

# HISTORICALLY WHO WERE THE LEVITES?

## CHAPTER THREE

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Throughout history great nations and empires have arisen and fallen. The more wealth and power they possessed, the more likely they were to be targeted. This is particularly true in Europe. The history of Europe is one long ongoing conflict of power struggles and brutality over lesser nations. Every nation wanted to rule over all others whenever the opportunity presented itself. All except the Jews! They lived quietly and in peace insofar as it was possible. They were industrious people and provided a living for many others, yet jealous people who resented them constantly targeted them. Except for the Warsaw Ghetto, there is very little evidence in history that they ever opposed their oppressors in military conflict. In almost every case, they went like lambs to the slaughter. It's only since the Second World War and the granting of partition by the U.N. that the Jewish people have become militarized. Now they are defending the sacred land given them by God anciently. Beating within the breast of all true Jews is the desire to establish the Promised Kingdom of God, wherein dwells righteousness. In order for prophecy to be fulfilled, it was necessary for the Jewish people to migrate back to their ancient homeland. But what they have established is *not* the Kingdom of God.

Now this raises some questions! Jesus Christ was a Jew, and He counseled His followers to be like Him. He went as a lamb to the slaughter. This becomes even more poignant when we read of the instructions to the Churches, which Christ delivered to John on the Isle of Patmos. This message speaks of those who slanderously claim to be Jews, but are liars (**Rev 2:9**). This is repeated in **Rev 3:9**. In this verse, these slanderous liars will be required to fall down and worship at the feet of those who are truly Jews – those who truly emulate the Greatest Jew of all time – Jesus Christ!

What typifies these slanderous liars is that they deny that Jesus is the Christ, which John pointed out: **1John 2:22** “Who is the liar? It is the man who *denies that Jesus is the Christ*. Such a man is the antichrist – he denies the Father and the Son.” And how they love to embellish their presumed righteousness with ‘sacred names’. It makes them feel so righteous! And where do they get their instruction for this? Not from the Bible! (**Eze 3:4-7**).

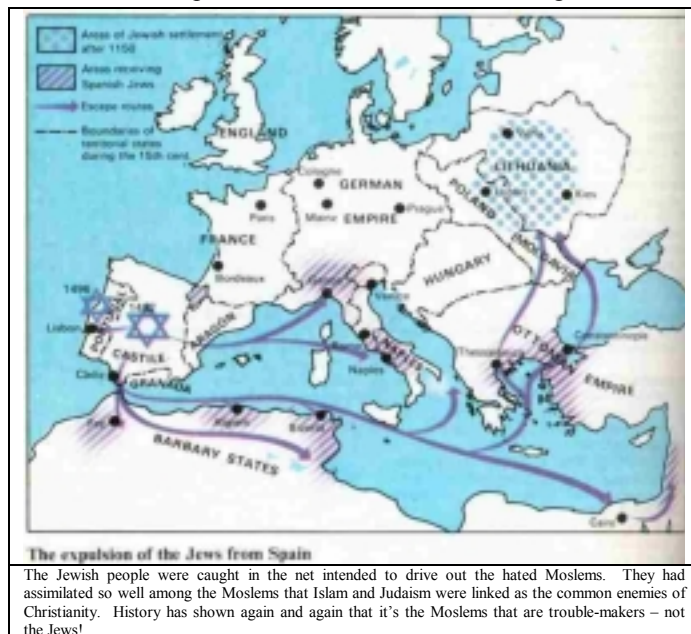
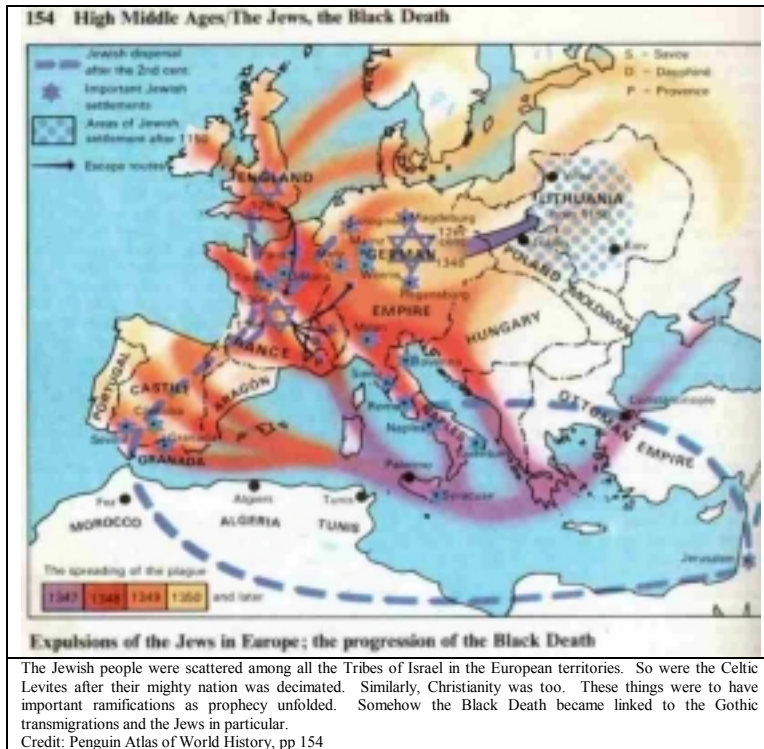
In the *Book of the Kuzari* written in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century by Judah Ha'levi, a Jewish philosopher, a story is recounted of a whole state in the Volga Basin just northeast of the Caspian Sea, where a settlement of Huns of eastern oriental origins established rule. These were the descendants of the hordes of Attila the Hun, and much later, Ghenghis Khan. The initial conquest of these lands resulted in the enslavement of the former inhabitants. In such circumstances, a lot of breeding occurs between the conquerors and the slave girls. In time a nation of racially-mixed inhabitants emerge. Inevitably, a dictatorial government is set up, and someone claims rulership – usually someone from the aristocracy of the conquerors. In this case, the ruler called himself a Khan after the Khans of the Orientals. Having seized power, the first order of business is to set up a government hierarchy and a belief system to keep the masses under control. Living on the very doorstep of Eastern Europe and far from the steppes of Asia, this Khan or ruler sought a religion that would afford him trade and good relations with his neighbours. After hearing arguments from Muslims, Christians and Jews, he decided to make Judaism the state religion. His choice added some bonuses. Wealthy Jews flocked to the area and it prospered and trade with the west flourished.

However, the vast majority of these people had no bloodline with the true Jews, and history calls them the Ashkenazim, and these were clearly distinct from the Sephardim Jews who claim bloodlines through the Tribe of Judah. It should be pointed out though, that the Ashkenazim observed the Jewish religion in exactly the same manner as the Sephardim Jews. Since they lived under dictatorial rule, and since the state religion was Judaism, they stood a good chance of losing their heads if they didn't.

In ancient history, these people were collectively called the Khazars, and their territory the Khazar Khanate. This occurred in the eighth century of this present era. Further raids by the Mongolian Huns in the thirteen century saw them absorbed by the nomadic hordes from the Steppes. Today their nation is called Kazakhstan. A great many of these people fled to Poland and Western Russia to avoid the inevitable slaughter and enslavement that accompanies invasions, and Genghis Khan didn't spare anyone just because they were racially related.

So are the Ashkenazim *real* Jews? According to God's definition they are! Any Gentiles who live as God instructed the ancient Israelites to live, must be considered to be Israelites, together with all rights and privileges.

In the far north of Europe, the Tribal Jewish people had found a safe haven in Jutland (Jude's Land), an area contiguous with the Normans of Norway. With the migrations and conquests of the Normans to other parts of Europe, the Jews became more and more isolated and finally the target for the Vikings and Germanics. Safer havens were sought by the Jews and their migrations from the area began. Many of them found refuge among the Castilian Levites of Spain. No sooner had the Jews begun to settle in other areas, predominantly in close proximity to the Normans and Gauls in France and Northern Spain, when the Black Death plague began. The rationale of many people in Europe was that the Jews had brought the plague with them (note the title of the above map). Even today, anti-Semitic activists still make this claim. And even the most respected of historians always seem to make this link by implication even though they know it to be false. The fact that the Jewish people observed God's Laws of health and cleanliness made them less susceptible to disease, which led to a much lower rate of infection from the Black Death. This fact led many to believe that because of their apparent immunity they must be responsible. Even today, hard-nosed historians deny the



incidence of this disease was lower among the Jewish people – a clear indication that they are lying. Lying today has become an artform. It is usually prefaced with ‘There is no evidence...’ even though there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. But no amount of evidence is sufficient for those who have their own agendas.

#### The Diaspora

From the time of the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, the Jewish people have been driven all over the world, and persecuted mercilessly – predominantly by mainstream Christianity. If they were poor, then they were described as dirty parasites. If they were rich, they were plotting to destroy the economy. If there was plague, then they were obviously responsible. In fact, any excuse was sufficient to persecute these people. The 15<sup>th</sup> Century was a particularly bad time for Judah. These are some of the persecutions in Europe during that century. The persecutions and deportations are as follows:

Deported from Linz and Vienna in 1421  
Cologne – 1424  
Augsburg – 1439  
Bavaria – 1442  
Moravia – 1454  
Perugia – 1485  
Vicenza – 1486  
Parma – 1488  
Milan and Lucca – 1489  
Tuscany – 1494  
Spain – 1492

None of this boded well for the Jewish population in Europe. They were a natural scapegoat for everything that went wrong. While the true enemy among them was always obvious, most of Europe saw in the scattered Jews an obvious target and someone to blame. The Spanish began their pogroms against the Moslems, driving them all out of the country. So in this regard, they got their priorities right. But after this, the die was cast, and the scapegoating continued with the Jews. In 1492, the persecution began in Spain, and the Jews were either converted to Catholicism, slaughtered and tortured by the Spanish Inquisition, or they were deported, provided they had the money to buy their freedom. The Jews had long since developed a philosophy to live in peace among others. They were not militarized, and nor did they seek to build a nation of their own in Europe. Their one attempt at this in Jutland (Jude's Land) had failed to bring lasting security.

Driven to the far reaches of the Iberian Peninsula in the west, and the State of Lithuania in the east, they sought comfort in the Land that God had promised them anciently, and many filtered back to claim their rights afforded them by God.

To a limited degree, their aspirations were realized, but only for a hundred years. The Moslem Saracens brought it all to a swift end, and once again they were left without a homeland. Prior to this, however, the Knights Templar,

through their organized Crusades had given some legitimacy to the Jewish aspirations. It became fashionable to desire the establishment of the Holy Land of old, and as far as the Britannic Knights were concerned, the building of the Holy Temple. In the wake of the Crusades, the Jewish refugees of the Moslem invasions of the Holy Land were given a welcome-back status into the Crusading countries in Europe. These happened to be France, England, Germany, and Norman-ruled Southern Italy. Germany seemed quite attractive once more to the Jewish refugees, particularly since the Germanic nobility had begun to call themselves the Teutonic Knights, a separate and very different chapter of the Britannic Knights Templar. To the Jewish observer, it seemed that the Germans had become honourable and had begun to emulate the Britannic Knights. But in reality, the Teutonic Knights wanted all the glory but none of the responsibility that resulted from the formation of the Knights Templar. They cared nothing for the **preserved symbolism** of the Templars, and while they claimed the same glory, and even exceeded it in their own minds, they had no common interest in preserving anything of lasting value. However, the Teutonic Knights did preserve some of the attributes of chivalry, honour and decency, but were unlike the Knights Templar who preserved the **signs and symbols** of their origins. These **signs and symbols** were to govern their activities for a thousand years, and built onto the preserved knowledge of the Celts. The German Knights did, however, establish an important dynasty, which is covered later in this series.



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Levi, Simeon, Judah and Reuben were brothers; their mother was Leah, the wife of Jacob. As young men, Levi and Simeon established themselves as warriors. At the perceived violation of their sister they went out and killed everyone in the offender's city. Jacob was angry at what they had done, and expected retribution from the other cities in the area. Much later, God set aside the Levites as His own out of all the Tribes of Israel. It probably didn't go unnoticed by the Tribe of Simeon that God's decision was against their own best interests. And it probably didn't go unnoticed by the Simeonites when Joshua allotted their portion of the Holy Land according to Moses instructions. Their portion was an enclave

In the twentieth century we saw clear evidence of the arrogance of Simeon – the Germanics of Europe – when they collectively believed themselves to be ‘the master race’. They couldn't care less who got slaughtered as long as they got everything they wanted. After their defeat by the Allies they feigned

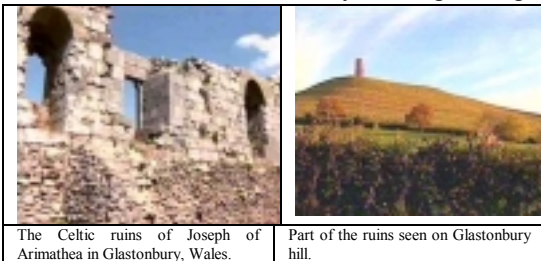


innocence, and even denied the greed that had motivated them. Their true national characteristics had been exposed, and they were greatly humiliated. It was a good training ground for them, because they are about to be humbled again – together with all of Europe. It is Satan’s overriding desire to rid the earth of all Israelites. The Moslems are Satan’s bride – those ruthless and impetuous lunatics that are infiltrating every nation on earth. Presently, 10% of the French population are Moslems, and even Germany has some 3 million of them. Now Germany is beginning to awaken to who the real enemy is! They are about to learn just how wrong they were about the Jews!

