. He became convinced that one of the gods they worshiped was Dis or Pluto, the god of darkness, because they observed the days of the week from sunset to sunset. This is how he reasoned (pp. 89): “According to Caesar, a most notable deity of the Gauls was (in Roman nomenclature) Dis, or Pluto, the god of the underworld inhabited by the dead. From him all Gauls claimed to be descended (sic), and on this account, says Caesar, they began the reckoning of the twenty-four hours of the day with the oncoming of night.” Caesar could not have understood that the Gallic Celts were not under instructions from the gods he worshiped, but from the Great Creator God Himself (**Lev 23:32**). They alone were observing the days as God intended. Caesar understood that the true Celts were the Britons, but apparently, did not understand they had derived their name from the Hebrew word for covenant: ‘*berith*’. The practice of the Celts in dropping their ‘h’ resulted in the pronunciation of ‘*brits*’. The word ‘*British*’ means ‘*Covenant-men*’. In the same way, the ‘h’ is dropped from anti-shemite to become antisemite. Shem, the son of Noah, being the progenitor of the white Europeans (including also the Germanics) and their descendants. The descendants of Ham are predominantly found in black Africa, as confirmed by Almighty God (**Ps 78:51, 106:21-22**), and the orientals are the Japhethites.

The invasion by the Angles and Saxons displaced the Celts, driving them into Wales, Scotland and parts of Northern Ireland, and also forced a migration back to France. Meanwhile, many still remained in **Brittany** in France, where they were known as **Britons** and **Gauls**. The Anglo-Saxons were quick to receive missionaries from Rome, and were also quick to adopt the habit of persecuting those who disagreed with them. In warfare the Celts were their enemies, and in religion considered equally so. They were not about to be proselytized by their enemies.

The **Aryan** connection with the Celtic Druids is explained by the author of ‘*Myths and Legends of the Celts*’ in this manner (see footnote, pp 82): “The etymology of the word **Druid** is no longer an unsolved problem. It had been suggested that the latter part of the word might be connected to the **Aryan** word **vid** which appears in the Latin word **videre**, &c., Thurneysen has now shown that this root in combination with the intensive particle **dru** would yield the word **Dru-vids**, represented in Gaelic by **Dravi**, a **Druid**, just as another intensive, **su**, with **vids** yields the Gaelic **savi**, a **sage**.”

Under the sub-heading in the same book – **Caesar on the Druidic Culture**, on page 84, it says this: “The religious, philosophic, and scientific culture superintended by the Druids is spoken of by Caesar with much respect. “They discuss and impart to the youth,” he writes, “many things respecting the stars and their motions, respecting the extent of the universe and of our earth, respecting the nature of things, respecting the power and majesty of the immortal gods (sic). (Caesar, bk. VI, 14) We would give much to know some of the particulars of the teaching here described. But the Druids, though well acquainted with letters, **strictly forbade the committal of their doctrines to writing**; an extremely sagacious provision, for not only did they **surround their teaching with that atmosphere of mystery** which exercises so potent a spell over the human mind, but **they ensured it could never be effectively controverted**.”



The territories of the Celts, Germanics, and Romans prior to the great push against the Celts.

In the same book, the author waxed somewhat eloquently concerning the teachings of the Celtic Druids. Page 94: “Let it be remembered that in the early Middle Ages Celts from Ireland (and Wales, Scotland and Brittany, it should be added) were the most notable explorers, the most notable pioneers of religion, science, and speculative thought in Europe<sup>1</sup>. Modern investigators have traced their footprints of light over half the heathen continent, and the schools of Ireland were thronged with foreign pupils who could get learning nowhere else. The Celtic spirit was then playing its true part in world-drama, and a greater it has never played. The legacy of these men should be cherished indeed, but not as a museum curiosity; nothing could be more opposed to their free, bold, adventurous spirit than to let that legacy petrify in the hands of those who claim the heirship of their name and fame.” Among those who claimed heirship of their name and fame were the Anglo-Saxons, who began to call themselves ‘*British*’ after they had successfully crushed the *Brythonic* Celts as a people, and driven them to the western fringe of the English mainland, the highlands of Scotland, and Brittany in France.

In the reference to the footnote we find references to many of the great teachers among the Celts: <sup>1</sup> .....Virgilius (Feargal) of Salzburg, who had to answer to Rome for teaching the sphericity of the earth in the eighth [century]; Dicuil, “*The Geographer*” and Johannas Scotus Erigena – the mastermind of the epoch – in the ninth [century].” It’s a bit



Disk found at Cuperly near Epernay, France. Dating from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, its creation involved sophisticated compass work (Musée des Antiquités Nationales). Shows a pockmarked moon rotating around a spherical earth.  
Credit: John Davies, book- The Celts.

of a stretch to believe that everyone thought the world was *flat* seven centuries before Columbus. It had been widely taught, and then viciously suppressed by Rome, that the earth was spherical. In addition to this, the Celtic geographers, particularly under the auspices and efforts to these two Celts, made navigation much safer. Authentic copies of the Piri Reis map (1513 AD) and the Oronteus Finaeus map of the same era, were discovered in Turkey (the former territory of the Galatian Celts) in a monastery. These maps are still on display in a Turkish museum. These maps show ice-free coasts, rivers and mountain ranges in Antarctica. There is evidence that these maps were copies of even earlier maps dating back centuries. These maps certainly bring into question the prevailing madness of the ‘global-warming’ theorists who make wild predictions, and for which they have no evidence. In the past one thousand years, the ice cover of the poles has become progressively thicker *not thinner*! In some Nordic

countries, the mooring rings set into the natural rock of harbours, and to which traditional fishermen used to tie their boats, are now so high out of the water that they can no longer be reached. Try telling these people that sea levels are rising! Sea levels have progressively fallen for centuries as the polar icecaps thickened. Some aircraft left by the allies in Iceland during the second world war, are now about 60-120 feet (from memory) below the surface of the icecap (some were recently recovered by drilling through the ice to locate them). Earth scientists today, that is, those who make their living by formulating theories to get bigger and bigger research grants, ignore evidence, choosing to offer their unsubstantiated theories and milk the system for all its worth. Real evidence is ignored! Everyone is so ‘scientific’ today! Perhaps they should research the meaning of the word ‘scientific’. Science should not be based on theories for which there is no evidence!

It was important to Caesar to cast the Aryan Celts into a form of worship that was familiar to him. We find this passage in the book, ‘*Myths and Legends of the Celts*’, pp 86, “What were the names and the attributes of the Celtic deities? Here we are very much in the dark. The Megalithic people (early Celts) did not imagine their deities under concrete personal form. Stones, rivers, wells, trees, were to them the adequate symbols, or were half symbols, half actual embodiments, of the supernatural forces which they venerated. But the imaginative mind of the Aryan Celt was not content with this. The existence of personal gods with distinct titles and attributes is reported to us by Caesar, who equates them with various figures in the Roman pantheon – Mercury, Apollo, Mars and so forth. Lucan mentions a triad of deities, Aesus, Teutates, and Taranus; and it is noteworthy that in these names we *seem* to be in the presence of a true Celtic, i.e., Aryan, tradition.” Now here’s some creative thinking! Lucan chooses some commonly used names in the Celtic language and converts them to deities. He does, however, confirm that the Celts are the true Aryans.

It’s quite odd just how quickly the word Aryan became corrupted to describe something entirely different. In 1853, Frenchman Count de Gobineau, in his book ‘*Essay sur l’Inégalité des Races Humaines*’ describes the origins of the Celts and their former glory. He maintains their greatness was the result of their Aryan roots and the righteous Laws under which they lived. They went to great lengths to preserve



their origins, and the code of ethics handed down by Moses. It was through this that they had the edge over other nations, an inequality of privilege that no other nation had. An unseen hand had guided them to become the mightiest nation on earth. Another book (title unknown) of the nineteenth century, was written by Englishman Houston Stewart Chamberlain. He was frequently quoted upholding the same views. It was these very same views that were later hijacked by their imitators that later began to equate 'Aryan' with Germanics, and finally Germany alone.

It's interesting that those who followed **Roman Christianity** (Angles, Saxons, Germanics and others) were foremost in trying to ascribe paganism to the Celts. They very well knew that the source of their own religion was closely associated with the Holy Roman Empire, at least until the Reformation, and



Hitler's perceived glory of a millennial reign, with the eagle flying overhead.



Eagles everywhere! Hitler was no slouch when it came to making grandiose claims. He wanted to eradicate the Celts and the Jews from the face of the earth.



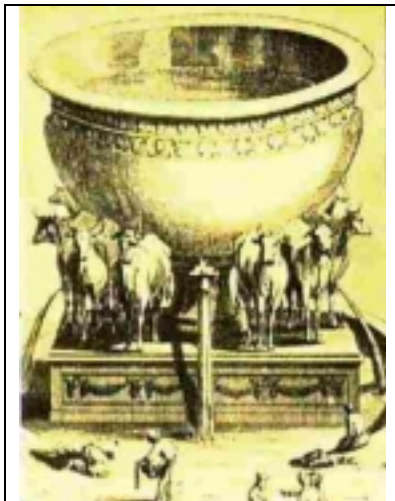
The perfect 'Aryan' specimen of manhood with blonde hair and blue eyes according to Hitler. Oddly enough, Hitler didn't qualify himself! Neither did his henchmen.

its very clear from where their own brand of Christianity emerged. It emerged from the religion of the Emperor Constantine of the Eastern or Byzantine Empire in Turkey. Of this, the historical record is clear! As for any association of the **Aryan Celts** with any form of paganism, the above historian says, "**Here we are very much in the dark.**" There are no bankable, credible links – only

suppositions.

Typical of their Anglo-Saxon brothers in England, who adopted the name '**British**' from the *Celts*, the Germans also sought to make a link. Cloistered away in his prison cell, Hitler dreamed of an empire which would last a thousand years. This millennial rule, incidentally, has its origins in the teachings of the Celts. The Celts knew and understood that the Millennial rule will be established as the Kingdom of God.

Hitler couldn't get away with claiming to be Celtic, but the word '**Aryan**' had a nice ring to it, and anyway, it's origins had almost been forgotten. The fact that the word **Aryan** was always associated with the Celts in ancient history never fazed him a bit.



**King Brywn's cauldron.**  
12 bulls supported this massive, bronze cauldron. The prophet Jeremiah lamented the destruction of the Great Sea in 586 BC. The world soon forgot all about it – all except the Celts! To them, it was important that the memory of it was preserved.

**Mein Kampf** was not designed to be a historic document, but a propagandist, aggrandizement of Hitler's personal ambitions and the purity of the master race – him and the Germans! Yet nowhere in the turgid, rambling 782-page document does he ever seek to quantify the attributes of a master race in comparison to other races. The fair Nordic hair and skin colour of the Germans was sufficient evidence of master-race status. Yet others, including the Angles and Saxons, had the same physical attributes of his 'master race', yet failed to qualify.



Celtic King Brywn, the Blessed, built a great bronze cauldron, similar in size and style to the Great Sea that was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.



Witches cauldrons seemed to be the only logical explanation for the Celtic cauldrons in the minds of those who had no desire to understand their meaning. Notice the ever-present black raven so frequently associated with witchcraft.

But a true Aryan, Hitler could never be! The name Aryan is derived from Aaron, and Aryans claim descent from the Levite tribal line.

The Aryan Celts kept everyone in the dark in relation to their beliefs. It's well known that Celts kept family cauldrons and community cauldrons. These were so lavishly ornate that they weren't used for cooking. Others sought to equate these with witches cauldrons and the dark mysteries of black magic. It was reasoned that since they weren't used for cooking, and they weren't used for any public function, they had to have a sinister purpose.

One of these cauldrons was so large that it had to be transported by bullock cart wherever they went. Another, built by Celtic King Brywn the Blessed, was so massive, that it replicated the great sea of Solomon's Temple.

This is how Jeremiah described the Great Sea: **Jer 52:20** "The bronze from the two pillars, the Sea and the twelve bronze bulls under it, and the movable stands, which King Solomon had made for the Temple of the LORD, was more than could be weighed."

How strange it is, that of all the people on the face of the earth, it was a Celtic King who built the replica of the Great Sea destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. While everyone else had forgotten all about the Holy Land and Jerusalem, the Celts were building monuments to commemorate past glories.

It was important that the legacy of the Levites was evident for future generations, and to ensure that God's selection of them as His chosen Tribe would still be visible throughout history. For this reason, the Celtic lifestyle and custom was rich in symbolism. Two great symbols became very evident among the Celts. Firstly, there were the cauldrons which had pride of place in every family and every community. And secondly, there were the two columns which were featured in their unique architecture. These were foremost in their memory following Jeremiah's lament at their destruction of Solomon's Temple, and which were

#### WHEN TITUS ADVANCED ON HEROD'S TEMPLE

It's worth noting the type of madness that prevailed among the Jewish people at Jerusalem leading up to the destruction of the city by Titus in 70AD. See **Josephus, Wars, 6:6** for the full account. And notice Titus' appeal to them to save the Holy City and themselves, either by peaceful surrender, or optionally, taking the battle to another area. All these things were rejected by the seditious Jews, who also decided to make a last stand from the Palace. But there was an obstacle! There were 8,400 of the elderly, women, children and others of their own people, who had crowded in there. So they slew them all and plundered them (**Wars, 6:7:1**). And this at a time when the whole city was surrounded by the Roman Armies, and they had no hope of escaping with their plunder. But of course, plunder can also buy hostage rights, and perhaps some believed they could buy their lives from the invaders.

Some may take the occasion of this crazy slaughter to judge the whole Tribe of Judah as evil. But there are other considerations.

In a speech to them at the gates of Jerusalem, Titus says: "Nay, you know that the [strong] Germans themselves are our servants. Have you stronger walls than we have? Pray, what greater obstacle is there than the wall of the ocean, with which the Bretons (Britons) are encompassed, and yet do adore (respect) the arms of the Romans?" (**Wars, 6:6:2, 331**). The Germans had already taken sides *against* the Britannic Celts in favour of the Romans. And the other point made here is, the Britons/Celts controlled all the British Isles surrounded by the Sea in 70 AD.

One other statement by Titus in his speech to the Jews has particular significance. **V346** "When I came near your Temple I again departed from the laws of war, and exhorted you to spare your own Sanctuary, and to preserve your Holy House to yourselves, I allowed you a quiet exit out of it, and security for your preservations; nay, if you had a mind, I gave you leave to fight in another place. Yet you have still despised every one of my proposals, and have set fire to your Holy House with your own hands. And now, *vile wretches*, do you desire to treat with me by word of mouth? To what purpose would you save such a Holy House as this was, which is now destroyed?"

Titus proposed everything imaginable to spare the Temple, but this hard core of fanatics wouldn't listen, and in their madness, slaughtered 8,400 of their own people out of greed and avarice – people who didn't deserve to die! **And they set fire to the Temple themselves!**

All these things happened forty years after Jesus the Christ had issued the strongest warnings of this impending doom. He accused His enemies of being snakes and vipers, and warned that their House would be left to them desolate. Even today, there are elements of Judaism that still deny that the Temple that Herod built was God's Temple. Yet Jesus called the Temple '*My Father's House*'! The seed of treachery still lives! Those who say such things claim that Solomon's Temple was the first, the structure that Zerubbabel built was the second, and now they are awaiting the building of the third. People who say such things are the continuing seed of Satan. They refuse to acknowledge the Temple built by Herod because they destroyed it themselves!

It's worth noting that this group of evil fanatics was very small, but they were the activists during Christ's time. It was they who leveled all the accusations! It was they who had no answers for anything, and yet continued to accuse! These were the ones that Satan specifically targeted for support, and they listened to him, and Christ made the point that their father was the devil. They not only listened to the language of Satan, they also did his will.

And neither was Jesus referring to their Jewishness. He was speaking of a seed that foreshadowed them in the Garden of Eden (**Gen 3:15**) – a wretched evil seed that would always respond to their father the devil. This is the same seed that *killed righteous Abel* – a point made by Christ in **Matt 23:35**. The Jews were not even born then, and neither were their forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So Jesus was not targeting the Jews, but the seed of Satan and his rulers of the heavenly realms.

As for the priests who were so prevalent in the persecution of Him and His followers, many of them attained the priesthood by simony; in other words, they *bought* the priesthood. Yet not all! **A very large number of them** became obedient to the faith: **Acts 6:7** "So the Word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."

specifically mentioned by him (**Jer 52:20**).

However, many other symbols were preserved by the Celts. And these too, spoke of truth in a unique, concealed and mysterious form. If these things are not convincing enough, the Celts also immortalized the name of Hiram Abiff down to *this present day*. And who was Hiram Abiff? He's mentioned in **1Kings 7:13** "King Solomon sent to Tyre and brought Hiram (some versions 'Hiram'), whose mother was a widow from the Tribe of Naphtali and whose father was a man of Tyre and a craftsman in bronze. Hiram was highly skilled and experienced in all kinds of bronze work. He came to Solomon and did all the work assigned to him. He cast the two bronze pillars, each 18 cubits high and twelve cubits round, by line. He also made two capitals of cast bronze to set on the tops of the pillars; each capital was five cubits high." **V23** "He made the Sea of cast metal, circular in shape, measuring ten cubits from rim to rim, and five cubits high. It took a line of thirty cubits to measure round it. Below the rim, gourds encircled it – ten to a cubit. The gourds were cast in two rows in one piece with the Sea. The Sea stood on twelve bulls, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. The Sea rested on top of them, and their hindquarters were towards the center. It was a handbreadth in thickness, and its rim was like that of a cup, like a lily-blossom. It held two thousand baths." In addition to the great Sea, Hiram also made ten smaller bronze bowls or cauldrons (**V38**) as well as other bronze articles for the Temple. It was these smaller cauldrons that became the Tribal symbols, and these were preserved as family heirlooms.

The existence of these cauldrons, and the fact that they seemed to serve no visible purpose, led to the belief that they had something to do with witchcraft. There is something to be said for the statement, '*The spiritual mind discerns the things of God.*' Those who lack the Spirit of God hurl abuse and imply dark meanings to everything.

And why 12 bulls? Who do the 12 bulls represent? In one of the prophecies concerning Ephraim, the prince among his brothers, he is said to gore the nations to the ends of the earth: **Deut 33:17** "In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox, with them he will gore the nations, even those to the ends of the earth." The 12 bulls represent all the 12 Tribes of Israel (see also **Ezra 8:35** "twelve bulls for all Israel") supporting the landmass of the earth. This is an earth where the landmass is on one side, and the sea on the other. It paints a picture of what is to be.

None of the Biblical scholars down through the ages have ever been able to figure out the meaning or purpose of the Great Sea. This great cauldron is intricately interwoven with many other preserved symbols including: the Star of David, the pyramid, the square and compass symbol and, believe it or not, a woman! These things are discussed later in this article.

#### CHRIST - THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE.

Christ spoke of the destruction of the Temple, and added that in three days He would raise it up. It was pointed out that He was speaking of the Temple of His body. And who killed Jesus Christ? Was it the Jews? The Romans? Or Herod? **It was the rulers of the heavenly realms!** Forty years after they destroyed the Temple of the Body of Jesus Christ, they set about and destroyed the Temple built by Herod. And, according to Titus, **they destroyed it themselves with their own hands!**

Even Rome's appointee, Pontius Pilate washed his hands of the whole affair when Jesus was brought to him for execution, but realizing he was speaking to maniacs, conceded Christ into their hands to do as they willed. These self-righteous hypocrites had just one thing on their mind – **murder! Innocent or not, He had to die!** What they lacked in evidence to convict Him, they would invent. Truth and honour meant nothing to them. **Like their father the devil, they too, were liars and murderers.** To their credit, the Jewish people had anticipated a Messiah-figure arriving and building the Temple. Instead it was built by a man who was noted for his slaughter of Jewish babies to prevent the birth of the true King. Herod was an evil and detestable tyrant, and most of the Jews considered him to be Baalzebub himself, but still they accepted the gift and instituted a priesthood, together with the sacrifices, and considered it to be the Temple of God for many years. While Herod built the second Temple, the real architect was a ruler of the heavenly realm, and Christ identified him by name.

It should be pointed out that Satan doesn't field his representatives in a way that makes it obvious. Instead, they usually present themselves as pillars of virtue, wearing all the right regalia, claiming exalted offices, and generally boast of their righteousness. And all this while planning and plotting the destruction of those who truly serve God! When caught out in their traitorous evil, their fallback position is to quote elementary Scripture that has nothing to do with the question at hand. They snarl like dogs and hiss like vipers at everything to do with prophecy, *except* the prophecy they have invented from their own minds. Satan's seed is still very active and busily subverting everything that God has said, and especially the Scriptures that Christ used – **the only Scripture that existed at that time.** For many years this was the only Scripture, and all those who converted to Christianity did so on the basis of these teachings.