Nevertheless, the Germans were formidable warriors, but they always stood in the shadow of the mighty Celts. Their reputation stretches back into antiquity, and was such that even Herod the ‘Great’, being the sniveling coward that he was, and a ruler of the heavenly realm to boot, sought their services at his funeral bier. At his instructions, his body was accompanied by **Germans** and **Galatians (Celts)**, together with his own select bodyguard to the grave. Josephus records this: **Jos. Ant. 17:8:3** “...About the Bier were his sons and his numerous relations; next to these was the soldiery distinguished according to their several countries and denominations; and they were put in the following order: First of all went his guards, then the band of Thracians; and after them the **Germans**; and next the band of **Galatians (Celts)**, everyone in their habiliments of war; and after these went the whole army in the same manner as they used to go out to war, and as they used to be put in array by their muster-masters and centurions; these were followed by five hundred of his domestics, carrying spices.” Herod died in **4 B.C.**, the same year that Christ was born. No doubt he had some concerns about retribution in the afterlife – a factor that weighs heavily in the minds of all pagans. Tyrants typically sought the mightiest warriors to send them off on their ‘final journey’. They apparently believe their gods will treat them with more respect when they arrive.

There are many lessons to be learned through the annals of history, but probably the most glaring example is the failure of mainstream Christianity, when men who don’t have the Spirit of God, organize it. At the risk of offending many people, it must be said that God has entrusted nothing to the Gentiles. He promised them nothing and He gave them nothing! He certainly didn’t give them authority over the Body of Christ. But they quickly assumed this role! And what is more, they quickly forgot what the role of the Church is. Typical of the Gentile mind, they sought out and killed anyone who didn’t agree with them. And to mask their activities, they banned the reading of the Holy Scripture.

It’s one thing to masquerade as righteous, and this type of behaviour has been cultivated very successfully both in mainstream Christianity and the Church of God organizations, but real Godliness is not evidenced by outward show. True Godliness is inward and from the heart. And true Godliness is honouring the Great God of the Universe. Cunning, greedy and manipulative men have steered Christianity to commit some of the most outrageous acts of history, and the masses enjoyed the spectacle. Frequently they clambered to watch the spectacle of Celts, Templars, and Jews being burned at the stake. The only crime of these victims was they didn’t go along with the madness of mainstream Christianity. The catchery became ‘Judaizing’, meaning anyone who observed the Laws of God, the Sabbath-day, and God’s Holy Days were Judaizing, and this, in their view, was heresy. Consequently, many were caught in the net.



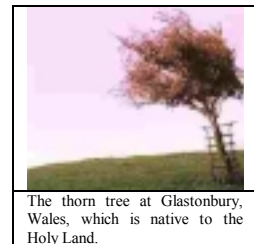
The Celtic ruins of Joseph of Arimathea in Glastonbury, Wales.

Part of the ruins seen on Glastonbury hill.

The Celts were Christians following their conversion by such men as the Apostle Paul (who went to Spain – **Rom 15:28**) and Joseph of Arimathea. In all likelihood, it was Joseph of Arimathea who wrote to Paul and requested him to come, and probably arranged

to meet him in Spain. There is evidence that Joseph was a wealthy tin-miner in Wales. He certainly built a Celtic monastery there, and the remains of it still exist today.

One interesting point concerning Glastonbury in Wales, is the existence of a thorn tree, native to the Holy Land, and the source of the crown of thorns placed on Christ’s head. It’s thought that it was brought there by Joseph of Arimathea. A tradition exists to this very day of placing a sprig of this tree on the Queen’s table at Christmas, presumably in memory of Christ. The British Royal Family have great difficulty in separating themselves from the Britons from whom they wrested rule over the British Isles. As great as Great Britain was in the zenith of their power, they were never as great as the Celtic Britons who ruled over all of Europe and all the way to Asia Minor.



The thorn tree at Glastonbury, Wales, which is native to the Holy Land.

There has been some classic fiction written about the origins of the British Royal Family. One man claimed they sat on the throne of David, and even claimed he was able to trace his ancestry into the Royal Family, and hence back to Adam. He was of the cockeyed belief that the Royal Family has an unbroken dynasty back to David. Herbert Armstrong believed that Britain was one of the Tribes of Joseph, which he claimed are Ephraim – not Manasseh. Yet he still claimed they ruled from the throne of David. In this one point, you would think that he would have checked to see what God has to say on the matter (**Jer 22:1-2**) and he would have found that it's Judah that sits on the Throne of David. But he never let the facts get in the way of a good prophecy. God speaks only of the descendants of David sitting on the Throne of David, and ultimately David himself. But according to Armstrong, God overturned this and the Tribe of Joseph became the rulers of the Throne of David. All this with no Scriptural evidence whatsoever!

Armstrong never lived to see the Stone of Scone, which he called the Stone of Destiny or Liafail Stone, given back to the rightful owners – the Scottish Celts. His whole fabrication of the 'British Throne of David' theories was interwoven with the origins of this stone. Even in this he failed to



**The Stone of Scone or Destiny**

The Celtic Scots wanted it back, and the English were happy to oblige. The more they rid themselves of any form of Celtic origins the happier they are. Mind you, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales still hold to the old traditions. The Royal Family are still trying to forget their German origins, and that George III changed his name from the German name 'Sax-Coburg' to 'Windsor' at the start of the Great War. His German origins were considered an embarrassment while the English were at war with his old country.

check his facts. It never *ever* belonged to the English! So the *destiny* of this stone didn't favour Armstrong's prophecies. And incidentally, the Liafail Stone is still in Ireland at Tara. It's 12 feet long and is embedded in the ground. **The Oxford Celtic Dictionary** suggests that it has something to do with the Tuatha de Danaan (anciently known as the Tri de Danaan), and is of great antiquity.

Few people realize that Democracy was born in France at the time of the French Revolution. The '**government by the people and for the people**'

principle made its debut when the French rose up against the aristocracy. No longer would they be ruled without representation.

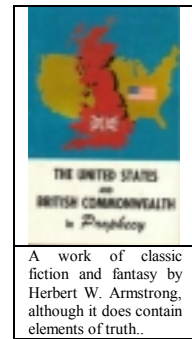
It took a little Frenchman called Napoleon, fresh from the French Revolution, and with a burning desire to crush the power of the

Gentile religion, to restore some sanity to Europe. Meanwhile, in the backblocks of Europe, the Austrians had made some pacts with Rome, and had amassed an army to take advantage of the turmoil in France, following the revolution. It was a mistake the Austrians would regret! What is more, the Vatican backed the loser and quickly found themselves isolated. Napoleon later entered Rome and sacked it, and imprisoned the Pope and slaughtered his flunkies. (In **1527** the German Lutherans did the same thing – Ref: **Sacco di Roma**, the **sacking of Rome** when Lutheran mercenaries made sport of the captured Pope). Freedom of religion was to be a central platform of the French Empire. Napoleon protected the Jews, and even planned to slaughter the Moslems in the Holy Land and set up a Jewish state.

But it wasn't long before the European obsession with 'Judaizing' began to raise its ugly head, and Napoleon was forced to abandon the idea of a Jewish state in the Holy Land. Nevertheless, Marseilles quickly became a quasi-Jewish state in its own right, and tolerance was enforced on the basis of '**freedom of religion**'. This concept was becoming so widespread, that in 1803, when the Louisiana Purchase was made, the fledgling nation of the United States of America adopted it, and enshrined it in their Constitution. With the benefit of hindsight, and the record of history behind them, the founding fathers set up a system of rights guaranteeing **Liberty, equality and brotherhood**.

There were migrations constantly occurring in Europe for hundreds of years with the mix of the different Tribes changing according to location. A whole new France emerged with what is called '**the La Tien culture**' which is really a misnomer. The name resulted from the discovery of artifacts on the edge of a lake in Switzerland at La Tien. These artifacts were of very high sophistication, and though of Celtic origins, could not be credited to the Celts because historians like to consider them primitive. So they invented the La Tien culture – a separate culture that was developing in France and Western Europe, which was a mix of the Frankish inhabitants and the Germanics, and one other tribe – the Belgians – known in history as the Belgae. These people had a lot to offer in the way of social niceties, for instance, fancy clothes, cake-making, wordy prose and sumptuous living – and little else! Against this background, the French Renaissance got under way and lasted for hundreds of years. Their ultra-sophistication gave them the appearance of being royalty and the ruling class.

This culture can be compared with the much later Vichy culture that developed during the second world war. These were German sympathizers. It was men like Charles **DeGaulle**, the renowned freedom

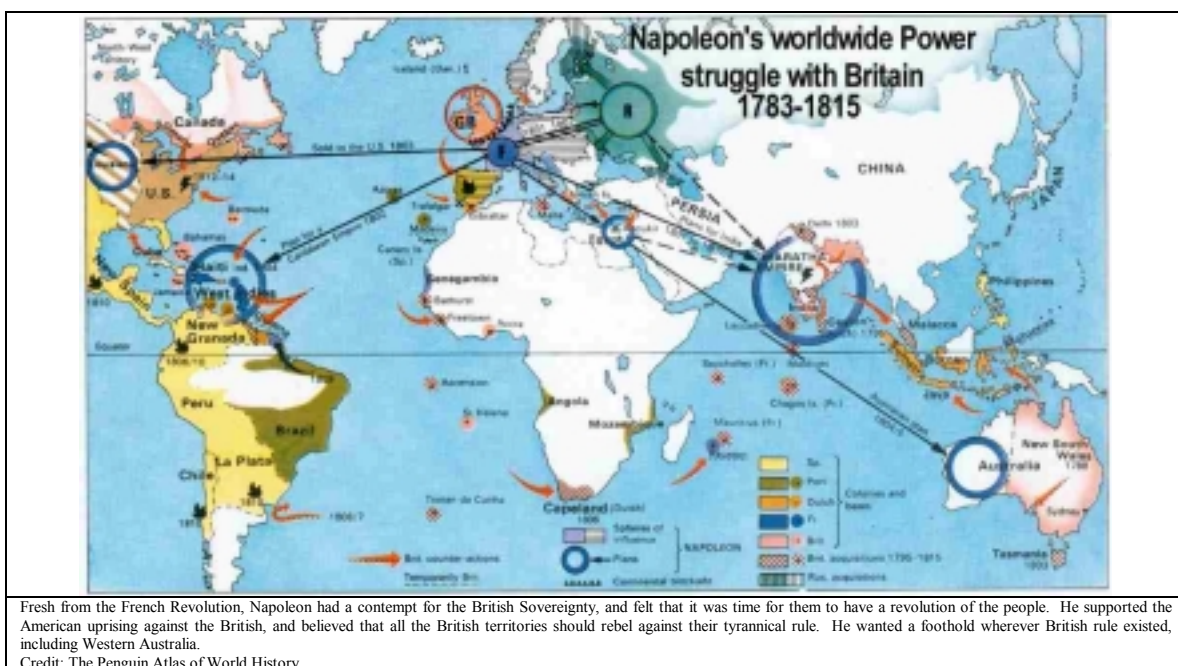


A work of classic fiction and fantasy by Herbert W. Armstrong, although it does contain elements of truth..

fighter whose roots were in the ancient Britannic *Gauls*, which led the resistance in France with the backing of the Allies. When he returned as the conquering hero, many of the Vichys were slaughtered in the streets by the masses for their treachery. So the La Tien Culture is really just a shadowy variation between two classes of people. A bit like the old joke with a double meaning: ‘the peasants are revolting’. The ruling class believed the peasants were revolting degenerates and deserved nothing.

When Hitler invaded, the French government all but left the key under the mat. It’s true they built the Maginot Line in the 30’s, but the Germans merely drove around it, passing through Belgium, and encountered minimal resistance from the official French forces. The invasion became a stroll in the park. Once again, it became the obligation of the Britons and the Normans to rescue and liberate the ancient homeland, while the French aristocracy collaborated with the enemy.

It should be remembered that the French were still largely recovering from WW1 and the heavy losses they sustained, and also Napoleon’s aspirations of world conquest, which had given them super-power status and which couldn’t be sustained. They’d seen plenty of war – both victories and defeats, and it was their view that assimilation is preferable to bloody fighting and the resultant loss of life. They’d been through all the same mistakes that Hitler was making in trying to conquer the world. Under Napoleon



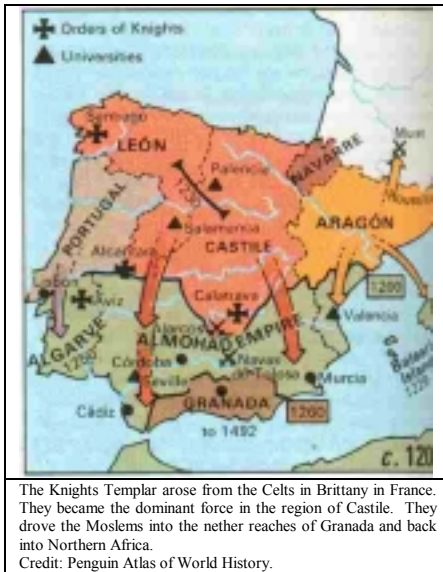
they’d seen their fighting men spread thin over vast regions attempting to defend too vast a territory.

The Louisiana territory in America, the West Indies, India, Egypt, and even Western Australia were areas of interest for Napoleon’s conquests. His objective seemed to be to thwart Britain’s colonial aspirations – a nation for which he had little respect. His naval defeat by Lord Nelson at Trafalgar added to his animosity against the English crown. His ceding of Louisiana to the Americans seems to have been to aid Britain’s enemies, based on the premise that ‘*the enemy of my enemy is my friend*’. If it hadn’t been for Napoleon, the Louisiana Purchase might never have been made. It was his decision alone that permitted this vast area of land to be sold to the Americans. At another time, and under different circumstances, it would not have been permitted. France was as much a colonial power as the British, and Napoleon, himself, had colonial aspirations, but he liked the style of the new American nation that was emerging, and their idealism, which was very similar to his own.

Perhaps Napoleon believed that the aspirations of the emerging new world of the Americans would eventually become a colonial ally of France anyway. The French gift of the Statue of Liberty was certainly to keep French aspirations alive in the minds of the Americans. But it wasn’t to be. The American nation developed without any national affiliations with any European nation, and became a stand-alone nation comprising many different Tribes of Europe with no clear references to any other nation. They quickly repudiated their English origins, and strategically distanced themselves from Spain, France, Germany and all other nations. They were truly a nation in their own right. The nation, which Almighty God would refer to as Ephraim, was truly the prince over all his brothers.



If any nation had dominion in the region, it was the Spanish. It was the Spanish Conquistadors that led the way to the great new land. And it was from the Spanish province of Armorica that the new nation was named (forget all about the myth of the region being named after the Italian, Amerigo Vespucci, it's just not true. In fact the German scholar, Martin Waldseemüller coined the name 'America' and it was in common use in **1507**). The Spanish Conquistadors were the Castilian Celts or Levites.



Meanwhile, the Aragonian Normans were busily building their French-Spanish-Italian Empire and securing their Mediterranean interests.

It's not without cause that Napoleon later saw the French Empire as fragmented and in need of revision. The traditional blood-lines had permeated many nations and developed independence. His view was that greater safety could be achieved through consolidation. There's much to be said for this strategy. Small isolated groups tend to war against each other continually, but the mailed-fist of a mighty nation is a deterrent to uprisings of lesser powers. To this end, God has secured the powers and influence of the mightiest nation on earth to oversee the conduct of the rabble nations. When Ephraim speaks, men tremble, because he is exalted – by God – in the House of Israel (**Hos 13:1**). Are the nations of the earth grateful for this mighty watchman and overseer of international affairs? Not at all! They see this great super-power as a deterrent to their own personal ambitions. They don't know the

way to peace! And what is more, they don't want peace – they want war! Power-hungry demigods are not interested in peace for the masses, they are only interested in power for themselves. The U.S. has endeavoured to introduce Democracy to the whole world as a means to establishing global peace, but Democracy falls short of providing the power that this world's demigods desire. Under the terms of Democracy they are too vulnerable to being booted out of office, and generally speaking, they want dictatorial rule.

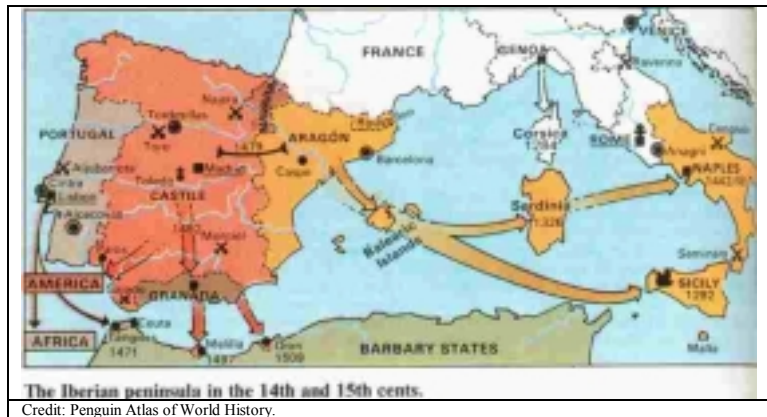
Well Almighty God is going to bring peace, and to do this, He is going to make war in righteousness. He makes no secret of the fact that He will crush the nations of the earth – literally! And their blood will flow to the depth of a horse's bridle. But many wars will be fought before this.

When God promised to lead the 12 Tribes of Israel into the Promised Land in the days of Moses, there was an obstacle. The land was already occupied by fearsome and degenerate nations. The Great God, who never changes, ordered them to go in and slaughter the occupants. Those who lost heart and refused were denied entry into the Promised Land for 40 years.

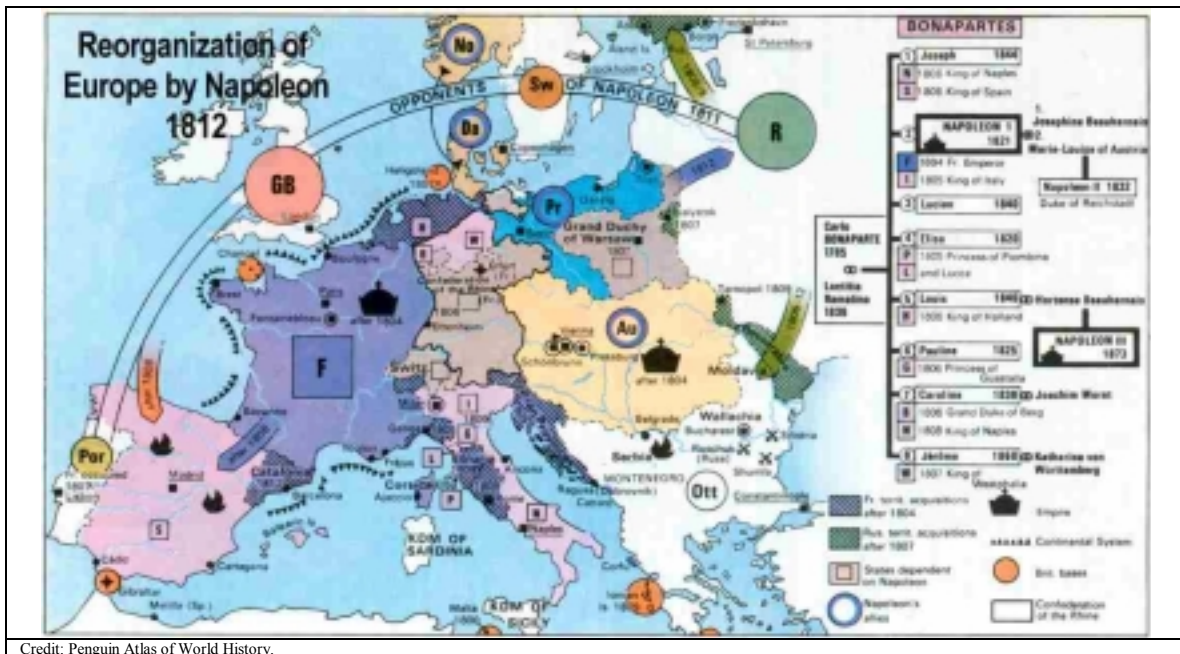
Those who believed God and trusted him for their salvation, did enter the Land and emerged victorious.

History has judged Napoleon harshly, and not without some justification. But bear in mind that Napoleon came to power in the very wake of the French Revolution. The French people had tired of tyrannical rule, and sought liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Men like Robespierre and others had paved the way for him. Amid the internal turmoil, their neighbours were greedily eyeing their activities and realized their vulnerability. The Austrian Empire was poised to spring and claim the spoils. A decision they would greatly regret.

Aligned with the Austrians were the Hungarians. The name Hungry is derived from the Mongolian Huns who had formerly taken up residence among the Germanics following the conquests of



Attila, Genghis Khan and others. The whole eastern European theatre and even Russia was overrun by these hordes, creating an unacceptable ethnic mix that was to inflame the Germanics forever. The Slavic nations also derive their names from this period. The *slav* part of the names of Czechoslovakia and



Credit: Penguin Atlas of World History.

Yugoslavia denotes their slavery. More about the ethnic mix of this group later in this series.

As a point of interest, Bible students may recall that when the prophet Joseph's brothers decided to sell him to the Arabs, it was Reuben that objected. Now Reuben was the elder of all the brothers, and he knew what was right, but lacked the fortitude to prevent it. He weakly acquiesced and allowed it to happen. Of all the nations on the earth, the name 'Reuben' is most commonly used among the French. The Tribe of Reuben is weak, and always sought the strength of his brothers, who by comparison, were ferocious in battle and honourable in chivalry. If it had not been for such Gauls as Charles DeGaulle, the French would have joined the Axis powers and waged war on the Allies. And today, their national dish would probably be schnitzel and fritzenburgers.

In time, the Reubenites gained power over the Franks/Norman/Britons – the masses occupying much of France. The Reubenites were effeminate and grew their hair long and dressed in frothy, lacy and ornamental regalia. They cared nothing for the masses and suggested that if they lacked bread they could eat cake.

But the true Britannic Franks – the Gauls, though decimated in power, sought change by revolution. The 'Vichy' rulership was no longer acceptable to them. And so began the French Revolution. But that's another story.

Against this background, and contemporary with struggles in Europe, noble and virtuous men sought to forge a government that would bring the people together in unity and under one banner. A nation where all men could live together in peace and call it their homeland. These men were the founding fathers of the new nation of the United States of America. And this nation was foreordained to cause the nations to tremble. God says this of Ephraim: **Hos 13:1** "When Ephraim spoke, men trembled; he was exalted in Israel." He also says this: **V12** "The guilt of Ephraim is stored up, his sins are kept on record. Pains as of a woman in childbirth come to him, but he is a child without wisdom; when the time comes, he does not come to the opening of the womb." God has not visited the sins of Ephraim upon him – yet! He is presently storing them up. Ephraim is like a woman waiting to give birth. But when the time comes his lack of wisdom will result in his defeat, and slaughter will follow (**V14**), and all the treasures in the nation will be plundered (**V15**).

This is the only super-power on earth today! No nation dares to provoke him to war – though some have tried and suffered the consequences. The people of the U.S. today can stand tall in the knowledge that they are currently safe, even though, it seems, the whole world is their enemy. Everyone hates them, and, it should be said, without cause. Most nations today live in peace and prosperity because



of the U.S. and the massive financial handouts that have made it all possible. It's been the hard work of the citizenry of the U.S. that has funded all these blessings to the nations. Of all the people on the face of the earth, the Americans should be the most loved of all, but instead, they are the most vilified. How can this be? What has America ever done to deserve this hatred? The most-burned flag in the whole world is the Stars and Stripes. Why? What madness prevails that would cause this excess of lunacy among the Gentiles?

One of the reasons is that God appointed Ephraim to be a bull, and to gore the nations to the ends of the earth. But Ephraim cannot recognize which nations God is referring to, so he won't come to the opening of the womb. And God speaks of a specific time when this will happen with the words, 'when the time comes...' But the woman the U.S. is supposed to emulate, will emerge! Not your mamby-pamby weaklings who love all the enemies of God and try to emulate them, but a woman who knows the meaning of liberty, and knows how to attain it! This woman knows that you don't reason with the satanic Gentile mind, and neither do you spent years trying to sign peace treaties with them.

Just as surely, another leader had to emerge in Ephraim just before the end, who would be like this woman, but would still fail to come to the opening of the womb. Al Gore could never have fulfilled this! He was a silver-tongued weakling, and an affront to manhood. It had to be the son of the man who hurled the American military might against the present arch-rebel of God – Saddam Hussein. It had to be George W. Bush!

The world that God has foreshadowed in Prophecy is not a world for weaklings. The Bible speaks of wolves coming among the flock. And what do wolves do to the flock? They kill them! God describes His faithful Son as a Lamb, and what is more, God allowed His own Son to be killed. From this Lamb will emerge a Lion – the Lion of the Tribe of Judah! Will God allow the rest of the flock to be killed? He not only says they will be killed, He demands it of them! This is vital evidence for the great Judgment, when the Judgment is given in favour of the saints, and they will inherit the Kingdom of God (Dan 7:26). And in **V22** it speaks of when the time comes. A time is coming, and it's described as the greatest upheaval of all time! It's a time more shocking than any other period of history, and it will never again be repeated. Such will be the ferocity of it all.

God speaks of a great rescue – He also calls it salvation. Some will be saved from death and brought back to the Holy Land to be settled. God has spoken of it in these terms: **Hos 3:4** "For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. Afterwards, the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to His blessings in the last days." When these words were written, David was both dead and buried. And the Israelites have never returned with trembling, and they certainly haven't sought the LORD with all their hearts. No, God is speaking not of the past, but of a future time – the last days.

It may seem to some that all this is so unnecessary. After all, haven't some of these people spent years trying to mold and shape God to conform with their expectations? Haven't they decreed what God should be? And from time to time, haven't some of these said that they wouldn't serve a God that failed to comply with their fanciful notions of righteousness? Some of these people appear as angels of light, and many are deceived by them. In no time at all, all their followers are trying to emulate them.

Because they've disregarded all that God has prophesied, and have failed to believe Him, these characterless weaklings will be the first to look up and curse God. From time to time we should review some basic prophecy to determine God's views on everything. Isaiah recorded this: **Isa 8:11** "The LORD spoke to me with His strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of the people." And in the next verse we'll use the marginal rendering: **V12** "Do not call for a treaty every time these people call for a treaty; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The LORD Almighty is the One you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread, and He will be a sanctuary; but for both Houses of Israel He will be a Stone that causes men to stumble and a Rock that makes them fall." So both Houses of Israel are going to be caught in the net. They haven't listened, they trust in treaties, and they don't fear God! They mistakenly thought the Rock was their ticket to salvation and rewards, even though they don't serve this Rock as they were instructed. But God goes on to identify His true disciples: **V16-18** "Bind up the Testimony and seal up the Law among my disciples." I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding His face from the House of Jacob. I will put my trust in Him. Here I am, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion."