These same dogs and vipers who killed Christ are set to destroy the Body of Christ again! This is the sacred Temple of the Spirit of God. And all competent Bible students should know what the Body of Christ is! It's the Church that Christ built (**Matt 16:18**). Will they succeed in destroying the Temple of God's Spirit? It's all a part of God's Plan that they do. Some will seek to escape to save their lives – but they will lose them. Others will go willingly as Christ did, as sheep to the slaughter – and gain life! All these things were foreshadowed by the Christ Himself; He has made it known from the outset.



When the northern ten Tribes of the House of Israel were taken into captivity, they were enslaved by many nations. Generations of them lost their identity and drifted into the ways of the Gentiles and became as Gentiles. Almighty God anticipated this happening and gave an undertaking that while He would sift them through many nations like wheat through a sieve, none would fall to the ground. **Amos 9:9** “For I will give the command, and I will shake the House of Israel among the nations as grain is shaken through a sieve, but not an ear will fall to the ground. All the sinners among my people will die by the sword, all those who say, ‘Disaster will not overtake or meet us.’” While those who believed they were immune from disaster fell by the sword, others went into captivity and became as Gentiles. The Apostle Paul referred to them as *wild olive branches* (**Rom 11:17, 24**).



The early Celtic Empire and the pathway to Asia, all of which provided a safe haven for the migrating Tribes of Israel.  
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Amos' words may seem like the end of the matter, and that all this happened historically, but in the next verse, God says this: **Amos 9:11** “In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be.” And in **V14** “I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them.” **V15** “I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them.” So there is an air of finality in what God has said. He has given an undertaking never to allow them to be uprooted again, but only after He has planted them in the land He has given them. That land is the Promised Land.

Since God's promises to the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) are central to the fulfillment of all prophecy, and since all prophecy is geared towards creating a holy nation through the seed of Abraham, God must have made provision to get this done.

Of course, when the Tribes of Israel were sifted as grain through a sieve, they all got up and left enmasse after the word was given, just like in Egypt. **No, they didn't!** It would be very convenient for historians who are trying to track them if they had done this. The truth is they filtered through countries and over hundreds of years found common territory where others of their own people had gone. They tended to settle where they found common cultural interest. Importantly, God never allotted territories in Europe for the 12 Tribes as He did in the Holy Land. And neither did they desire to preserve their tribal identities. After generations of persecution and slavery they were only too happy to be planted and to take root.

The Celts had laid the groundwork for a new life in a new land. Compared to some of the lands they had traversed, the European theatre was a safe haven, which provided a welcome change.



The pincer move begins with the Germans descending from the north, and the Romans moving in from the south.  
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If you look around the world today and view the activities of the many churches that have sprung up and consider their teachings, you would have to conclude that God's objectives are very different from theirs. God keeps speaking of the Tribes of Israel, the seed of Abraham, the lost sheep of Israel, and says He plans to restore them as a nation and plant them in the land that He gave to Abraham and his seed forever. This is not the message that is coming from the churches! Yet this is God's overriding purpose for the House of Israel!

Even *before* the Church was established, God designated a man to rebuild David's fallen tents, that is, **to reestablish the House of David**: **Luke 1:69** "He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the House of His servant David (as He said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us – to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy Covenant, the oath He swore to our father Abraham, to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days."

It was prophesied through the holy prophets of long ago that the horn of salvation for the **House of David** would be established through the Tribe of Levi. John the Baptist, to whom this verse refers, was the son of a high priest of the Tribe of Levi. This horn is also mentioned in **Psalm 148:14** "He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, the people close to His heart. Praise the LORD." The reference to the 'horn' is a reference to the horns of a bull. God speaks of Ephraim goring the nations to the ends of the earth, but also refers to him as a foolish heifer who loves to thresh (**Hos 10:11**). Ephraim is like a frisky heifer when he goes out to gore other nations. The Tribe of Levi is different! The Levites have a profound regard for the will of Almighty God. What God commands gets done, decisively and completely! Not only was John the Baptist a Levite, he was also a descendant of Aaron: **Luke 1:5-6** "In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's Commandments and regulations blamelessly."

God has made promises to His servant David. He intends to fulfill them. It might have been thought that the Tribe of Judah would restore David's fallen tents – the House of David, but this honour goes to the Levite priesthood, of which John the Baptist was the appointed vessel. But John was beheaded by the beast that then existed, and did not fulfill this prophecy, even though he fulfilled everything that was spoken of him up to the time of his death. The beheading of John the Baptist was a factor that was to have further ramifications for identifying the Levites, and was used as a symbol for identifying their forebears. More about this later.

Later when the Messiah built His Church, He gave them (the Church) an entirely different set of instructions. He made it clear that they were *not* the horn of salvation. Almighty God had already chosen others for this work. An entirely different ministry, yet one which esteemed the Messiah above their own lives, and His offspring as those who should be nurtured. This, John the Baptist, certainly fulfilled. But the horn of salvation was not raised up at that time in accordance with the intended meaning. Yet a mighty nation then existed, and had been established in Britain hundreds of years before, and these were called the Celts. The Celts established a pathway from the very hub of the former Assyrian Empire in Asia Minor who conquered the House of Israel – from Galatia to Europe, and the Celts became the ruling clan over all the House of Israel. For hundreds of years these were feared by every despot and every nation as

unassailable warrior knights. Even Alexander the Great made friends with them and stayed out of their territory. Alexander himself had formidable prowess in battle, but realized he was no match for this invincible force.

Alexander is spoken of in prophecy. This prophecy speaks of him ruling over the whole earth, yet he didn't conquer the whole earth. He conquered Asia Minor, and all the territories of Babylon, he stopped at the border of India, pushed deep into present-day Afghanistan, conquered Egypt, the City of Tyre, but never entered into

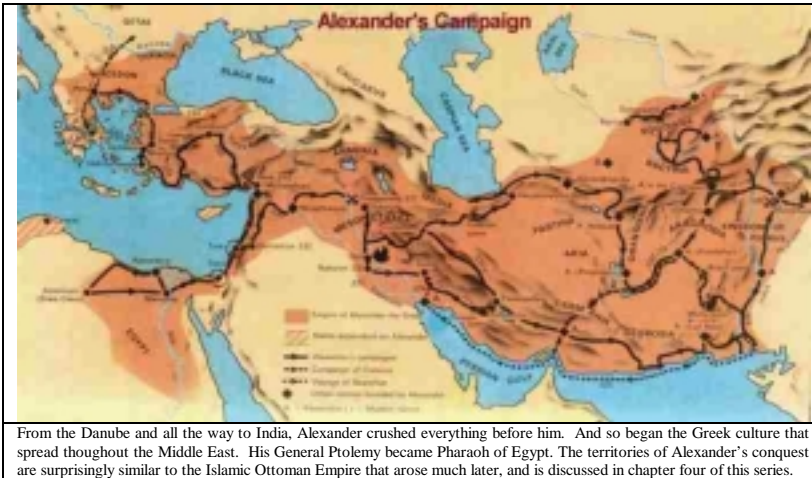
**The City of Tyre**  
The city that Alexander conquered is a thriving city and seaport today. The causeway that Alexander built can be clearly seen in this picture and is now covered with skyscrapers. Generations of Christians have claimed it would never be re-built, and even offered this as proof of the Bible. Yet God clearly states that this city will feature prominently in endtime events. Jesus visited Tyre (**Matt 15:21**), and it was still a seaport in Paul's time (**Acts 21:3**). The fanciful notions of those who presume to prophesy certainly produce an aura of mystery – but they neglect to teach according to God's sacred Word!  
**Photo credit: BBC, Michael Wood – In the footsteps of Alexander the Great.**





Western Europe. Instead he died at the age of 33, the same age as John the Baptist when he died, and never fulfilled all prophecy concerning him.

In Luke's record of the prophecy concerning John the Baptist, it says that this horn of salvation was to 'rescue us from the hand of our enemies' (Luke 1:74). This doesn't seem to accord with the perceptions of Christianity today, who seem to think their salvation is nailed to the cross and certain, because of their muttered lip-service to Almighty God. To them, all prophecy is of no value since their salvation is sure – according to their beliefs. The delivery of the Book of Revelation was apparently a *faux pas* on God's part because it was totally unnecessary – they don't need it! They claim all prophecy was fulfilled in Christ, and is no longer important. The fact that the Book of Revelation was delivered some sixty years after Christ's Resurrection means nothing to them. The fact that Christ quoted extensively from the holy prophets of long ago, and spoke of the fulfillment of these prophecies at a future time, means nothing to those who are blind to God's Truth.



In V71 we find these words: 'salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us'. So it's speaking of this salvation! Can we be sure? Maybe it's speaking of drifting off into the air and receiving rewards and eternal life for all the nice things some have spoken about God in their hearts. But Luke's record continues: V76 "And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to

prepare the Way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the Rising Sun will come to us from heaven to shine on all those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet to the path of peace." What is meant by 'the knowledge of salvation'? And who are they who are living in darkness? And in 'the shadow of death'? Whose feet need to be guided into 'the path of peace'? Could it possibly have some connection with the City of Peace?

John's father Zechariah, being filled with the Holy Spirit (V67), spoke of his son fulfilling the words of the holy prophets of old, particularly the Book of Malachi and the Book of Isaiah. In the Book of Malachi, a Levite is appointed to prepare the Way for the LORD (Mal 3:1). Furthermore, this Levite is the fulfillment of the prophet Elijah (Mal 4:5) who appears before the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD. Just as John came in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Luke 1:17), so will Elijah come in the Spirit and Power of John. So what is the legacy of John the Baptist? Did this Spirit and Power fizzle out? Should we now look for a Jewish leader from the Tribe of Judah to fulfill the unfinished business of prophecy? No! A prince of Judah will come, but not right away. It's Levi that is appointed to restore the House of David and to reclaim the land promised to Abraham.

In the Book of Hebrews, we learn that all the great men of God considered themselves aliens and strangers, and looked for a country of their own (Heb 11:13). And in V14 "People who say such things show they are looking for a country of their own." Is Christianity looking for a country of their own? If they are, then it's one of the world's best-kept secrets! It's certainly not evident in their teachings! And they certainly don't appear to be looking for the country that God gave to Abraham and his descendants.