And which Testimony is this? This Testimony is spoken of in **Rev 19:10**. Among God's disciples there are signs and symbols in Israel. In fact, they are described as signs and symbols themselves. Which signs and symbols could this be? For thousands of years there have been signs and symbols, and these all pointed to prophetic fulfillment, the problem is that no-one truly understood their meaning. Well, God has left plenty of signs and symbols for thousands of years, and they are still with us today! Devout men ensured that these were preserved, even though they didn't understand the meaning.

God has left no doubt about the true meaning of salvation, and what it will mean in the great and dreadful Day of the LORD. You don't need to listen to the muttering lies of deceivers who have transformed truth into a pack of lies. What God said thousands of years ago still stands today! And He gives this advice: **V19** "When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people enquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the Law and the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, they have no light of dawn." How people love to listen to the muttering of bumbling fools who have no idea what the Testimony is! God plainly tells us in **Rev 19:10**! And even more sickening, many of these bumbling, muttering fools say God's Law is done away with.

In this regard, the Apostle Peter had this to say: **2Pet 2:17** "These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity – for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him." And Peter wasn't kidding around! Both his recorded Books are a severe indictment against these types of empty, boastful mutterers.

God also speaks of this blackest darkness in the very next verses of **Isa 8:21** "Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and looking upward, will curse their King and their God. Then they will look towards the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness." Of course, this must be speaking to all those other guys – right? It couldn't possibly be referring to you who believe that God understands why you despise His Law and the Testimony! You explained it carefully to Him, and now it's time the Great Creator God listened to you! Is this what you think? If so, then you have been listening to the empty, boastful words of the springs without water. Once the light of dawn begins to shine it will be too late to seek second opinions. The promised freedom of those who are slaves of depravity will be as elusive as it ever was. There is no freedom under such circumstances, only blackest darkness forever – and from this, there is no way back!

But you are still holding a trump card – deathbed repentance! You can despise His Law and Testimony, attack His faithful servants, live like a slaving animal, and then force God's hand to grant eternal life and rich rewards for mouthing a few final words. If you believe this, then you really are a slave to whatever has mastered you. You realize of course, that there is to be a court judgment (**Dan 7:21-22**), and judgments are given according to Law. Judgment is given on what you have done (**Rev 20:12**), not what you mutter in a deathbed repentance. And what you will be judged for is what you are doing now, and all that you will do up to the day of your death. If any presume to teach against the sure Word of prophecy (**2Pet 1:19-20**), then, for you, there will be no light of dawn.

The Apostle Peter was writing to the faithful people in Galatia, who were scattered throughout Asia Minor (**1Pet 1:1**). These were the elect strangers who were scattered in the area. He was warning them about the loathsome creatures that would seek to infiltrate their ranks (**2Pet 2:1**). Today the earth teems with them – boastful mutterers who despise the Law and the Testimony. These, and all those they have snared in their net, are reserved for judgment (**2Pet 2:3**). Among the stories they have made up is the fiction that those who love God's Law and hold to the Testimony are the evil ones. Now why would God be angry with those who obey and believe Him? These are the ones of whom God says, "They will be mine" (**Mal 3:16-17**). It's these whose names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance (same verse).



**Signs and symbols of the Knights Templar**

What do you see? There's three columns, some building tools, with the square inverse to the usual way it's depicted leaning against the rear column. A woman sits there on a ladder, with the Bible at her feet, together with the square and compass. Two of the columns are in the front and one at the rear of the checkerboard. Each have a letter on them. Between the first two is a sign written in Hebrew. Notice the ladder has been dragged from 'B' column. At the rear are two stone blocks, one rough-cut, and the other polished. What does it mean? Clue: the 'S' stands for Solomon.

And who are these people that belong to God, and who serve Him, *and whose names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance*? God tells us in the same Book! These are the ones who are taught by Levi, the teacher of righteousness (**Mal 2:4-9**). God reserved the Levites long ago as His own. And it's the Levites who will be refined as silver and gold by God Himself. The Levites had preserved many signs and symbols for thousands of years. The problem is that no-one recognized them or their signs and symbols. Because they had no idea who the Levites were, where they went and what they did, how could they recognize the signs and symbols?

For nearly two thousand years, the Church that Christ built has existed in one form or another. These were faithful people who desired to serve Almighty God with all their hearts. Throughout the ages they didn't always observe God's requirements perfectly, but they had the desire to do so. Always cunning men infiltrated them and weakened their resolve. In most cases, the faithful followers of Christ struggled to survive. With each new settlement in a new land, Christianity was able to flourish, but each time, outside influences corrupted them, and in many cases, they were influenced by the Gentile religion. The history of these people is that they *branched off* to return to the Faith once delivered. Their 'first love' was all important, and they searched for ways to serve Almighty God as He intended, and in keeping with God's promise, He gave His Holy Spirit to those who obeyed.

Yet, since all prophecy points to one final, cataclysmic endtime fulfillment – the final Day of the seven-millennial-year Plan of God, it was necessary to identify those to whom God gave His Holy Spirit. With this in mind, God planned long ago to raise up a shepherd who would administer His requirements for the faithful offspring of Christ. These would be prepared, in advance, to receive the very Seed or Spirit of His Most Faithful Son and Heir. That shepherd has come and gone. He died in January, 1986. God calls him a foolish and worthless shepherd – but nevertheless, a true shepherd! The account of this shepherd is found in **Zech 11**.

What did this shepherd do that caused God to identify him as a shepherd? First of all, God gave him His Holy Spirit to guide him along the path to Truth. He restored the 'first love' that existed among the earliest disciples. He was imbued with the Holy Spirit, but only the *down-payment* or *earnest* of the Spirit (the word 'earnest' used in the KJV is a legal term, still used today in some legal documents, and means an initial or down-payment of a larger amount). Christ made it clear that a final payment or full-measure of the Holy Spirit would be added, and in **John 14:16** "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you *another* Counsellor to be with you forever – the Spirit of Truth." This is the Spirit that the world cannot accept: **V17** "The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him or knows Him. For He lives with you and shall be in you." Christ goes on to identify this final payment of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Himself, and given by the Father (**V26**). These things should be elementary to those who have the 'first love' of the faith once delivered, but evil men have corrupted the teachings, and spew their venom to discredit Christ's Words. Such people are easy to identify! They don't have the Spirit of God! They attack the very Words spoken by Almighty God and say they are no longer relevant. They imagine they are in a position to force God's hand to comply with their views. They demand salvation (without knowing what salvation means) and claim an unfettered walk to glory.

They presume too much! They have no idea what the Great Plan of God is about, or why He intends to do things the way He has prescribed. One thing God has made very clear, even to them, is they will be entirely on their own for 3½ years. No salvation, no rescue, no hope! Then they will realize the purpose of the 'Woman' that God has prepared. In this period, the *true Church* will emerge once more. In His great mercy, God has offered them a quick transition from life to death – and the absolute promise that He will raise them from the dead. But their persecutors will not be so lucky. Theirs will not be an easy transition and they will be paid in full for their treachery.

There will be no grapes on the vine, or sheep or cattle in the stalls, no olives on the tree, only hopeless despair, and the hope that God has made some sort of provision to rescue them from grueling slaughter.

One thing that so many people overlook is the length of the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD. It's one thousand years! This Day has been described a little differently from 'the wonderful world tomorrow' as some have depicted it. Yet God has planned to institute a whole new Covenant with both Houses of Israel. He's going to pour out His Spirit on them all. He's going to lead them back to their ancestral lands – the lands that God has promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Cities will be built and lands prepared for their arrival. This time, the seed of Satan will be enslaved by the Woman, and through forced labour, they will build cities for the House of Israel. It will be quite opposite what it was like in Egypt when Gentiles enslaved the Israelites and forced them to build cities.



God even speaks of hundreds of years in the future when all the Tribes of Israel live in peace in unwall'd cities, and He notes that they will be targeted by the dragon-worshippers – the reserves that Satan prepared for his final assault against his Father – the Great God of Heaven.

Those who have insulted the Great God and impugned His glorious Word and refused to believe Him or honour Him, or stand in awe of His Mighty Name – cannot be His servant! Not now, not ever! They have made their choice. They've refused to walk through the *doorway of prophecy* and to believe the *Testimony of their Saviour*, now they couldn't break through the door with a chainsaw. They have chosen death – the second death. That raging fire awaits them.

They've made sport of God and His servants, taking great pleasure in ridiculing everything He has said. They've made the mistake of imagining that if they eliminate all God's servants then God will have no alternative but to accept them just as they are. This is the thinking of their father the devil, and it's his language they listen to.

As far as being rescued is concerned, how is it that no-one seems to remember that Moses said a prophet would arise just like him? And what did the prophet Moses do? He rescued the whole House of Israel from Egypt – from the very realm of Satan the devil. God has said, and He won't change His mind, Israel must be sent into slavery – both Houses. From there He will rescue them and bring them back crying and trembling to the land He promised them.

Perhaps some of you should sing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and note the words. You just might learn something. Perhaps then you might be willing *to die to make men free* – as these words state. Perhaps then some of the *men you have made free* will hear *the trumpet that will never sound retreat*. Greater and better men understood and believed these words, yet those who sing this song today believe none of it.

In the Churches in the past, some have expressed a great appreciation of Handel's Messiah and the deep meaning of the words. How is it they ignore the words of '*He shall purify the sons of Levi*'? Isn't this exactly what God said? Wasn't Handel referring to **Mal 3:3**? Even though the original priest and prophet Elijah was dead, God speaks of another being raised in the Spirit and power of Elijah. Being a Levite priest, only he could offer the acceptable sacrifice that determined the difference between Baal and the true God. The account is found in **1Kings 18**. After preparing an altar of 12 stones representing the Tribes descended from Jacob (Israel), he offered one bull. This bull represented the Tribe, which is prince over all his brothers – Ephraim – the Tribe that gores the nations to the ends of the earth with impunity. The Tribe, which, when he speaks causes men to tremble (**Hos 13:1**), is the exalted one of Israel. It's true that Britain caused a few Argentineans to tremble in the Falklands Islands at one stage, but Britain doesn't cause any nation to tremble anymore. Only the United States does! And the U.S. is the bull that God intends to sacrifice. In human terms, the U.S. is probably the most righteous nation on earth. God favours no other nation over the American people. After all, it was He who took them by the hand and bent down to feed them – because He loves them (**Hos 11:1-4**). So why would God pick on the nation that He loves so much? And why would He suppress the penalty for their sins as He has done (**Hos 13:12**)? It doesn't seem logical. Surely the dragon-worshipping Chinese would be a better target. Or how about the slaving, greedy, black beasts of Africa, people like Idi Amin that slaughter their own people? Surely something is wrong! Why has God made this determination to send Ephraim into captivity?

The same question could be asked about Jesus. Why did the most righteous of all men have to die? If there had been any other way, then God would have honoured Christ's request (**Luke 22:42**), but there is no other way. Now this adds an entirely new dimension to God's purpose. Little wonder that Isaiah recorded that men would look skyward and curse God. **They will curse God because they never BELIEVED Him!!** God made it clear long ago that His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His Ways our ways. Evil men have rationalized everything God has said in the hope that God would regulate His thoughts and ways to comply with theirs. Ignoring what God has said just doesn't cut it, and those who do will soon find themselves cursing God and blaming Him for their own failure to believe Him. Surely, God's thoughts and ways are a little different to those of Christianity today.

Christianity has developed the view that they are prophets, but what they prophesy is *not* prophecy! How can the pathetic 'prophecies' of the Churches today be reconciled to the very specific prophecies that God has uttered throughout the pages of the Bible? The 'prophecies' the Churches have patched together seem to emanate from men who don't have the Spirit of God. Jude noted that these pathetic liars who *rule* over the flock **don't have the Holy Spirit** (**Jude 1:19**).

Some now claim they don't believe in the Gentile Church hierarchy so favoured by most of Christianity – but don't challenge their authority or you will soon find out just how shallow their beliefs are

in this regard. They are lying tyrants whose only objective is to promote their own self-interests. And it seems they will say or do almost anything to enhance their image. This includes inventing prophecies and telling lying stories they have made up.

All this serves to make God look foolish. Their perception is that God is sitting around waiting until they fill all the Church pews. For virtually seventy years the legacy of the shepherd whom God called has continued. Some imagined that this work would result in 144,000 people being 'saved', and they point to the number of baptized members to indicate this. Yet this is not God's intention. He has set aside just seven thousand. Some of the others may hang on and buy some oil for their lamps and gain God's favour, most won't! God intends to shock a few people shortly and knock them right off their cloistered towers. He says this: **Amos 3:7** "Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing His Plan to His servants the prophets. The lion has roared – who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken – who can but prophesy?" So to whom does God reveal His Plan? It's His servants the prophets – the Nevi'im, which is plural, indicating more than one.

God identifies one of the prophets as being Levi the teacher with whom His Covenant continues (**Mal 2:4-9**). This same Levite comes in the Spirit and power of Elijah – just before the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD (**Mal 4:4-5**). But even all this is not something that God chose to spring on everyone at the last moment. It's been in the planning for generations, in fact, it all started thousands of years ago. He confirmed the Levites as His very own chosen Tribe. He confirmed this appointment through John the Baptist who was a Levite and of the priesthood line. And why Elijah? Because Elijah was a Levite of the priesthood line, and of all the people on the earth at that time, only Elijah's sacrifice was acceptable to God. Though outnumbered 450 to one by Baal-worshippers, God gave Elijah victory over his enemies, but more importantly, over God's enemies! If there is a lesson to be learnt today, it's that God's thoughts and ways are entirely different to the total mass of Christianity today. Their teachings have been grossly offensive to God! Yet God is willing to overlook their many faults if they will do as His Faithful Son did – to willingly give up their lives in martyrdom. When the time comes, it will be necessary to refuse deliverance, preferring to receive a better resurrection (see **Heb 11:35** for confirmation of God's instructions).

Were the Knights Templar really '*The poor soldiers of Jesus Christ and the Temple of Solomon*'? If so, were they really the Church that Christ built? One thing is certain, they never claimed to be! And neither did they comply with the instructions that Christ *specifically gave to the Church*. Instead, they were warrior knights who fought many battles, yet they did it all to the glory of God and His Christ.

If they weren't the Church that Christ built, then what were they?

Anciently, in the days of Moses, God set aside a Tribe as His very own (**Num 8:13-18**). He later confirmed that '*they will be mine*' in speaking of those He would purify in the endtime (**Mal 3:17**). The Tribe He set aside as His very own were the Levites. He took them in place of the firstborn sons of Israel, and confirmed that His Covenant would continue with them. Leaving aside the fanciful nonsense taught by Christianity in general today, did God abandon His own Tribe and allow them to disappear into the obscurity of history? Or is God faithful to His Word and promises? Did the great morass of Tribal interaction obscure those of the Sacred Tribe so as to be unrecognizable? Did God's planning fail? What evidence do we have that God has not abandoned His very own Tribe, which He took in place of the firstborn? This Tribe is visible throughout history as the ones *who died to make men free*, and who refused *to sound the trumpet to retreat*. Historical accounts show they willingly fought to the last man. They paved the way for the greatest nation in history to be established – the United States of America. They taught decency and chivalry; they were builders of cities and nations, they observed righteous laws and enshrined them in the most important of historical documents. When their work was done they faded away. George Washington was an example of this. When his job was done as Commander-in-chief, he resigned and went back to his farm. European rulers were shell-shocked that a man with such greatness in his grasp should walk away unrewarded with the spoils of war.

Of course, this was the very attribute that endeared him to the people, and caused the government to bring him back and install him as the first President of the United States of America. Men of this type of towering caliber are unusual in a world of greed and avarice. Power-hungry demigods arise with monotonous regularity among the people, and even in the Churches. They exude an arrogance that indicates that if you follow them, they will lead you to greatness. The formula has worked to a limited degree in the past and some have achieved the stature they so love, and have muscled their way to power. This is particularly true of those who sought dominion over the Body of Christ. Well, this type of formula might work at the human level, but it doesn't work with Almighty God.

Sir Winston Churchill continually referred to the Germans as Huns. He recognized the pock-marked presence of the Hun mentality among the German leadership. The Mongolian Hun had infested the whole of Eastern Europe centuries before. The Germans were also known as the Krauts (a variation of Croat) because of their alignment with the troublesome Balkan States. The real Germanics were gullible enough to follow these mad Hun rulers and their visions of grandeur. They were resigned to the hope that the outcome would favour them, regardless of the suffering and bloodshed inflicted on others.

When Germany's end came after WWII, German generals desperately tried to surrender to the Americans. They knew they could expect no mercy from the Hun Russians, who, even today, still reflect their Mongolian inbreeding and mentality. Field-Marshal Montgomery refused the surrender of the generals from the Eastern Front, insisting that they should surrender to the Russians. Most of those who surrendered to the Russians never survived the internment of Siberia. Some of them starved to death before they got there. But these were the lucky ones. The Russians actually allowed their soldiers, for a period, to take retribution on the conquered nation of Germany. This involved rape, torture, looting and slaughter on an unprecedented scale not seen for centuries on the field of war. The West simply said, 'Oh, well, just remember Stalingrad'.

The Americans, on the other hand, immediately set out to rebuild and reestablish the Germans as a nation. The Germans had been humiliated and had surely learnt a lesson they would never forget. They emerged a decent and respected nation and chose to align with the rest of the House of Israel. With the destruction of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of their people, they cast off the influence of the Eastern Hordes.

Britain, however, immediately aligned with the Moslem hordes of the Middle East. To fortify their associations with these petroleum-rich nations, they willingly began to persecute the Jews. They resorted to piracy on the high seas, and in international waters, to sink ships carrying Jewish refugees. Is it any wonder that England is spiritually stone-dead? It's almost beyond belief that England didn't share Eisenhower's views when he saw the concentration camps and the suffering endured by the Jews. This serves to reflect the very great difference between the Americans and the English. It was the Americans who stood in the gateway and refused the English the right to plunder the German people in reparation of war. Had it not been for the Americans the Germans probably would have been rounded up and sent to the English colonies following their defeat.

The English clearly showed their attitude with their treatment of the Jews. The Jews suffered more than



**Eisenhower inspects the concentration camps.**

Eisenhower was outraged when he inspected the death camps, and the emaciated bodies of the Jews. He ordered as many soldiers and officers as possible to see it for themselves to ensure it was never forgotten or denied in the annals of history.



A poor, wimpering survivor of Hitler's death camps, but there was no welcome home from the English for any Jewish survivors. They were too busy claiming undeserved victory, and fortifying the Moslems.

anyone in WWII, and they were innocent of any wrongdoing. England chose to add to their stripes in order to appease the Moslems. England was determined to keep the Jews stateless, and even returned them to concentration camp conditions once more (they actually set up a concentration camp in Cypress for the Jews). All this just to appease worthless Moslems! This is a record that has **not** gone unnoticed by Almighty God. They exhibited no pity or compassion but became what they had formerly despised – they became callous swine! When they sing 'Rule Britannia' they should hang their heads in shame. Real Britons – the Celts – would never have done such a thing!

In the ensuing years, Germany became more prosperous than Britain. Perhaps there's a lesson to be learned here regarding repentance. Consider the parable that Christ told of the man who owed a veritable fortune to another man, which he couldn't pay.

Seeing that he couldn't pay, the creditor forgave him the debt. Afterwards, this same forgiven debtor went out and found a man who owed him a measly amount of money. He set upon the man and began to choke



him because he couldn't pay, and then had him put into prison. When his creditor heard of this, he immediately confronted the man and said, "You ungrateful swine! I forgave you a much larger debt, but you couldn't extend the same mercy to others. Now you'll sit in prison until you pay the debt in full." (see **Matt 18:21-35** for the account).

So now we know God's feelings on the matter. God sent His powerful son Ephraim on a mission of mercy to rescue the British at huge cost to the American people. Instead of being thankful and extending the same mercy to the Jews, they added to their burden! Whatever Godly credits Britain had accumulated up to this point, they were quickly squandered with this act of treachery. Perhaps they should have noted what Christ said in **Matt 12:7**.

Nor did England care much about the horrific persecution of the Jews that occurred throughout the **1930's**. This dreadful persecution was common knowledge, but it never raised a whimper among the English. Instead, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain went on a bootlicking mission to Hitler and came back waving a piece of paper and proclaiming '*Peace in our time*'. At a national level, Britain really did get what they deserve, only it was greatly tempered with mercy – their end had not come at that time.

Since the time of the United Nations declaration of the partition of Palestine, and the proclamation of a Jewish State by Ben Gurion in **1948** to give the Jews a homeland, the British have consistently voted against the new State of Israel. Again and again they've aligned themselves with the enemies of God – the Moslem states. Do the British really deserve mercy in the coming holocaust? Just remember that God doesn't forgive unrepentant people! They compounded their lack of pity for the suffering of poor Jewish people at the end of the war with their anti-Semitism, and have continued it right down to the present day! *The Penguin Atlas of World History* speaks of the anti-Semitism of Britain and Germany in the same terms! Almost tragically, a Jewish battalion fought for the British in the Second World War. Not surprisingly, the British assigned them the most dangerous and impossible tasks. Only the Scottish battalions equaled them in valour. Presumably, the British exposed this Jewish battalion to the greatest risks in the hope of titillating the Arabs who aligned with the Axis powers – not the Allies.

It may seem strange to some people that God favours men of courage and valour. God makes no secret of His great love for Abraham. You will recall the earlier mention of the great courage of Abraham when he strode out in battle against enormous odds and emerged victorious. Four mighty kings were his adversaries, but these four kings made the fatal mistake of reaching out against Abraham's adopted son Lot (really his nephew, the son of his brother), and in Godly fury Abraham cut them to pieces. Recall also, that God met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him. God intended that this scenario would be repeated again by Abraham's offspring seven generations later: **Gen 15:12** "*As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and ill-treated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterwards they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation (after Jacob) your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not reached full measure."*"

God was allowing time for the Amorites to gain in strength and evil so He could destroy them. And this was the commission that He gave to Moses. The Israelites were to go into the Promised Land and utterly destroy them all – man, woman and child, and wipe them from the face of the earth. God detested them and their disgusting practices. So He prepared the right man for the job. He chose Moses. Moses had many of the qualities of his forefather Abraham. When he saw one of his tribal brothers being ill-treated by an Egyptian, he reacted and killed the offender. He wasn't the sort of man who stood idly by and watched his people humiliated.

We are presently in a hiatus awaiting the time when the Kingdom of God will be established – a time when God's servants will fight (**John 18:36**). In the interim, God has sent His armies into battle many times – the armies that David referred to as '*the armies of the Living God*'. God has established many precedents and exposed His people to many wars.

David, King of Israel, spent his entire life fighting wars. He began by killing a giant, and later slaughtered all the giants, and anyone else who were unlawfully on God's property – the Holy Land. And God loved David, even describing him as '*a man after my own heart*'. And what qualities did David possess to earn this glorious accolade? He was a faithful servant of Almighty God, not a perfect one, mind, but a faithful one. He was a man and made some mistakes, but he was perfectly attuned to the love of God and the desire to do all that was required of him. He never wavered and always did as he was commanded.

Such was the faithfulness of this man that God plans to raise him from the dead and give him rule over all Israel.

You may recall that Jesus spoke in parables so no-one would understand. This same Spokesman also spoke in parables anciently for the same reason. This was to ensure that only those with His Spirit would understand; this is the Spirit of Prophecy, also called the Counsellor or Teacher. It was God's intention to call a teacher to teach God's truth at the crucial time immediately prior to the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD. This is the Truth that *relates* to prophecy.

Formerly, another shepherd was raised up to gather the flock that God would call to duty (**Zech 11:16**). His job was to condition this flock to understand the importance of the Decrees and Laws of God's servant Moses, and to set these people on a Godly pathway. But they lacked the Spirit of prophecy! They lacked it because God never gave it to them. But this didn't stop their leaders from proclaiming their own Protestant versions of prophecy and greatly embellishing it. Even more assiduously, they preached peace to all who would follow them. In their view, the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD was a misnomer, because they taught that it would be a dreadful day for everyone else – but not for them!

Christ set an example for His followers, and said it had to be this way: **Matt 26:53** “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?” The Scriptures that Christ referred to were the only ones that existed at that time. These are the Scriptures that people love to reject as being no longer relevant. And of course, these Scriptures contain a lot more prophecy than those that were subsequently written. Importantly, the meaning of the Scriptures continued to be clouded from the minds of everyone even when Jesus walked the earth. The reason for this is that God intended for the meaning of the Scriptures to be revealed at the conclusion of Satan's six thousand year reign, that is, at the start of the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD. This is when it really needs to be understood! All flesh on the face of the earth will be greatly effected by the events foretold in the Scriptures.

The cowardly will not follow Christ as they were commanded. They are only prepared to follow Him in the good times, and subject to certain conditions. These conditions are that God require no service of them except to believe that they were ‘saved’, and to believe that all prophecy adverse to their well-being was aimed at others.

Since all prophecy was to be revealed by the Levite spoken of in the Book of Malachi, and just before the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD, it stands to reason that God has left us a legacy of the Levites down through the ages. He chose the Levites as His very own in place of the firstborn, who in fact, **is Ephraim**: **Gen 48:5** “Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to see you will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.” *Ephraim and Manasseh* were to be Jacob's firstborn like Reuben and Simeon, but Ephraim was to be the dominant one of all Israel, and a prince among his brothers (**V26**). Ephraim was to be the equivalent of Joseph, who really was a prince among his brothers, and to whom they came and bowed down to in Egypt as Joseph prophesied (**Gen 37:9**). In fact, in **Rev 7:8** *he is called Joseph*, whereas Manasseh is called by his own name (**V6**).

So what was to be the legacy of the one who is prince among his brothers? I think we all know that a good mix of all Joseph's brothers reside in the United States. When God speaks of ‘*Israel*’ – whom He led out of Egypt (**Hos 11:1**), He begins to reference ‘*Ephraim*’ as that firstborn son (**V3**). And confirms him as His firstborn son in **Jer 31:20**. Ephraim was destined to reach the pinnacle of greatness just prior to the coming of the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD.

Napoleon was a French Norman who was born of nobility on the Isle of Corsica. By the late **1800's** Reuben was the dominant Tribe in France and the ruling class. Many of the Britons from Brittany, France, had been displaced and driven to Celtiberia (Spain), the Normans had formerly seized rule in Britain in **1066**, and later migrated to the new land in the Americas, together with many of the French. In this way, *Ephraim was like Reuben* (just as Jacob said) and *Manasseh was like Simeon* (both were anti-Semitic) and both originated from the same region – Saxony and Germany in Europe. In fact, it's hard to tell the difference between some Saxons and the Germans – they have basically the same features. Since they all lived in the same location, they probably carry the same genes through interbreeding. The British royal family certainly has German bloodlines of the Sax-Coburg line – now called the House of Windsor (George V changed his name from Sax-Coburg to Windsor at the start of WWI as a means of distancing himself from his Germanic origins).