But others are looking for a country of their own. These are the ones to whom God never gave an inheritance. These were the ones that God settled among all the Tribes, but never allotted them their own territory in the Holy Land. They owned property and built houses, but it was in the territory of the other Tribes. Foremost among all the Tribes of Israel, the Levites served Almighty God as the chosen ones. Only they were permitted to approach God and serve in His dwelling-place – the Holy Temple. Their service to Him was their whole life – just as Moses stated (Deut 32:47). God planned for the Levites to be the one Tribe that was truly inter-tribal or international – the Tribe that would truly influence all the Tribes of Israel. The purpose of the Levites was to be the teachers of the Law and the judgments. This is what

they were trained for, and this is their function. They were selected for this role from the time when they were still in Egypt. Three Levites were chosen for the start of this great mission: Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

Has Almighty God since changed His mind? Has God chosen some other Tribe to prepare the Way for the LORD? If so, then what was the purpose of John the Baptist? And why did Jesus confirm John's appointment?

God certainly hasn't changed His mind! Throughout the history of the past two thousand years or so, God has again confirmed His appointment to the Levites. In the days of Moses, God established great symbolism in the making of the Tabernacle. Everything had a meaning and a purpose. For this reason God told Moses to see that he makes everything according to the pattern provided him. The significance of this is reiterated in **Heb 8:5** "They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.'" **It was very important that this symbolism was preserved.** The vast majority of the Israelites at that time went about their lives without too much consideration of what all these symbols meant. They were not appointed to Temple or Tabernacle service – *only the Levites were* – so none of these things, or the meaning of them, seemed important. To the Levites, however, they were. And they had a poignant reminder of what would happen if they failed to follow God's instructions. God took the lives of two of Aaron's sons because of a violation of His instructions, and Moses confirmed: **Lev 10:3** "Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when He said, 'Among those who approach me I will show myself holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honoured'. The key words here are 'Among those who approach me'. All the rest of the people may or may not choose to honour God, **but those who approach Him, must!** Of all the Tribes of Israel, God chose only the Levites to minister before Him, and to serve Him as the firstborn (**Num 8:13-18**). But not all Levites!

And while all this was going on, the rest of the House of Israel was busy carrying their god Molech through the wilderness. Yet it was the Levites that bore the brunt of God's displeasure. The rest of the House of Israel got away with all sorts of violations. **For forty years in the desert they lifted up the shrine of their god Molech** (**Amos 5:25-26, Acts 7:43**). They rebelled against God Himself, and must have felt immune to God's displeasure. Yet among the Levites, God acted decisively when the authority of God's servant Moses was questioned. And the leader of this little insurrection was a Levite. His name was Korah, and he brought two accomplices with him, two Reubenites: Dathan and Abiram. Supporting these were another 250 well-known community leaders. **Num 16:3** "They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, everyone of them, and the LORD is with them. Why do you set yourself above the LORD'S assembly?" Isn't this just typical? The community were **secretly carrying the shrine of their god Molech**, but still *claimed* to be holy.

Moses responded: **V5** "Then he said to Korah and all his followers: "In the morning the LORD will show who belongs to Him and who is holy, and he will make that person come near Him." No doubt Korah presented some persuasive arguments to all the rebels. He convinced them that **the whole community was holy, every one of them.** How true this is among the Christian community today. Everyone is presumed to be holy whether they **believe and obey God** or not!

Well, God chose to make an example of all the rebels. His first impulse was to *utterly destroy the whole community* (**V20**), but after the pleas of Moses and Aaron, agreed to deal only with the guilty (**V22-23**). God instructs Moses. **V28** "Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea. If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt." As soon as he finished saying this, **the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them,** with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" And **fire came out from the LORD** and consumed the 250 men who were offering incense."

No doubt the rest of the community viewed this as a local squabble among the Levites. They wanted Moses to keep it 'in-house' and not to involve them. They were too busy with their shrine of Molech, and the feasting and sex acts that accompanied it, and didn't want any involvement with the

Levites' squabbles. So the **very next day**, they decided to make their views known. It seems they had already forgotten what had happened. Their memories were still good enough to remember the golden calf and the naked romp that typified their worship when they rose up to play at Mount Sinai. They clearly saw the Levites as party-poopers. What the Moloch-worshippers had forgotten in one day, **the Levites still remembered 1,000 years later**. Recall the conversation previously mentioned, when Alexander the Great asked the Celtic chiefs what it was they feared most. They answered, "**If we fulfill not our engagement, may the sky falling upon us crush us, may the earth opening swallow us, may the sea overflowing its borders drown us.**"

This is what is recorded: **V41** "The **next day** the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "**You have killed the LORD'S people**" they said." Obviously, they didn't agree with God's decision. But they took the easy way out and blamed Moses and Aaron. They didn't tremble before the Almighty God of the universe; instead they brought false accusations. God Himself answered: **V42** "But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned towards the Tent of Meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the LORD appeared. Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and the LORD said to Moses, "Get away from this assembly so that I can put an end to them at once." And they fell face down." Within minutes a plague had started and had swept through the community. **V49** "But 14,700 died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah."

To observe the fate of Korah and his followers should have been enough to dissuade anyone from further provocation. Instead, **the very next day**, they're at it again. This same crazy instability of mind is so typical of Gentiles, for which the Apostle Paul attests. He spoke of a group of Gentiles that wanted to worship him as a god, and shortly afterwards wanted to kill him. Perhaps the House of Israel had lived too long among the Egyptian Gentiles. It's certainly true that Pharaoh trembled at the mighty power of God when he watched his nation reduced to ruins, but still could not learn his lesson. These Gentile characteristics seem to be ingrained into the House of Israel. Many of them are prepared to pay lip-service, but still fail to **acknowledge Him** as **the Great Creator**. Instead, the House of Israel officially teaches the theory of evolution. Even the Pope, in 1996, acknowledged that the theory of evolution was a fact. So typical of Gentiles! Like the Gentiles, the House of Israel can't remain faithful to God.

Very early, in fact at the time of the Passover in Egypt, God set aside one Tribe as His very own. And just as the Passover is associated with the firstborn, so Almighty God took the Levites in place of the firstborn (**Num 3:44, 8:15-18**). They were *not* given a specific territorial allotment in the Promised Land as the other Tribes were; instead, they were permitted to take up residence ***among all the Tribes***, and to buy and own houses and land. God intended for them to have **a visible presence among all the Tribes**. It was to the Levites that God entrusted His oracles – they were the keepers and teachers of the Scrolls. It was Moses who recorded God's initial instructions to the whole House of Israel – the first five Books of the Sacred Scripture. But it wasn't a closed shop. All the House of Israel, all the Tribes, were required to teach the Laws of God to their children. They were also required to teach the meaning of the Passover, and to remember how God led them out of Egypt, and this instruction was to continue throughout all generations. It's evident that this instruction was not followed by most of the Tribes.

In time, the majority of the Tribes quickly forgot all God's instructions, and finally rebelled against the Holy City and the Temple itself. This rebellion was led by an Ephraimite – Jeroboam. Almighty God fulfilled all His prior warnings to them, and they were led away into slavery, and they found themselves in the same situation as they were in Egypt. They were slaves once more.

About 130 years later, the remaining Tribe of Judah was besieged in all their cities, and were also enslaved. The Holy Temple, built by Solomon, was plundered and destroyed. The great bronze columns and the great cauldronic Sea were broken up and carted away (**Jer 52:18-20**), and the Holy Mount became a ruin. Very few escaped, but there was one man for whom Nebuchadnezzar gave specific instructions to spare (**Jer 39:11**). This was Jeremiah – the priest and prophet. He was spared because, amid all his suffering, he remained faithful to God. Nebuchadnezzar recognized that Jeremiah was indeed the prophet of the Great God of Heaven. This is reflected in the words of his commander of armies – Nebuzaradan – who clearly spelt it out in **Jer 40:2-4**. Everything Jeremiah said came true, and a mere remnant remained in the land.

And so ended an era. The Holy Land was laid waste and in ruins, with only a remnant remaining. God fulfilled His threats to bring them to ruin if they failed to obey Him (**Deut 28, 29**). All these things may have signaled the end of hope for the future. It should have been an indelible lesson for those who remained in the Holy Land! But no! In no time at all, they're at it again. This time they approached



Jeremiah to inquire whether they should remain in the Holy Land or flee to Egypt (**Jer 42:1-3**). Jeremiah gave them God's instructions to remain in the Holy Land, but they immediately accused him of lying (**Jer 43:1-3**) and decided to disobey God's instructions and flee to Egypt (**V4**). They took Jeremiah hostage and went on their way. Their departure from the Holy Land brought dire threats from God: **Jer 44:14** "None of the remnant of Judah who have gone to live in Egypt will escape or survive to return to the land of Judah, to which they long to return and live; none will return *except a few fugitives*." Jeremiah was one of those fugitives who did return and *remained* in the land as God instructed.

Some years later, in 539 B.C., God had kept His promise to Jeremiah to bring back the good figs from their captivity in the land of Babylon. Among these were both Jews and Levites. And so they began to filter back to the Holy Land under the guidance of various leaders: Zerubbabel, Joshua, Nehemiah, and Ezra. Much later, when Ezra checked among all the returning exiles, he found the Levites in short supply, in fact, there were none, other than the few priests (**Ezra 8:15**). They did eventually find two families of the Levite line who numbered 32 in all (**V18-19**). To assist these Levites, they appointed 220 of another Tribe just as David did. These were the registered descendants of the same people that David appointed (**V20**). It's worth noting that the Levites seemed to have disappeared somewhere else. Around this time, the seed of a new nation was springing up in Europe. By 79 B.C., Julius Caesar spoke of the Celts ruling *all* the British Isles.

#### **THE LEVITES ARE SET ASIDE FOR A HOLY PURPOSE.**

Anciently, Almighty God said that the disobedience of the Tribes of Israel would result in them being divided as a nation. This is the account: **1Kings 11:29** "About that time Jeroboam was going out of Jerusalem, and Ahijah the prophet of Shiloh met him on the way, wearing a new cloak. The two of them were alone out in the country, and Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into 12 pieces. Then he said to Jeroboam, 'Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the Kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten Tribes. But for the sake of my servant David and the City of Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the Tribes of Israel, he will have one Tribe.'" This leaves one Tribe unaccounted for – *ten plus one equals eleven!*

So if the Church of the firstborn is to be persecuted to near extinction, what hope is there that the Kingdom that God tore from Solomon's hand (or from his son's hand – **V36**) will be restored? Isn't it this Kingdom that God promised to give to His servant Abraham and his seed forever?

Since the Church is predestined to go as sheep to the slaughter, how will this be achieved? And what did Christ mean when He spoke these words: **John 18:36** "Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this [age]. *If it were, my servants would fight* to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my Kingdom is from another place." So, whenever this Kingdom is established, His servants will fight! Not quite what Christianity is teaching today, is it?