Almighty God Himself gave this undertaking that He would sift Israel through many nations, yet ensure that no grain fell to the ground to germinate in the wrong place. He had determined what they

would be and where they would go. This was also true in Egypt where the Israelites did not assimilate with the Egyptians, but lived separately in the Land of Goshen. It was God's intentions to retain the bloodlines so that they would always be identifiable as the House of Israel. Today of course, people are hoping to put all nations into the melting pot and '*turn out coffee-coloured people by the score*' as the words of one song put it. They think this is noble and virtuous, but it's really just another satanic plot to wipe out the House of Israel – the only people that God chose out of all the families of the earth (**Amos 3:1-2**).

If God has failed to fulfill His promise to preserve the House of Israel to this present day, then all prophecy is worthless and meaningless. Prophecy would make no sense at all! All prophecy relates to the House of Israel in one form or another. God's overall purpose for the House of Israel is to bring them back to the land that He gave to His friend Abraham, and we all know that this land is in the Middle East. The present view is that this land is a nice place to visit, but you wouldn't want to live there. Only the Jewish people consider it their homeland, and they love their ancestral home even though it's bounded by hordes of hostile Moslems.

Well, God intends to bring the whole House of Israel back to live in the Promised Land whether they like it or not. And it's in this Land that God will provide a safe haven – at the appointed time! But before this it must be purged. Presently, there is not enough purging going on! The whole world is coming down on the side of the enemies of God – the very ones that God requires to be purged from His Land. The Moslems have no right to set foot in the Holy Land, yet the whole world, it seems, believes they have this right. What's more, the Moslems have all but convinced the world that they are the rightful heirs to the Land. They wouldn't hesitate to invade it, but the giant specter of Ephraim still casts a shadow that is menacing to them.

Satan knows his time is running out. He knows he must soon make his move to thwart God's Plan or face the inevitable consequences for his sins. He is already under a thousand year suspended sentence, and knows that he will serve it – unless he can stage a coup. His problem is that he knows that God is expecting a coup (**Rev 12:7-12**). He's resolved to create destruction and terror on everything when he is cast down and to resist arrest. He'll ensure that everything is strategically booby-trapped and that the inhabitants of the earth are subjected to unimaginable fury (**V12**).

Satan is of the impression that he is rightful ruler of the Throne of God's earth. Tyrants rarely concede their crown willingly. The earth is God's, and He gives it to whomever He chooses. He has vowed to give it to Jacob's twelve stars or sons. Recall Joseph's prophecy about the sun, moon and stars bowing down to him (**Gen 37:9-11**). Jacob identified himself as the sun, Rachel the moon, and the twelve planets that revolve around the sun to be his sons (yes, I know how many planets have been discovered). Of particular interest here is the third rock from the sun – planet Earth. And which of Jacob's sons represent this third planet? It's the third son born to him (**Gen 29:31-34**) – God's own representative Tribe – the one He chose as His own. It's this Tribe that God says will be like the sand of the sea in numbers. This is what God says: **Jer 33:22** "I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars of the sky and as measureless as the sand of the seashore." It should be noted that not all Judah are the descendants of David. David came along hundreds of years after Judah was born, but Judah's line continues as the *Holy Seed* only through David – a point that is made by God in **Zech 12:12-14**. Christ also identified Himself as the Root and Offspring of David (**Rev 22:16**), so in this way, Christ is the father of David and also his offspring – prophetically speaking. And this is what the Book of Revelation is all about – prophecy! So David was also the offspring of Christ – through the Spirit of Christ – which is the Spirit of Prophecy. **All prophets have the Spirit of Prophecy.** This is what makes them prophets!

Why then did God choose the Tribe of Levi as His very own Tribe? And how could the Levites fulfill the prophecy of becoming as countless as the stars, and as measureless as the sand of the seashore, if they have disappeared from history? Surely Almighty God would not leave us guessing in such an important matter. Of course, He never did leave us guessing; the problem is that no-one sought to believe Him, instead they rationalized what He said.

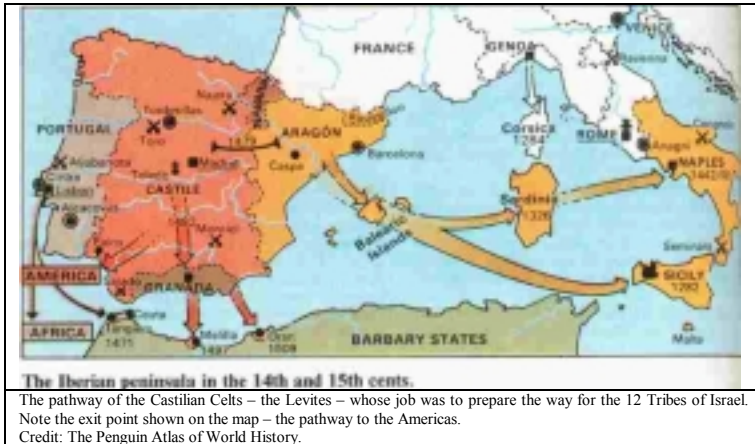
God provided pathways for the Tribes of Israel to migrate to their various locations. He used His own Tribe to do this. It was the Levites that led the way into Europe and the British Isles. And it was also the Levites that led the way to the new land – the United States of America.

#### **EL CID (The Seed)**

The Celtic Britons in the state of Brittany in France, began to colonize much of Spain around the time of the Norman migrations to Western and Central France. The mountainous regions of Spain were ideal for the Britons to establish a power base and to build their castle fortresses (many of which are still in



evidence today). But the growing tide of Moslems (even though Charlemayne had driven them all out centuries before) was becoming a concern to King Alfonso VI of Spain, but he was too weak to take the initiative against them. He did, however, occupy Toledo in **1085**, creating a boundary between his Christian kingdom and the Moslems, but it fell far short of solving the problem. Amid the growing concern for this unwanted invasion of Moslems, some of the Baron Knights decided to take the initiative, and formed a great army. Alfonso VI saw this as a threat to his sovereignty, and a rift developed between these forces.



In **1094**, El Cid (“*The Seed*” - **Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar** – c. **1043-99**) conquered Valencia and delivered the territory to Alfonso. This healed the rift between them, and cemented relations and common objectives. The common heritage of warfare against the Moslems in Spain was the subject of the French *Chanson de Roland*, which included the exploits of El Cid. The conquests in Spain seem to have inspired the Crusades to drive the Moslems from Jerusalem and the Holy Land, because five

years later in **1099**, the First Crusade under Godfrey of Bouillon liberated the Holy City.

What was happening in Spain at this time was the preparation for the establishment of a great nation to the west. While the Normans were busily conquering Italy and the Mediterranean, the Celti-Iberians – the Castilians – were preparing to establish the Americas.

During the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, Spain became the most Christianized state in all Europe. Monasteries sprung up everywhere and became the seat of learning, covering all aspects of science and the arts. In complete contrast, when the Normans invaded and occupied the southern part of Italy and Sicily, historians record that all forms of Christianity were virtually dead and void of any influence in Italian life. But still the Vatican exercised great influence over the rest of the European states.

Many of the monarchs of Europe saw the Catholic Church as a useful influence for unification because of the vast network of Churches and monasteries strategically located throughout Europe. There was constant conflict between the Celtic Monasteries in Wales, France, Spain and Switzerland (formerly Transpalana Gallia). When they could stand it no longer, the Papal armies began the first of the great inquisitions against the Celtic Christians who were headed by Frenchman Peter Waldo in Switzerland. The papal armies began by seizing property and driving the inhabitants into the Alps for refuge. The merciless pursuit and slaughter of the Waldensians (*Anabaptists*) was noted centuries later by a powerful conqueror.

Peter Waldo came on the scene in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. He rejected the ecclesiastic tyranny that emanated from the Vatican. *The Penguin Atlas of World History, Vol. 1, pp233*, describes the Anabaptists in this manner: ‘Unclear in their teachings, the Anabaptists and ‘Schwarmer’ (‘enthusiasts’) rejected any kind of governmental or ecclesiastical organization; they believed in personal revelation, prophetic calling, the ‘inner light’ and the sanctification of man through rebaptism.’ Others closely assimilated them and many other groups arose who sought greater enlightenment. Melchiorites, Mennonites, Hussites, Calvinists and dozens of others began to see things in a completely different light. One major difference in the Anabaptists as opposed to the others is, the Anabaptists willingly accepted martyrdom, whereas others began to herald the proclamation of the ‘Kingdom of Zion’. Predominantly

#### Point of Interest

James (called the Elder), the brother of Jesus is said to have died in Spain in 44 AD. His place of burial was discovered in the 9<sup>th</sup> Century in Galicia in North-West Spain, together with compelling evidence of his identity. Today, James is considered to be the patron saint of Spain.

It was James who wrote to the **12 Tribes of Israel scattered among the nations** (**James 1:1**), and warned them of fighting and warring among themselves (**James 4:1**). The earliest attributes of the later feudal barons was already in evidence with the rich impoverishing the poor, which prompted him to write: **1:9** “The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position.” He expands on this meaning in **5:1**. His purpose was to induce brotherly love among all the Tribes of Israel and to get them to care for their own people. Instead, the history of all the Tribes of Israel in Europe has been for territorial conquests over their own brothers. This is totally unacceptable to Almighty God!

Germanic, the Melchiorites saw the intent of the Scriptures and began to imagine their role of establishing the Kingdom. Further down on *pp233* we read this: ‘Whereas many Anabaptists conceived of their sufferings as martyrdom, Melchior Hoffman preached the destruction of the godless and proclaimed the beginning of the ‘*Millennium of Christ*’ for the year 1533. In the Netherlands the Melchiorites found their leaders in Jan Matthys, a baker of Harlem, and Jan Bokelson, a tailor of Leiden. In 1534-5 they established the reign of the Anabaptists in Münster. Won over by the Reformation in 1532, the city came under the influence of the Melchiorites. Under siege, the religious fanaticism in the ‘*Kingdom of Zion*’ intensified (communally held property, polygamy). All those ‘*disposed to Anabaptism*’ were persecuted after the conquest. The fact that from then on they lived as ‘*the quiet ones in the country*’ was owed to the work of the Frisian preacher **Menno Simons (1492-1559)**. Peaceful, but imbued with the conviction of their salvation, **Mennonite** communities spread to Russia and North America.’

Here we have a situation where rank-and-file Christians began to think for themselves for the first time in a long period. They saw organized, hierarchical Gentile Christianity as an oppressive overlord, which had completely missed the point of the meaning of the Scriptures. They began to see the importance of a ‘*Kingdom of Zion*’ and nominated themselves to fulfill it. It seemed all so clear! A Kingdom had to be established in preparation for the return of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. And it was this issue that began to divide them. The Anabaptists saw their role as martyrs, while Lutherans, Melchiorites, Calvinists, and others saw their role as taking up where the Knights Templar had left off. They needed a Kingdom, but not the type of Kingdom described in the Bible; instead, they would form a **Church Kingdom**, which in their view was the perfect substitute.

Their cascading enlightenment began to take on many forms. Some probed the Bible for meaning and discovered that the Kingdom is closely associated with the Tribes of Levi and Judah. This was not the message their leaders wanted to hear, so brotherly persecution led to more spin-offs, with various groups going their own way, and all were convinced they were on the right track. After the posting of his 99 theses, Luther had visions of converting all the Jews to Christianity, but when this failed – about 20 years later – he began to persecute them. Lutherism had become a powerful force among the Germanics, and the Jews soon felt the cold wind of terror. It seemed like the perfect solution! Get rid of the Jews and the Church Kingdom might succeed! After all, with no Jews to fulfill the prophecies, God would have no alternative than to choose them as a replacement. Christianity could become the real Jews, while the real Jews of the Tribe of Judah could be eradicated. The perfect solution! And it wouldn’t hurt at all if the Anabaptists were also accused of Judaizing at the same time. They were becoming a constant embarrassment with their continual preaching of martyrdom as the Godly role of Christianity.

It didn’t faze the Simeonites that they were neither Jews nor Levites! And well they knew this! But in their view, these were minor details. Somewhere along the way, God’s Plan had gone off the rails and they would fix it. The Jews had rejected the Messiah, the Son of God, so they had no rights to anything, so as far as the Lutherans and their offshoots were concerned, they deserved nothing. Anti-Semitism against the Jews became a way of life, and they successfully carried it forward for centuries – until Napoleon came along. Then suddenly the Germans saw a new ally in the Austrians who were firmly



aligned with the Vatican. They also made overtures to the Russians for support against this new threat from France – but to no avail. The French behemoth rolled over the top of them and crushed them.

Martin Luther further fueled the fires of change in **1517** when he nailed his 99 theses to the castle church in Wittenberg. One of his major points was that indulgences do not buy redemption or salvation, and that these things come by the grace of God alone – not by the ecclesiastic clergy or the Vatican. The Vatican immediately sought to kill him, but he was protected by Frederick the Wise (**1486-1525**). All these things left a major hole for Vatican influence in Europe. Lutherism spread throughout Germany and into most of the Nordic countries.

Some years after Luther had written his 99 theses, he began to see the Anabaptists as Judaizers and began a campaign against Jews and all judaizers. His condemnation of these people fueled the flames of persecution by the Vatican, culminating in the reinstitution of the '**Inquisition**' – a point not lost when a couple of hundred years later Napoleon came on the scene. Persecutors always pay the ultimate price for their treachery.