And didn't Christ say that He had others who are not of this sheep-pen? Does every one of Christ's servants have the same role? Didn't God call some for a noble purpose, and some for a common purpose? There is an old saying, '*He who has the gold makes the rules*'. Well God has the gold, and He makes the rules! Each and every one of God's servants will be what God says he will. He commands His servants and His servants hear His voice.

So who are Christ's servants who will fight? It's not the Church – they've been forbidden to do so. And it's certainly *not those* who are *not* Christ's servants, and who hate Him and deny His Messiahship – the *pretend* Jews who love to try to influence the Churches (**Rev 2:9, 3:9**). These *pretend* Jews are the seed of Satan and are firmly implanted into Satan's synogogue of deceit. These are known by their slanderous deceit and lies. Christ was a Jew, and the Apostle Paul makes the point that those of Christ's Body are Jews inwardly. Great hordes of Jews became faithful Christians, and filtered out throughout the known world (**Acts 2:9**, and Peter addresses them as Jews – **V14**). Almighty God began His preparations long ago.

In the fifth century BC, God had begun to establish a safe haven in Europe – a Tribe of people who were known as the Celts, and who practiced a completely different form of religion to the prevailing, pagan practices of the heathen. For a thousand years, they had an oath they recited to confirm the worthiness of their word or their determination in battle: "*Heaven is above us, and the earth beneath us. Unless the sky fall on us with its showers of stars on the ground where we are camped, or unless the earth shall be rent by an earthquake, or unless the waves of the blue sea come over the forests of the living world, we shall not give ground*". This survival of a peculiar oath-formula for more than a thousand years, and its re-appearance, after being first heard among the Celts of Mid-Europe, in a mythical romance of the land, is certainly curious, and, with other facts which we shall note hereafter, speaks strongly for the community

and persistence of Celtic culture.” (De Jubainville in ‘Premiers Habitants’ ii,316, and Myths and Legends of the Celts – pp24). These historians knew this peculiar oath-formula has a hidden meaning, but were unable to discover its source. This is evident in these words on the same page: “Yet the answer, for all its Celtic bravura and flourish, was not without dignity and courtesy. The reference to the falling of the sky seems to give a glimpse of some primitive belief or myth of which it is **no longer possible to discover the meaning**. The national oath by which the Celts bound themselves to the observance of their covenant with Alexander is remarkable. “If we observe not this engagement,” they said, “may the sky fall on us and crush us, may the earth gape and swallow us up, may the sea burst out and overwhelm us.”

Too many Christians have developed the exalted view that it’s their job to establish God’s Kingdom, yet they have long since chosen to ignore the territory from which it will arise. God chose His own Tribe to preserve truth in preparation for the establishing of His Kingdom. When the whole world ganged up on them and drove them to the western and northern reaches of the Isles, and the western border of France, they continued to hold to the integrity of the priesthood of Aaron, and preserved the memory of former glories.



The knight in shining armour holds the banner depicting his swastika. There is no doubt about where he got his ideas from!

Did you ever wonder from where Hitler got the swastika emblem? Well, Hitler saw himself as a great knight in shining armour, and his propaganda machine depicted him as such, with the swastika emblazoned on the flag. And notice that he didn’t depict himself as a Roman Emperor, or even as a Roman Centurion, but as a warrior knight, and he fashioned his delusions on the most famous warrior knights of them all.

To complete the link to a glorious period long passed, he created the icon of the swastika as his glorious symbol. He was unable to give any explanation as to its meaning, but no other symbol would do. Well, surprise, surprise, he got it from the Celts!

And the Celtic depiction is represented on a banner or ensign, which flies to all points of the compass. The Celtic version depicts this banner going through the earth.

Perhaps Hitler had visions of his banner going throughout the earth, since he was set on world conquest. When, eventually, he put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger, he must have realized that he had been wrong about a lot of things. One thing he did succeed in doing was to confound the theories of all the false prophets who were convinced that he was the beast of Daniel and Revelation.

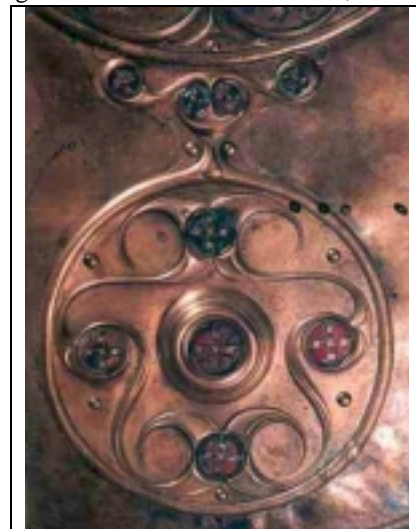
The Celtic Druids preserved knowledge in a visible and symbolic way. When their children asked, ‘What does this mean?’ they explained the meaning of the symbol. In doing this, they were following a principle laid down by Almighty God Himself. Speaking of the firstborn of the flock, God gives this instruction: **Ex 13:14** “In days to come when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’ It will be like a sign on your



Magnified detail of swastika set in a matrix of red glass. The banner-shape is very evident at this magnification.

hand and a symbol on your forehead that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with His mighty hand.” Further instruction is given in **V8** “On that day tell your son, ‘I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that the Law of the LORD is to be on your lips.” So the observance of

God’s instructions are to be signs and reminders of the Law of the



The bottom panel of the Battersea shield. The decoration is based upon interlocking S-motifs and includes swastika patterns surrounded by red glass. (British Museum, London/Werner Forman Archive). Photo Credit: The Celts – by Dr. John Davies, Welsh Historian, and official writer for the Welsh language television series (S4C) of the same name – The Celts – and due for release in 2001.

**LORD.** And who are God's firstborn sons? Hasn't He plainly told us that they're the Levites (**Num 8:16**)? And hasn't God said that His Covenant would continue with Levi (**Mal 2:4**)? Well hasn't it continued throughout all the 'days to come'? Did God leave us signs that it has?

So what was this Celtic 'swastika' (for want of a better word) based on? It's based on the Scripture, and relates to 'days to come': **Isa 18:3** "All you people of the world, you who live on the earth, when a banner is raised on the mountains, you will see it, and when a trumpet is sounded you will hear it." This banner is mentioned again in the Book of Zechariah. The context begins in **Zech 4:14** "So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the LORD of the whole earth." Continuing in **5:1** "I looked again – and there before me was a flying scroll (or a banner with writing on it)! He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide." And he said to me, "This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished. The LORD Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief, and the house who swears falsely by my Name. It will remain in his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones.'" The chapter continues on to describe the building of a house in Babylon (**V11**), then in **6:1** begins to describe four flying 'chariots' appearing from between two mountains of bronze. **V7** "When the powerful horses went out, they were straining to go throughout the earth. And He said, "Go throughout the earth!" So they went throughout the earth." As Isaiah stated, 'All you people of the world' will see the banner when it goes throughout the earth. What the Celts preserved were four banners set in mountains of bronze and embedded on the globe of the earth. It's interesting that the banners depicted on the 'swastika' of the Celts has stripes on them – just like the U.S. flag. Who managed to engineer the inclusion of stripes on the U.S. flag? It could also be asked, who managed to have the pyramid included on the U.S. dollar? Perhaps some will be surprised to know the answers to this. Importantly, God is not concerned over the U.S. currency, or the U.S. flag, but devout men chose to preserve symbols that had meaning, and which would be very applicable in 'days to come.' God was very careful to ensure that all the keys to the Kingdom of God were preserved, so that those in the latter days would understand. It's important that when the children ask 'What does this mean?' a ready answer can be given.

Yet another symbol, and this one incorporated into the currency – the object of the thief's activities. This same symbol is present on the obverse side of the Great Seal of the United States.



In the book 'Myths and Legends of the Celts', pp90, we read: 'Fourthly, the Romans were deeply impressed with the existence among the Druids of a body of teaching of a quasi-scientific nature about natural phenomena and the constitution of the universe, of the details of which *we unfortunately know practically nothing*. Lastly, we have to note the prevalence of a sacerdotal organization, which administered *the whole system of religious and of secular learning and literature*, which carefully confined this learning to a privileged caste, and which, by virtue of its intellectual supremacy and of *the atmosphere of religious awe with which it was surrounded*, became the Sovran power, social, political, and religious, *in every Celtic country*.'

The same book further describes these ruling Celts: pp 58 'The culture of these mountain Celts differed markedly from that of the lowlanders. Their age was the age of iron, not of bronze, **their dead were not burned** (which they considered a disgrace), but **buried**. The territories occupied by them in force were Switzerland, Burgundy, the Palatinate, and Northern France, parts of Britain to the west, and Illyria and Galatia to the east, but smaller groups of them must have penetrated far and wide **through all Celtic territory**, and taken up **ruling positions wherever they went**."

Not only were the Celts known as warrior knights, but later select groups of them were also called the Knights Templar. But 'Knights Templar' is merely a shortened version of the title. The full title is: **The Order of the Poor Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon**. Since the Celtic warrior knights were established in Europe five centuries before Christ, they knew of, and remembered only, the Temple of Solomon. They were not involved in Zerubbabel's efforts, nor were they directly involved in Herod's Temple, although they certainly knew of



A stained glass window of a Templar at his drawing board. Notice he is standing beside two pillars with a square and a scribe in his hand.



it. The Knights Templar were famous for their buildings in which they incorporated glorious artifacts and intricate workmanship. They were aware of the instructions of Almighty God concerning intricate and masterly workmanship in the design of everything He required to be made.

In calling themselves *'the Poor Soldiers of Christ'*, they, like Christ, were *stone-masons and carpenters*. They also had visions of building and completing the greatest project of all time – the Temple described in the Book of Ezekiel, and with all the glory of the Temple of Solomon. The name *'Templars'* reflects this desire to build the Temple. For this reason, at the start of the sixth millennium (1000 AD), they mounted crusades to drive the infidels – the Moslems – from the Holy Land. They used their power, prestige and great wealth to wage these wars and to galvanize all their allies into action. They had hoped that their efforts would see the establishment of the Kingdom, and that the seventh millennium would indeed be one thousand years of peace. Their expectations were not met because they were driven by desire rather than reality. But it was noble desire, and God was well-pleased with their efforts.

In the same way, God was pleased with Abraham after the slaughter of the kings and met Abraham and blessed him (**Gen 14:17-24, Heb 7:1-3**). Abraham collected the spoils of war, but refused anything belonging to the king of Sodom; instead gave the LORD a tenth of all. And it was here that the Book of Hebrews made a link with the Levites (**Heb 7:9**). It's hardly a point that would need to be made at that time if it had no significance. The significance is, that Levi, who alone is authorized to collect the tithe, paid a tithe to the Lord through Abraham, even though he, Levi, was not yet born.

And now we should go back to the original mention of the banner, and the records of Isaiah. Following on the previously quoted **Isa 18:3**, we find this in **V4-6** "This is what the LORD says to me: "I will remain quiet and will look on from my dwelling-place, like shimmering heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." For, before the harvest, when the blossom is gone and the flower becomes a ripening grape, He will cut off the shoots with pruning knives, and cut down and take away the spreading branches. They will be left to the mountain birds of prey and to the wild animals; and birds will feed on them all summer, the wild animals all winter." It should be noted that birds of prey and wild animals don't eat the pruned branches of a grapevine – so it's a parable (**see Hos 12:10**), and it's speaking of something else! **V7** "At that time gifts will be brought to the LORD Almighty from a people tall and smooth-skinned, from a people feared far and wide, an aggressive nation of strange speech, whose lands are divided by rivers – the gifts will be brought to Mount Zion, the place of the Name of the LORD Almighty." And who will collect these gifts? It's Mount Zion – Jerusalem – the City and the people that bear God's name (**Dan 9:19**). These will be called the sons of God and the sons of Jerusalem. Just as Christ said! Christ was quoting **Isa 54:13** when He said this: **John 6:44-46** "No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to me." Christ then goes on to speak of things of hidden meaning, but rich in symbolism (**V47-59**).

Christ referred to what was written in the Prophets, and this is what it says: **Isa 54:11-15** "O afflicted City, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you." So it's speaking of the afflicted City Jerusalem, and all Jerusalem's Sons will be taught by God. As far as the attacks mentioned here are concerned, it would be unwise for anyone to challenge the Sons of Jerusalem. They simply won't win. God goes on to describe them: **V16** "See, is it I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into a flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me." Yes, God has created a 'blacksmith' to fan the coals into a flame. Regardless of what weapon is used against the 'blacksmith' it will not prevail. The blacksmith's weapon is a consuming fire, just like their Father who taught them. At their word fire comes down from heaven and consumes their enemies (**Rev 11:5**). Why should anyone doubt? Habakkuk was an eye-witness, by inspiration of God, to these things and reported this: **Hab 3:4** "His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden. Plague went before Him; pestilence followed His steps. He stood, and shook the earth; He looked and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed. His ways are

**eternal.**” The reference to ‘*rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden*’ is a reference to **weapons: V11** “Sun and moon stood still in the heavens at **the glint of your flying arrows, at the lightning of your flashing spear.**” Habakkuk gives us a little more information concerning these things: **V16** “I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my ones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the **Day of Calamity** to come on the nation invading us. Though **the fig-tree does not bud** and there are **no grapes on the vines**, though **the olive crop fails** and **the fields produce no food**, though there are **no sheep in the pen** and **no cattle in the stalls**, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; **he makes my feet like the feet of a deer**, He enables me **to go on the heights.**” The last line here is quoted from **2Sam 22:34**. This is one of those pointers so frequently found in the Bible. It’s pointing to further related information. It’s interesting to note what follows: **V35** “**He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.** You give me your **shield of victory**; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn over (a better rendition would be: *you strengthen my feet into the path of peace*). I pursued my enemies and crushed them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed. I crushed them completely, and they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet. You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes. They cried for help, but there was no-one to save them – to the LORD, but He did not answer. I beat them **as fine as the dust of the earth** (see **Isa 40:15**); I pounded **and trampled them like mud in the streets** (**Mal 4:3**). You have delivered me from the attacks of my people; you have preserved me as **the head of nations**. People I did not know are subject to me, and foreigners come cringing to me; as soon as they hear me, they obey me. They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.”

The **Sons of Jerusalem** are a little different from that of the wimpish behaviour of mainstream Christianity. **They fan the coals into a flame**, and **refute every tongue that accuses them**. They are absolutely ferocious in the defence of God’s Name and Honour! They are not lambs, but lions and eagles and stand ready to crush the enemies of God. They are the advance guard who have been **taught by God** to **prepare the Way for the Mighty Christ**. Their weapons are the weapons of God, and they will move **swiftly on the heights**.

As Habakkuk said, “**His ways are eternal**”. God hasn’t changed His mind concerning the **Day of Calamity**. All along He’s been **preparing His sons whom He teaches**. And God has no pleasure in those who shrink back. There will be no answer for the blacksmith’s weapons no matter what weapon anyone forges. The Day of Calamity is not speaking of many days, but one day. It’s the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD – **the seventh millennial Day – God’s Day!**

Most Bible students should know that Christ is presently sitting with the Father on His throne, and **He must remain there until** the time comes to **restore everything** as **He promised through the prophets** long ago (**Acts 3:21**). But Habakkuk speaks of the time *when He stands and shakes the earth*: **Hab 3:6**

#### **The Slaughter of the Kings.**

When Abraham defeated the four kings, these were no ordinary kings. Prior to this, the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, together with three other kingdoms, were vassals of four mighty kingdoms headed by Kedorlaomer. For 12 years they paid their tribute, but rebelled in the 13<sup>th</sup> year. So in the 14<sup>th</sup> year, Kedorlaomer and his three allied kingdoms went to war. This is the account:

**Gen 14:5** “In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him went out and defeated the **Rephaites in Ashteroth Karnaim**, the **Zuzites in Ham**, the **Emites in Shaveh Kiriathaim** and the **Horites in the hill country of Seir**, as far as El Paran near the desert. Then they turned back and went to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they **conquered the whole territory of the Amalekites**, as well as the **Amorites who were living in Hazezon Tamar.**”

And this is the mighty army that the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah and their allies decided to rebel against. After seeing all these nations slaughtered and plundered, they arraigned on the battlefield:

**Kedorlaomer, king of Elam**  
**Amraphel, king of Shinar (Babylon)**  
**Tidal, king of Goiim**  
**Arioch, king of Ellasar**

\*\*\*versus\*\*\*

**The king of Sodom**  
**The king of Gomorrah**  
**The king of Admah**  
**The king of Zeboiim**  
**The king of Bela**

The slaughter began immediately, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, leaving their cities to be plundered, and their people enslaved.

Kedorlaomer, however, made a fatal error; he took Abraham’s nephew Lot (and his family) captive. When Abraham heard this, he gathered his 318 men of his own household and attacked this mighty army and cut them to pieces. Though greatly outnumbered, probably by 100 to 1, the battle went to Abraham. It was God who delivered the armies into his hand: **Gen 14:19** “....”Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, **who delivered your enemies into your hand.**”

Abraham was fearless in the face of very great odds, and knew what had to be done. And it was this righteous courage that drew God’s praise.

“He stood, and shook the earth; He looked, and **made the nations tremble**. **The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed**.” And didn’t John the Baptist predict this? (**Luke 3:4-6**) And didn’t he confirm what the Prophets of long ago had said? (**Isa 40:3-5**).

All this might seem to be a bit too rich for the blood of some who have been mentally programmed to *ignore* everything God has said. But when the fig-tree no longer buds, and there are no grapes on the vine, and the olive crop has failed, and when there are no longer sheep in the pen or cattle in the stalls (see **Hab 3:17** again), many will rejoice to know that God has made provision for their rescue. This ministry said years ago that if God announced the Canary Islands as the next super-power, then it would be so! God may also have chosen Key Largo or some other obscure area, but He didn’t! Instead He chose a ‘woman’. This ‘woman’ was programmed to be ready millennia ago. These are the rulers – the fierce *adversaries of the rulers of the heavenly realm*! They know who God’s enemies are, and like God, consider them to be worthless and less than nothing (**Isa 40:17**).

While all of Christianity titillates one another with their worthless profligacy of meaningless doctrine and tries to outdo the other with sanctimonious platitudes, God is busily setting the stage for the greatest upheaval of all time. It’s all about prophecy, and it’s all about what God has said from the very beginning when He first laid out His Great Master Plan.

It’s quite funny that Christianity seems to find so much fault with the Roman religion and the Papacy, but can never seem to find fault with the Eastern Orthodox or Protestantism. Generally, while they fashion their beliefs on Protestantism, in the broad scope of things, they fashion their doctrine on all three. They hold to a doctrine that has nothing to do with obedience to God, but which is predicated on a demand for salvation simply through some ill-defined form of lip-service. They seem to believe that God drifts among them listening for any nice things they say about Him, and then records them in The Book of Remembrance (**Mal 3:16**). It’s difficult to find any form of Christianity today that cannot be described as utterly pathetic! I wonder if they ever consider why they understand virtually nothing!

Oddly enough, both the Eastern and Western Roman Empires saw the need for a woman to be interwoven into their doctrines. The obvious choice for them was the Blessed Virgin Mary.

One of the most notable disputes between the eastern and western Roman Empires was the question of Jesus’ divinity. In the eastern bloc, the Celtic monasteries still existed as learning centers, and carried considerable influence. It was their position that Jesus was the Son of God, yet they held to the teachings of Jesus *that He came to reveal the Father*, and constantly reaffirmed that all were to worship God. And Christ certainly confirmed that we are to pray to the Father.

The western bloc decided that if Jesus is truly God, then He should be worshiped, and in keeping with prevailing pagan traditions, from which Romanism arose, they favoured the practice of worshiping icons. The predominant icons became that of Mary and the infant Jesus, and the crucified Christ. They felt that the evidence was sufficiently strong to support their stance. After all, doesn’t the Bible speak of a woman giving birth to a son (**Rev 12:1-2, 5**) – the one they worshipped? And surely Mary was the mother of Jesus. And isn’t she described as wearing a crown of 12 stars? Surely if she wears a crown, then she is a queen, and if a queen, then she surely must be the queen of heaven – right alongside her son. To those who worshipped icons, nothing could be clearer!



A ‘woman’ leads the charge in battle. Isn’t that red, white and blue French confederate flag she’s raising?



Sketch from Knights Templar archives. Here a woman holds an olive branch and a gold lamp. She is presiding over a broken pillar. Supporting her is the Archangel Michael – also depicted as the ‘grim reaper’. Both are standing on a high plateau. Lower left, in the distance is a Temple set before a pyramid-shaped mountain. Michael, the mighty warrior of God, would have preferred a different depiction of himself here. It looks nothing like him.