It's interesting to note that Switzerland became the route of Napoleon's initial attack against Rome and the Pope. Against all advice to the contrary, Napoleon savaged the whole region of papal influence as a prelude to capturing Rome and imprisoning the Pope. When it was suggested to Napoleon that this campaign was overly harsh, he replied that it wasn't harsh enough. It was during this campaign that he crushed the Austrians for being papal sympathizers, and reduced them to vassals and serfs.

The French Revolution guaranteed freedom of religion, and it was an offence to persecute others because of their beliefs. This was the theoretical side of it, however, in practice, it took on a different form. Napoleon hated Catholicism, and duly eradicated it wherever he went. His views on Islam were the same. He saw Egypt as the seat of Islam and invaded it. Napoleon had a great deal of idealism, but his actions didn't always translate into the form of idealism that he upheld in words. He viewed the tyranny of past millennia as totally unacceptable, and in order to address these wrongs, he became a tyrant himself, but with a difference! He became a tyrant to all those who exercised tyranny over their own people. Napoleon was a man of the common people but raised no objections to crowning himself Emperor of France. Of special note is the fact that Napoleon was Emperor of France – not Rome! He refused to be crowned by a representative of Rome – the normal tradition – and crowned himself!

Napoleon's campaign spelt the end of Roman Catholic and papal influence among the nations. Their role was reduced to merely proselyting among the nations (something they seem to have done well), but without any power to enforce anything. Never again would they dictate terms to any nations, nor would they be consulted. They were reduced to a very low-grade mainstream Christian religion – a religion that counsels *against* all the advice of James the Elder. But then, James' letter was written to **the 12 Tribes of Israel (James 1:1)**, **not Gentiles!**

Perhaps there were some who listened to what James wrote, and took it onboard. In England, the Magna Carta (**1215** by King John and confirmed in **1225** by King Henry III) became the central authority of future considerations of life and liberty – but mainly for the baron landholders. The Magna Carta (The Great Charter) was forced on King John of England, and was designed to strip him of the outrageous power of life and death and taxes, which he had used to great effect. The barons were required to finance his ambitions of conquest and extravagance; consequently, those who were lower on the social level, the peasants, were squeezed and defrauded of their rights to the basics of life. The Magna Carta addressed some of these wrongs, and in minor ways, the peasants benefited. Importantly, laws were set up guaranteeing properly constituted courts of law and the rights of the accused. The Magna Carta removed

Entry in the book, *The Companion to British History* by Charles Arnold-Baker under heading:

**Britain, Briton, Great Britain**

*"It is uncertain whether the name Britain is of W.Germanic or old Celtic origin. The Romans called the Island Britannia, and the term Briton is today used, save in journalism, to indicate the inhabitants from the time of the Romans until their defeat by the Teutonic invaders of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries.*

*In the Middle Ages, the term Britain was used only as a historical term. It came back into practical uses under Henry VIII and Edward VI, in connection with efforts to unite England and Scotland and as a result of investigations into the island's past unity. It has been ingeniously but not very plausibly suggested that the name Great Britain originated in the punning title of a book – John Major's *Historia Majoris Britanniae*.*

*In 1604 James I and VI was proclaimed 'King of Great Britain' probably because this collective name sounded more impressive than the component parts added together."*

The Celtic Scots (Highlanders) were a fierce and noble nation, and not easily conquered. Even in the 20<sup>th</sup> century wars, the Highlanders excelled others for bravery. If you want the bravest and noblest of men to protect a palace, get the Highlanders to do it. Just ask the Queen.

For those who want to research their names, the above reference book, on pages 314-316 lists over 800 names connected to the Highlanders. Of interest is the second name listed under 'A'. It's **Armstrong**. Some people will find another name of interest on page 316 under 'D' (Dunlevi).



the right of the king to accuse someone of treason and then seize all his property – the favourite cash-cow of English monarchs.

Had the Magna Carta been administered with due care, men like Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658) would never have arisen to power and a lot of men would have retained their heads into old age. But by 1640, the words of James the Elder were greatly magnified as the rift between the rich and poor grew ever wider. Royalty continued to be obsessed with gaining more and more wealth and power, and the people were reduced to even greater poverty. Royalty had completely lost the plot. The social scene was right for a revolution as Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658) strode onto the political scene. When he uttered the famous words in parliament: “*You have sat in this place for too long, now in the name of God, please go!*” his armies assembled outside parliament ensured they listened to what he said. With the overthrow of the King and the purging of parliament, the revolution had begun.

In 1649, after negotiations with King Charles I could not be satisfactorily resolved, Cromwell promoted his trial and execution. To further fuel his hatred for royalty, he had the crown jewels broken up and melted down – all except the Scottish crown.

Though he professed to be a devout Christian, he noted the religious tyranny of the Presbyterians at Westminster and realized they had to be brought to heel. Naturally enough, the net widened, and many others were targeted. The Presbyterians were the Scottish Celts (and probably some Picts as well), and were staunchly opposed to the Roman Catholic religion, and, for that matter, the Anglican Church, which they considered to be defacto Catholics. It was **King James VI of Scots** (and who was later crowned **King James I of England**) who had the Scriptures translated (1611) as the King James Version, and obviously agreed with the translators foreword found in every KJV of the Bible. It mentions that the man of sin would receive a deadly wound that would not be healed, and made it clear they were referring to the Pope and his popish agents. The Presbyterians tended to agree and resisted the power of both Catholics and their defactos.

English historians always found Celtic monarchs easy to hate. Even the respected reference book ‘*The Companion to British History*’ had this to say about this Scottish King James: “*He spent a month en route to London making himself liked by his courtesy, zeal for hunting and profuse distribution of knighthoods. Sometimes grossly familiar and foul-mouthed, he was a learned and amusing conversationalist but homosexual, conceited, pacifist and without royal dignity.*” (They fall just short of accusing him of leprosy!) He might have been all these things, but equally, most of these things could also be ascribed to any other English monarch – *especially when no evidence is offered!* The biggest problem with King James, in the eyes of historians, is that he was a Celt.

What Cromwell did most effectively was to create the British aversion to military rule. Gradually, the English monarchy became attractive once more, and the Restoration of the Monarchy soon followed.

A hundred years later, the seeds of the French Revolution would sprout, and Cromwell’s French counterpart, Robespierre would successfully wage war on the French Monarchy. From his efforts, the ‘Little General’ Napoleon arose and lead the French to the conquest of Europe.

Conquering nations have a habit of destroying historical evidence of the nations they conquer. They don’t want the memory of former glories inciting them to rebellion. To the Angles and Saxon invaders of the British Isles, the sooner the memory of the Celts was extinguished, the better! Since every

effort to destroy their history was undertaken, little of the history of their wars with the Celts has survived, but some has. The invaders know that a mighty and noble king repelled their earliest attempts of settlement, but the memory of this king was quickly extinguished when successful landings were achieved. History is full of battles between

the Celts and the Saxons, but only the Saxons successful campaigns were enshrined in Anglo-Saxon history



The site of King Arthur's grave found in 1191. On 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1278, the body was removed in the presence of King Edward I and Queen Eleanor to another abbey site and covered with a marble tomb. The gravesite survived until the dissolution of the abbey in 1539.



The copper burial cross found inside the grave with the coffin says: *Here lies King Arthur of Avalon*. It was found in the Glastonbury Monastery in Wales in 1191.

with very few exceptions. In the fifth century, after the departure of the Romans (they were forced to depart in order to protect Rome from the Goths and Vandals), the unified armies of the Celts were led by a noble king whose name was scarcely uttered for nearly six hundred years, even though there were some authentic books written about him. For instance, Gildas wrote the Latin history *De Excidio et Conquestu Britanniae* in 547ce, Nennius wrote *Historia Brittonum* in the eighth century, and the *Annales Cambriae* was compiled in 950ce (*Cambriae* is named after the people who occupied the *Cambrian* Mountains in Wales – *the Celts*). The name of this monarch was King Arthur – the first of the great and noble knights. Almost everything that was written about King Arthur is entangled with myths and legends, and is considered by most to be a fairytale. That is, until Frenchman *Chretien de Troyes* wrote his book (1160). In it, he identified the place of Arthurian castles. The area identified had no surface expression of any castle or human development, but erstwhile explorers decided to dig for ruins. Sure enough, they discovered the ruins of a castle on Cadbury Hill (across the valley from Glastonbury), which had walls 14 feet thick. It was obviously a fortress.

It should be remembered that the Celts had been in Britain a thousand years before the time of King Arthur. There is a lot that historians and archeologists don't know about the Celts. They like to speak of them as a primitive people, yet Julius Caesar said otherwise.

Among the early Angles and Saxons it could mean a death sentence to ascribe valour to the Celts. Anglo-Saxon recorders were required to denigrate them by every means possible, and to convey the idea that they were vermin that needed to be exterminated. The Saxons of course, were pagans. We have the evidence of Charlemagne, who waged war on those who were still living in the German province of Saxony because of their bloodthirsty pagan practices. He left Christian missionaries there to convert them, but inevitably, the missionaries would be killed. Then more retribution from Charlemagne would follow. It had the effect of driving them offshore to join their brothers in the English Isles. They became one big happy family in East Anglia, where they developed a common interest in hating the Celts.

The Celts, like the Jews, were great assimilators; they knew how to get along with their neighbours. In time, their power extended to regency, and Celtic kings ruled over Britain, displacing the Anglo-Saxon monarchy for an extended period. Some of the *Henrys* were Celts (though most like to disavow Henry VIII for obvious reasons. In addition to these reasons, he was a huge man with red hair and obviously carried a lot of Irish/Viking genes, and an Irish temper which made it even easier to dislike him).

King Henry III of England (1207-72) rebuilt the present-day Westminster Cathedral. Some of the



The Altar Wall of the Westminster Cathedral, re-built by Henry III, bears the image of the Arthurian Round Table.



The uppermost segment of the roundtable image. The writing says: *King Arthur*.

Anglo-Saxon aristocracy must have been outraged at King Henry III for embellishing Westminster Cathedral with evidence of King Arthur's reign. In it, in the most prominent of places, he portrayed the King Arthur Round Table, seen here in the picture. It has seating for 24 knights in addition to the king. Why would a king of England glorify a myth, and in the sacred confines of a Church Cathedral, if there were no truth to the record of King Arthur? There are

enough fables in the English Church without adding more. It's long been fashionable to ignore the kingly exploits of the Celtic nation and to erase all knowledge of this period of history. Monarchs are not willing to remember that greater and mightier kings than them once existed. And nor are they willing to believe that such an age of chivalry existed in the 5<sup>th</sup> century long before their time. Yet many authors have sought to bring back into focus this period and to remind everyone of a glorious period long past. Prior to this period, the rules of war were non-existent. Warfare was a matter of slaughtering or enslaving everyone in sight, and plundering their property. The Arthurian period ushered in new protocols, which reflected mercy and consideration of the innocent or the defenseless. One of these protocols was, that if a town or fortress yielded to an attacking force and surrendered, they would not be plundered. This was observed centuries later in the time of the Battle of Agincourt in 1415 when the first city of the ongoing conflict yielded to King Henry V and was spared.

All this is in marked contrast to the activities of the Danish Vikings. These were merciless, fearsome, destroyers of everything; a people with no regard for any form of decency. The Danes remembered that Samson was a Danite of the Tribe of Dan, and much of their activities was conditioned on

the exploits of their famous forebear. But the part of the equation they omitted was the fact that Samson was a faithful servant of God and he died in faith (**Heb 11:13, 32**). There is virtually nothing in history that says anything good about the Danish Vikings. They were marauders who preyed on defenseless villages and cities, plundering and slaughtering with abandon. They traded extensively in slaves, selling many of them to the Phoenician/Carthagians in the North African continent. And they settled in Ireland.

One famous slave was the Frenchman Patrick (known in history as St. Patrick – **385-461ce.**) who was captured in France and taken as a slave to Ireland. He was brutally treated before escaping some six years later and returned to his family in Brittany, France. His father is said to have been Calpornius, a deacon in the Celtic Church in Wales in his early years, before heading back to his homeland in Brittany. Patrick's harrowing experience led him to religion, and he began to study in monastic surroundings. He took his beliefs into Europe and traveled widely before heading to Ireland – the place of his former slavery. He trained many missionaries and became a notable religious force in Ireland. The flow-on effect of Constantine's declaration of Christianity in Turkey (**324-37ce.**) began to draw much interest in monastic circles. Universal Christianity made its debut and spread rapidly. The fact of having such a powerful Head of State as a sponsor of one's faith quickly led to great proliferation. Much of Europe aligned themselves accordingly. It seemed like the perfect means to ensure common objectives, which would ensure peace.

Rome was quick to take up the slack, but objected to the Arian background of the Bosphorus teachings (they refused the 'trinity' doctrine), and so began the great rift between eastern and western Universal Christianity. Militant Roman Christianity quickly supplanted eastern Orthodoxy, and the lines became firmly drawn. What the Catholics monks and monasteries couldn't do through persuasion quickly led to inquisitions. The Lombards, Hussites, Anabaptists (Waldensians), Albigenses, and others, were soon targeted.

But there was a problem! In 1114, a powerful group of knights had formed the organization called '*The Order of the Poor Soldiers of Jesus Christ and the Temple of Solomon*' and they were the protectors of Christianity in the Holy Land. Their role extended throughout France and Europe. The Knights were the defenders of the weak and the defenseless. They were the bankers to many of the monarchs and were also the backbone of the commerce of the region. In order to wipe out heretics against the Catholic Church, the Vatican first had to weaken the power of the Knights Templar. Though, it must be said, the Knights Templar favoured and supported all Christianity including the Papacy. Until the Reformation, and the accompanying and burgeoning opposition to Rome took hold in Europe, the name 'Christianity' included all shades of Church worship.