But there were much deeper issues. For instance, where is it ever suggested that Mary ruled over the 12 Tribes of Israel, and it was freely admitted that the crown of 12 stars represented the 12 Tribes. Even Jesus never claimed to rule over them, though His message was specifically for them. But the argument rebounded. After all, didn’t Gabriel appear to Mary and say these words: **Luke 1:31** “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the House of Jacob for ever; His Kingdom will never end.” It

should be noted that the Lord has not yet given Christ the throne of His father David, and neither has the



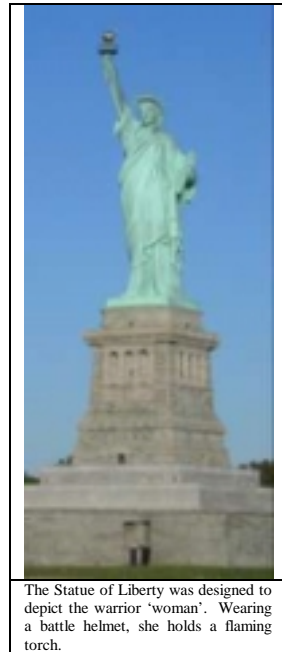
Kingdom of God been established. And neither have the 12 Tribes of the House of Jacob been returned to the Holy Land. Yet we have a reference to the 12 stars, and this was referenced by the prophet Joseph (**Gen 37:9-11**). And here Jacob confirms that he represents the sun, Rachel the moon, and his 12 sons the 12 stars.

The Celts, for thousands of years, and later the Templars, have preserved knowledge kept secret from the foundation of the world. None of them fully understood it, but all were totally convinced of the need for their mission. Among the symbols they preserved was a 'woman'. They didn't see this 'woman' as the Queen of Heaven, or even as the Blessed Virgin Mary, but as a warrior and a champion of liberty.

The Knights Templar became a powerful body of advisors to kings and Kingdoms following the Crusades to drive the Muslims from the Holy Land. Their base was in Brittany in France. A group of nine of these knights excavated under the Temple Mount in Jerusalem for many years with the consent of Baldwin, Gallic king of Jerusalem. There were rumours that they recovered a great deal of treasure and manuscripts from their excavation work. One thing is certain the Knights Templar became bankers to the reigning monarchs throughout Europe, and controlled considerable wealth and influence.

But the manuscripts they are believed to have recovered seemed to accentuate the secrecy of their Celtic origins. Whereas the Celts preserved former glories, the Knights Templar began to focus on future glories, and a better understanding of what prophecy was all about. What followed was a marked change in their symbolism, and a heightened expectation of a future Temple and in the place it's supposed to be – on the Temple Mount. One thing that became very evident to them was the involvement of a 'woman'. And so began a great number of depictions involving a woman.

One thing was clear: this woman is different to that depicted by mainstream Christianity. This woman is a fighter and carries the banner and torch for liberty.



The Statue of Liberty was designed to depict the warrior 'woman'. Wearing a battle helmet, she holds a flaming torch.

### **The Flaming Torch**

**Zech 12:1-9** "This is the Word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundations of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares: "I am going to make *Jerusalem* a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make *Jerusalem* an *immovable rock for all nations*. All who try to move it will *injure themselves*. *On that day* I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the LORD. I will keep *a watchful eye over the House of Judah*, but I will blind the horses of the nations. Then the *leaders of Judah* will say in their hearts, '**The PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM are strong, because the LORD is their God.**'

*On that day* I will make the leaders of Judah like a fire-pot in a woodpile, **LIKE A FLAMING TORCH AMONG SHEAVES**. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.

The LORD will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honour of the House of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah. *On that day* the LORD will shield those *who live in Jerusalem*, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the House of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. *On that day* I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem."

### **The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France –**

the former homeland of the Celts and the Normans at the beginning of their national power. The Celts and the Normans are, respectively, the Levites and the Ephraimites in history. The Statue of Liberty depicts a woman holding a **flaming torch**. The Statue of Liberty is the Biblical symbol of the woman. When everyone hopes for *liberty*, this is the symbol that will ensure it happens. Almighty God is preparing this 'woman'.

It's interesting to recall that the Churches of God taught that they were the 'woman' who gave birth to Christ. Their claims were preposterous, and totally lacking in any Biblical support, but because they took this position, it was incumbent upon them to ridicule everything to do with the identity of the 'woman'. Consequently, their penmanship ran to ridiculing the Statue of Liberty as a pagan symbol. In their view, the Freemasons were evil, and they, the Churches, came dangerously close to ridiculing Mary the mother of Jesus. It is written that Mary will be called 'blessed' (**Luke 1:42, 48**) by all generations. The Churches of God could never bring themselves to do this because of their hatred for the Catholic Church. So any suggestion of a 'woman' apart from themselves was enough to turn them into foaming lunatics. It should have seemed a small thing to honour the mother of Jesus by calling her 'Blessed', but they balked at this! They wanted to be the 'woman' that gave birth to Christ, and they didn't hesitate to call

themselves 'blessed'! But all this came about from a fundamental misreading of Scripture, and an overriding desire to elevate their stature.

Almighty God entrusted valuable information to the Levitical priesthood concerning the Temple and Jerusalem: **Eze 43:10** "Son of man, describe the Temple to the people of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their sins. Let them consider the plan, and if they are ashamed of all they have done, make known to them the design of the Temple – its arrangement, its exits and entrances – its whole design and all its regulations and Laws. Write these down before them so that they may be faithful to its design and follow all its regulations. This is the Law of the Temple. All the surrounding area on top of the mountain will be most holy. Such is the Law of the Temple." Surely this is plain English! It's not a language that cannot be understood – especially by the people of Israel! The House of Israel understands the language but they don't understand the meaning because they are hard-headed and obstinate (**Eze 3:5-7**). All of Christianity, and all of the House of Israel, have long since forgotten all about the Temple and its designs and arrangement. None of these things are important to them.

In time, even the Celts as a people began to ignore their origins and went along with mainstream Christianity. Once again, God selected a thin thread of 'the seed' to continue the work of preserving knowledge. The Tribe of Levi knew the Temple had real meaning and a message – and particularly a message that would cause the House of Israel to be ashamed of their sins, and to return to the teachings of the Fathers. Consequently, God raised up some righteous men who preserved the design, regulations and Laws of the Temple, and made lasting symbols for many generations. Many of the generations that followed preserved these symbols, yet most never knew their meaning. It's said that those of the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree of this brotherhood did understand the whole meaning, but this is doubtful. These people, from the ancient Celts to the Knights Templar, and to the secret society that continued after the Templars were slaughtered in martyrdom and their teachings banned, emerged teaching and preserving the truth that the Templars had symbolized. Some of these became known as the Order of the Freemasons. Today there are both Freemasons and Knights Templar. Both have preserved the symbolism of their origins, and the symbolism of prophecy – even though they no longer fully understand the meaning of these symbols.



An ancient oil painting depicting an aging Templar Knight with the square and compass suspended from the end of his lance. This is the same symbol preserved to this very day.

The Knights Templar have an age-old motto which they have preserved as having very great meaning: '*Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis; Sed Nomine Tuo Da Gloriam*'. It means: *Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your Name be the Glory*. This may seem to be rather rudimentary and the sort of motto that anyone might have. Yet this motto has been emblazoned on symbols, literature and correspondence for hundreds of years and remains unchanged today. Where did it come from? The Templars themselves answer this: *The reason why this particular verse was chosen to be the Templar motto becomes clear when we read it in parallel with the constitution outlined by Bernard of Clairvaux*. In the 12<sup>th</sup> Century it was confirmed to be the motto of the Knights Templar, and in all likelihood, it was the motto centuries before. Even today, *The Grand Priory of England and Wales*, the claimed headquarters of the Knights Templar worldwide, will tell you! This motto is a direct quote from **Psalm 115:1** "*Not to us, O*

*LORD, not to us but to your Name be the Glory*". And why this Psalm? What is so significant about this Psalm that they would want to be constantly reminded of it? More importantly, why, through their motto, do they direct others to it? The words of this Psalm may cast some light for those who really want to know. For instance: **V9-13** "O House of Israel, trust in the LORD – He is their help and shield. O House of Aaron, trust in the LORD – He is their help and shield. You who fear Him, trust in the LORD – He is their help and shield. The LORD remembers us and will bless us: He will bless the House of Israel, He will bless the House of Aaron, He will bless those who fear the LORD – small and great alike." Of course the message of this Psalm is not limited to these few verses! The rest of it carries important content for our time. One thing it does do is to poignantly restate the importance of the House of Israel and the House of Aaron. The House of Aaron is the Levite



The Bible, Square and Compass. The Bible is traditionally opened at its center, and always at **Psalm 115**: *Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis; Sed Nomine Tuo Da Gloriam*.

line specifically empowered to establish the Kingdom of God and to provide a shield for the whole House of Israel and to rescue them from the hand of their enemies.

In a rare display of their stated beliefs in 1996, the Knights Templar referred to these things and confirmed their beliefs that: *“Psalms 113-118 are a group of psalms linked traditionally with the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (that is the Harvest) and Passover. This particular psalm would have been sung at the conclusion of the Passover meal.”* They go on to say that this **Psalm 115** would have been sung at the final Passover observed by Christ prior to His death. It certainly may have been, and they may be right, but this is difficult to confirm. However, it would have been a most appropriate Psalm to sing on that occasion. As for the other six Psalms mentioned here (**Psalms 113-118**), they contain some very pertinent information, and are well worthy of further study.

So what are the implications of all this? Is it being suggested that all those belonging to the Knights Templar and the Order of the Freemasons are examples of Godly righteousness? ***Not at all!*** Many of the ‘rank and file’ of these organizations are scarcely aware of God’s existence, let alone understanding the meaning of God’s intentions concerning His Great Plan. Yet the Knights Templar was formed to fulfill the instructions that God gave to Ezekiel concerning the Temple in **Eze 43:10-12** (previously quoted in full). From these verses they understand that the Temple has rich symbolism concerning many things relating to prophecy, and God calls it the Law of the Temple. And this is what they do well! Their very name depicts the importance of the Temple of Jerusalem – the City of God. And more importantly, the Temple of Solomon – the only Temple that God authorized to be built, ***and which was built to the specifications that God gave to David (1Chron 28:10-21)***. Who else preserved the knowledge of these things, or for that matter, who actually cared? Certainly not mainstream Christianity! And the Churches of God? Well, for generations the Churches of God have been drifting off into their fantasyland of private interpretations of Bible Prophecy, much of which they plagiarized from others. They couldn’t satisfactorily explain any of their prophetic doctrine, and they certainly couldn’t prove it from the Bible. And finally, when their tangled web of deceit became so unfathomable, they cast it aside and focused on *salvation and grace*. Again the question needs to be asked, ‘*Salvation from what?*’ The Bible definition is ‘*Salvation from the hand of our enemies*’: **Luke 1:69** “He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the House of His servant David (as He said through His holy prophets of long ago), salvation from the hand of our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us – to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His Holy Covenant, the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.” Obviously, these things are not important to those who have perverted the *Testimony of Jesus (Rev 19:10)*.



We tend to forget about the French when it comes to historical matters concerning the United States of America. France was the heartland of the Celts in Europe. For hundreds of years this land was their domain, and it’s to this land that the Normans came. The Normans gained power and set up their kingdom in this very land. When the French/Norman Duke William the Conqueror besieged the Anglo-Saxon dominated population of the Isles, the Normans began a new kingdom encompassing both France and the British Isles.

It has been said that if King Harold had not been hit in the eye with an arrow and killed at the Battle of Hastings, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, **1066**, the battle may have gone the other way. But it’s also been pointed out by historians that no less than three horses were shot from under William the Conqueror, and yet he was able to remount a fresh horse and continue the battle. The

battle was given to William by Almighty God Himself. It was the Norman’s turn to reign. The Angles,



Saxons and Danites were reduced to serfdom under the French aristocracy, which at this point in history, was firmly in the hands of the Normans. The Anglo-Saxon/Danish dynasty had ended.

The Normans derived their name from Norway; they were the Norwegians anciently. In terms of line of descent and prophecy, God calls them Ephraim – the son of Joseph. Ephraim was destined to be the Prince over all his brothers. The Normans or Norwegians were known as the ‘Sea Kings’ anciently. It is known that they sailed westward from the Norwegian peninsula and visited Vinland (see the above map) in 1000 AD. Debate continues concerning the location of Vinland. Some say it’s Greenland, yet add that vines (from where the name ‘Vinland’ comes from) could not grow in Greenland. The more adventurous among historians conclude that they must have gone a little further and visited the North American continent. The above map shows two arrows, one pointing to Greenland, and the other to Vinland. The only other land is the North American continent, and they would certainly have found vines there.

The Norwegians lived right in the heartland of the ‘vipers by the wayside’ – the Tuatha da Danaan – the Viking Danes – the murderous redheads who later settled most of Ireland. It was the Viking Ethel the Red who reigned in England when the Normans began to come to power, and Ethel’s grandson King Harold was the king who was defeated by William the Conqueror. After the conquest, William became King of England.

The Normans did eventually put an end to **Brittany** in France, the last stronghold in the north, and renamed it **Normandy**. The



States established in Europe by the Normans

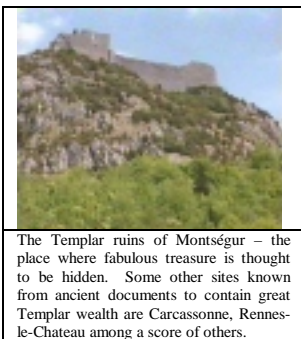
It's clear that the Normans had a strategic plan to use a pincer troop movement to reclaim an empire from Italy to England – a tactic used by many empires of history. But soon their focus became the great land to the West – a land that would be bountiful, of freedom, and lasting prosperity. The only problem was that France and Spain had a strong foothold there.

Credit: Penguin Atlas of World History, Vol. 1, pp 130.

Celts sought refuge further to the south in **Celtic Iberia** (Spain today), also known as the Iberian Peninsula. In history it was called **Celtiberia**. Castles and monasteries were built on top of mountains in the Pyrenees, and became the learning centers for students of many nations. The Pyrenees form a natural mountain barrier between France and Spain. The **Pyrenees** were named after the **Pyramid** by the Celtic knights because of the resemblance of some of the mountains to a **pyramid**. The word **pyramid** means **fire in the middle**. The Celtic treasure in Brittany migrated to these strongholds, and were known to house fabulous wealth. Legends existed that Visigoth, Templar and Cathar treasures were concealed there.

The legend has proven to be very true over the centuries with the discovery of many caches of treasure.

When the Ostrogoths (*eastern* Goths) sacked Rome and migrated to Southern Spain, and became known as the Visigoths (*western* Goths), it's thought by some



The Templar ruins of Montségur – the place where fabulous treasure is thought to be hidden. Some other sites known from ancient documents to contain great Templar wealth are Carcassonne, Rennes-le-Chateau among a score of others.

that the famous Temple Candelabra (pillaged by the Romans in 70 A.D. and carried to Rome) was brought with them. It's believed that it may be buried in one of the many monasteries in Spain. At the present time, the Vatican claims they don't have it, and that it disappeared in that period. Perhaps one day it will be found.



The Temple Candelabra was plundered and taken to Rome in 70 A.D. The Romans state that they no longer have it.

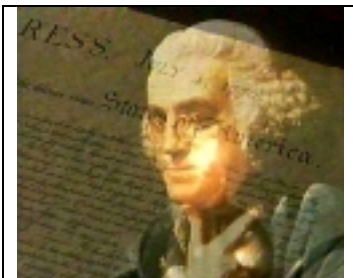
Throughout history great nations and empires have arisen and fallen. The more wealth and power they possess, the more they are likely to be targeted. The Normans of England and Normandy had been largely responsible for the establishment of the colonies in the great new land to the west – which was to become the United States of America. These colonies became 13 states, and the English crown demanded excessive taxes of them. Not surprisingly, they rebelled.

We all know about the Boston Tea Party and the English monopoly on tea. It was Benjamin Franklin that inspired the French to defend their cause, and France went to war against the English. At the time of the Boston Tea Party, the population of these 13 States was just 3 million. A daring rebellion against one of the mightiest naval and military powers of that day. As a result of this, martial law was declared.

George Washington became the military Commander-in-Chief of the colonies, and commanded the defense of their fledgling nation. This in itself was a masterly task. Firstly, the settlers lacked trained troops, equipment, money, or any form of cohesive leadership. Secondly, already facing them were 17,000 well-armed and trained



**Boston Tea Party.** It's commonly believed that Freemasons, dressed as Indians, were responsible for throwing the tea overboard. Paul Revere was the leader of the local Freemason Lodge.



Benjamin Franklin was one of the great Statesmen of U.S. history. He was a Freemason.

English troops, many of them trained mercenaries who cared nothing for political issues. Then there were the English sympathizers who fiercely retained faithfulness to England. If this wasn't enough, there were also Indian tribes, which held allegiance to the English crown.

The English troops were not known for extending mercy to rebels; rather they were known for the merciless

killing of all insurgents, and some bloody massacres took place. On 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1775 the first bloody conflict occurred at Lexington. This event galvanized the settlers into cohesive action, and a fierce, if unconventional, guerilla war began. It provided Washington with backing to wage an effective war.

Through Benjamin Franklin's efforts in France, European support for the settlers expanded. European aristocrats volunteered their services to Washington, bringing with them many supporters. Among these were the Frenchman Marquis de Lafayette, the Polish General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, and German General Baron Von Steuben. Now the English knew they had a fight on their hands.

In 1781, at the siege of Yorktown by the Americans, the English surrendered. In 1783, the peace treaty was signed in Paris, and England recognized American Independence.

With the dawn of the 1800's, this fledgling nation faced the problem of expansion. In just seventeen years their population had doubled to nearly seven million and they needed more land. Their expansion was halted at Louisiana – the vast holdings of the French. Both the French and the Spanish had vast territories in the U.S. continent. Napoleon decided he had no ambitions towards further colonizations in this new land;

rather he had set his heart on owning all of Europe and Egypt. So a deal was struck, and the Louisiana Purchase was made. And



George Washington, Commander-in-Chief, first President of the U.S., and a Freemason. Seen here wearing his Masonic apron.

#### **Louisiana Purchase (April, 1803)**

The biggest land sale in history. Doubled the size of the U.S.A. by securing from France the whole of the Mississippi Valley up to the Rocky Mountains, an area of 828,000 square miles, purchased for 15 million dollars. Louisiana had been French until 1762, when it was ceded to Spain; it was returned to France in 1800. Napoleon, after rejecting the idea of a new American Empire, determined to sell the territories, and President Jefferson (q.v.) was anxious to acquire them. The treaty was negotiated by the American Minister in Paris, Livingston, and the future President, James Monroe. The agreement left the boundaries ill-defined, and this was to cause further trouble, especially over Texas.

**Credit: A Dictionary of Modern History – A. W. Palmer.**



The original 13 states established in the U.S. As an interesting point, God speaks of a coming famine of the Word, and says that men will stagger from sea to sea and from north to **east** searching for the Word of the Lord, but they won't find it – **Amos 8:12.** They'll know where to look, but it will be too late.

might it be suggested that the increase in population was due, at least in part, to French migration? The French were already well represented in the population of the new nation of the U.S. The defeat of the English through revolution made it even more attractive to the Brittany/Normandy inhabitants of France. It's become popular in the last few years to blame the large Scottish contingent in the Deep South for the rise of the Ku Klux Klan. Typical of the Yankees – they have to blame someone! And the Celts are the traditional whipping-boy among the 'noble' gentry.

Following the defeat of the English, George Washington became the first President. It was he and men like Benjamin Franklin that welded together this cultural mix of Europeans to become one nation under one banner. And in the annals of human history, this is indeed unique! Inhabitants from all over Europe settled here, including French, English, Irish, Polish, Germans, Jews, Dutch, Spanish, Scots, Italians (did I miss any?) This is the greatest mix of Europeans ever assembled under one banner. And everyone of them called themselves Americans. Truly, Ephraim had become prince among all his brothers.

But it was the thought behind the establishment of this nation that played such a crucial role in producing the singular objectives of this great people. The central document emphasized the key words of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. The Declaration of Independence became the great charter of Democracy – a form of government *by the people and for the people*.

The Louisiana Purchase, over 800,000 square miles, purchased from the French for \$15m, consolidated the expansion plans of the American people. It allowed unobstructed passage along the Mississippi, and opened up vast new territories for settlement.

The reality is, that while America now had its independence, the greatest work was still to be done. This was the framing of the government and the laws that govern the people. From the outset, the Bible became the one Law Book present in every government chamber, school and court. It was the recognized backbone of all Law. But it was the leadership, a unique group of men who framed all the important documents that would propel the U.S. to greatness, and make it the most sought-after nation on earth in which to live.

Who were all these men, and what did they have in common?

They all had a vision of a nation – a righteous nation, and one which would espouse all the desirable qualities of life, liberty, and the pursuit of personal happiness. They foresaw a nation where tyranny would be far from them, and one where worthless kings would no longer subjugate them and reduce them to servitude. They had a vision of government by the people and for the people. A nation that would be called the land of the free.

Certainly they would have laws by which they were governed, but those laws would be enacted by representatives of the people, and would herald the rights of the individual to pursue his life unfettered by tyranny.

And what else did these founding fathers have in common?

Most of them were Freemasons – the legatees of the Knights Templar!