In **1305ce**, King Philip le Bel of France appointed Bertrand de Gotte, Archbishop of Bordeaux, as Pope Clement. Pope Clement V was forced to live in France and was the puppet of King Philip IV. One of the first demands of Philip was to have Clement declare the Jews to be heretics. With the sanctity of the Papacy, Philip was able to expel the Jews and seize their property (**1306**). All this worked so well that Philip quickly realized that he had a powerful bargaining chip to weaken the power of the Knights Templar. He ordered Pope Clement to issue a Papal Bull condemning heretics with particular emphasis on targeting the Templars. He then ordered the arrest of key figures among the Knights Templar. Among these were Jacques Molay, the first and most famous of many Templar martyrs.

In the wake of these things the Bubonic Plague (Black Death) (**1347-54**) swept Europe. People saw this as God's retribution for the persecution of the noble Knights. The official propaganda machine of the rulers quickly moved to quell these feelings by blaming the Jews. So effective was this propaganda that it extended into the 1400's when persecution of the Jews reached its zenith. Torquemada ("The Grand Inquisitor") used his Papal authority to kill all Judaizers, and the Spanish Inquisition gained momentum. Switzerland became a haven for many Waldensians. It was the slaughter of the Waldensians, and the brave way they submitted to martyrdom, that tipped the scales against the Catholic Church. Reports of how the Waldensians lined up to have their throats cut horrified the decent people of Europe. In the early 1500's the peasant revolt began, Martin Luther fueled it, and the Reformation continued. The Catholic Church had lost the support of Central Europe. Things were a little different in Spain and Portugal. The Spanish explorers were bringing back great wealth in gold from the Americas. The Catholic Church decided to convert these ignorant savages in the Americas in the hope of



King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were devout Catholics and believed the Vatican's claim to virtuous objectives in the new Americas. They are seen here with Columbus and some Indo-natives.



gaining access to their gold. To do this, they had to stay onside with the Spanish, and pretend to have virtuous objectives. The Spanish monarchy believed them and promoted their interests.

Importantly, amid all the jockeying for political power in the region, a start had been made to the establishment of a very great nation in the Americas. Spain, Portugal, France, Aragon, Britain, all quickly developed colonial interests in the great carve-up. And all this began with the Castilian Celts.



**Knights Templar are burned at the stake.**  
Yes, I know this painting seems to be done in the style of King Louis XV's favourite page boy (the one with the plucked eyebrows) but it does give a picture story of the public burning at the stake of the Knights Templar.

Well, the moment came when he ordered the Knights Templar to be rounded up and arrested. He rushed to the Templar Fortress to plunder it, but the wealth had disappeared into waiting ships and transported away – just days before. He resorted to ransom, but this didn't give him the rewards he sought, so revenge was his only option. He was determined to make an example of those he arrested.

#### POINT OF INTEREST

The **Levant** became the colloquial name for the Holy Land territories of the Frankish Britons. Again and again the name **Levant** is referenced in Celtic literature and history. Other variations of the word are used also. For instance, in the U.S. they use the word 'levies' or 'levy' for a banks which hold back a flood of water. But there are other uses for this same word. From time to time a 'levy' is raised; that is, money is collected for a certain use – and this is a reference to Levi who collects the tithe. While the name **Levant** is used frequently in Celtic history, it seems that historians are too shy to suggest its origins. The **Levant** is the territory administered by the Knights Templar in the Holy Land and Jerusalem, and who descended from the Celtic Levites. Later the word came into use to describe any territorial boundary between Christianity and the infidels – whether Moslems or Mongolian Huns.

They were shockingly tortured and then faced public trial and then routinely sentenced to be burned alive at the stake. It's said that he arranged for the flames to be some distance away so they would slowly roast rather than die quickly.

So the plot of King Philip le Bel failed to deliver the wealth of the Knights Templar. With his daily expenses running at four thousand pounds per day, and an annual income of only six hundred thousand pounds, he remained the bankrupt King of France. By killing the Knights Templar he did, however, erase his debts to them, which were around two hundred thousand pounds, in addition to the ransom that was never repaid.

Most of the Knights Templar escaped to Spain and their wealth migrated with them.

Just one hundred years before, the Knights Templar had financed the Crusades to free Jerusalem from the Moslems and to set up the Levantine States in the Holy Land. It's interesting to note that while historians have made every effort to downgrade the identity of the Celts with the Levites, they couldn't eradicate the constant references that had come into common use in the languages of the day.

#### The Levant

With the successful conclusion of the first Crusade to liberate the Holy Land, four states were set up and a series of castles or fortresses were

What is so amazing about the persecution against the Knights Templar by Philip le Bel, is that just a few years before, he had sought refuge in the Temple Fortress of the Knights Templar in Paris when a peasant uprising had threatened his life. While under protection, he realized the enormous wealth that the Templars controlled, and couldn't wait to plot against them. So much for gratitude for saving his life! It should also be mentioned that it was the Knights Templar that put up the ransom for Philip's grandfather when he was captured while trying to conquer Egypt. This enormous sum (in those days) was one hundred and fifty thousand pounds. If this sum had not been paid by the Templars, Philip would never have ascended to the throne of France.



The recovery of the holy places and the protection of the subsequently established Frankish states were the aims of the early Crusaders. The separate armies of the First Crusade (1096-9), from France, Provence, Normandy, Flanders and Apulia joined at meeting-points throughout Europe, marched through Magyar territory and fought their way across Asia Minor.

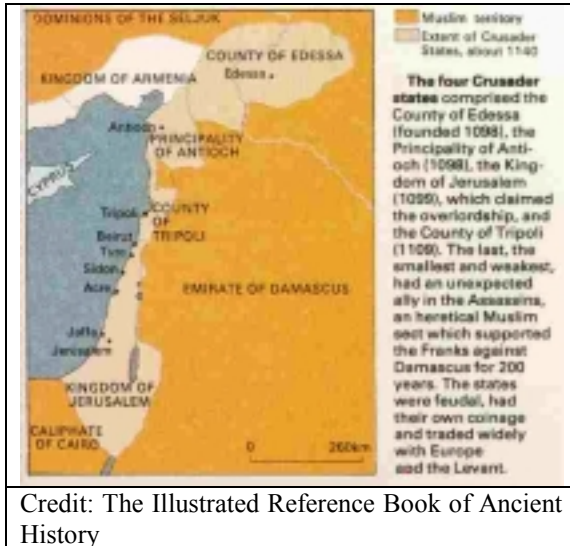
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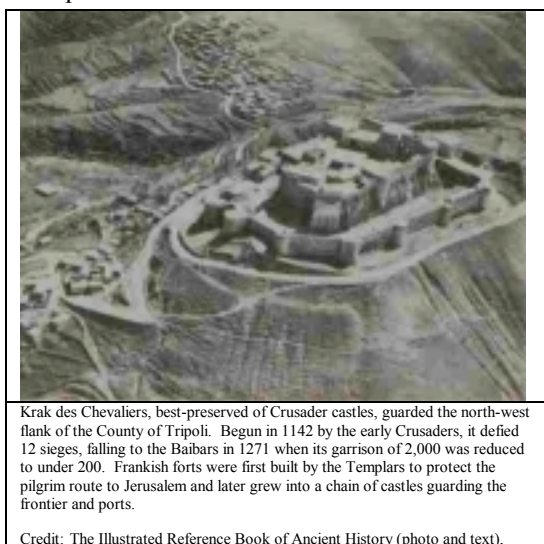
built by the Knights Templar to repel the Moslems. This new territory, while being called the Kingdom of Jerusalem became known as **the Levant**.

For centuries the Moslems had overrun the Holy Land and the Knights of Normandy sought Royal assistance to wage war and drive them out. In a short space of time, the Knights throughout France rallied to the cause. They were led by Godfrey of Bouillon, and Jerusalem was taken in 1099. His brother Baldwin I becomes king of Jerusalem. It should be noted that Baldwin was a Briton, not a Jew of the Tribe of Judah.

With the successful campaign, four states were created and castles and fortresses were built in strategic locations to discourage any opposition from the Moslems, even though skirmishes continued regularly, and some of these led to later crusades.



the Moslem Turk, Saladin who was Vizier of Egypt at the time of the conquest.



Krak des Chevaliers, best-preserved of Crusader castles, guarded the north-west flank of the County of Tripoli. Begun in 1142 by the early Crusaders, it defied 12 sieges, falling to the Baibars in 1271 when its garrison of 2,000 was reduced to under 200. Frankish forts were first built by the Templars to protect the pilgrim route to Jerusalem and later grew into a chain of castles guarding the frontier and ports.

The Catholic Church later took an interest in the Crusades because their sphere of influence was being rapidly eroded by Moslem extremists. The Eastern Orthodox Church, with whom the Popes had continuing disagreements, was seen as a breakaway group that had to be brought back in line. A holy war seemed like a good way to achieve this. A deal was struck whereby the crusaders would liberate Constantinople and then move on to drive all the Moslems from the Holy Land. Presumably, Rome hoped to get all the credit.

Successive crusades, seven in all, continued for many years, but eventually, the Britons were driven from the Holy Land by the Saracens, led by



Levantine Castle of the Knights Templar in the Holy Land. This is one of the many castles which were built after the 1<sup>st</sup> Crusade to protect the four new Frankish States.

All this brings us to another principle of the Bible. Justice is not always evident at the time when injustice occurs. There are times when we must wait for justice to occur, and God says ***'Vengeance is mine, I will repay'***. There have been times when evil beasts, which rule this earth, have seemingly gotten away with monstrous things. At such times, people often say 'Where's God? Why does He allow these things to happen?' In contrast, one of God's prophets, Habakkuk, was in a position where the beast was at the very gates, and he stood in anticipation of the slaughter that was about to occur. He didn't whine like a dog and accuse God of injustice! Even though in great anguish, he said this: **Hab 3:16** ***"I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us."*** The prophet understood that God was storing up the outrageous behaviour of the rulers of the heavenly realms. He has a purpose in doing this. God's timetable doesn't always coincide with our timetable of expectation. God has a plan and a timetable that will be fulfilled, and the fulfillment is prefaced with a six thousand year period marked by outrageous excesses by the arch-enemies of God – **the rulers of the heavenly realms**. He has given them these six days, but the Seventh Day is God's Day – the Day which Habakkuk refers to as the Day of Calamity. We humans are mere pawns in the great drama that is unfolding.

God appointed noble and virtuous men to steer the events of history in the exact manner which Almighty God has prescribed in order that the world stage be set for the final fulfillment of everything. The Word of God makes it very clear that stakes His reputation that all will be fulfilled according to God's initial Plan – the Great Plan that He prescribed at the very beginning of it all.

While the Churches have carefully concealed God's objectives with their substituted meaningless nonsense to enhance their image and to beguile their followers, they are soon to learn they should have built their house upon a Rock! And that Rock is a Jew – from the Tribe of Judah! He is also the Rock that poured forth life-giving water in the wilderness. If this Rock is your Master, then you will do as He has instructed you. If He plans to use you to draw fire from the enemy, then you had better do as you are told. He's the Mighty Commander – the Messiah! For those who have doubts, learn the true meaning of '*The Messiah*', and you will soon learn that He is going to crush the enemies of His Heavenly Father.

Christianity today is under the false impression that they are under a New Covenant that has supplanted the Old. 'Liberty at last!' they say. But which Covenant are they *really* under? God tells us: **Acts 3:24** "Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the Covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' When God raised up His servant, He sent him first to you to bless you by turning you from your wicked ways." Peter was speaking to the '*men of Israel*' (**V12**). He consoled them by saying that they and their leaders had acted in ignorance (**V17**) because prophecy had to be fulfilled concerning these things. **Notably, the Covenant that Christianity has inherited is the one that God made with the fathers.** And this is the Covenant they hate! They feel superior to the Jewish people who have held to this Covenant and who have suffered severe persecution because of it.

Christianity's solution is to despise the Covenant, and the Laws that made it binding, and reject it all. Then everyone could become one big happy family. Those who love God will be blessed and those who hate God will be forgiven. No more enemies of God, no need for a Kingdom to crush His enemies – everyone is equal before God. The perfect solution!

And it would be the perfect solution if God were silly enough to believe their stupidity – but He is not! For those who think He is, Christ has these words for you: **Matt 7:21** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the Will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your Name, and in your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers.'" Obviously, the Will of the Father is paramount! Yet it's the Will of the Father that Christianity objects to. They teach that Christ did away with the Will of the Father, yet He plainly says He came to reveal the Father. He gave instructions that we are to pray to the Father, and revealed that the Father would teach all the sons of God: **John 6:44** "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." And we all know that it's written in the Prophets in **Isa 54:13**, don't we? And in this chapter of Isaiah we learn that the sons of God are the Sons of Jerusalem.

Well this narrows the field a little. Perhaps it's speaking of the Jews in the State of Israel. Close, but not quite! The Father teaches us that He is speaking of others – initially. God speaks of Jerusalem – and her sons – as an immovable Rock, which all who tries to move it will injure themselves (**Zech 12:3**). Then He says He will keep a watchful eye over Judah – the Jews – and that He will blind the horses of the nations (**V4**). **V5**: "Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people [sons] of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.'" Strong? Surely it means 'weak' like the Church is currently teaching! Who's this who are strong while they're weak? The Jewish people in the Holy Land today know the difference between weak and strong. It's the weak that are destroying their country, **yet it's the strong whose God is the LORD Almighty.**

The Jewish people are getting stronger – considerably stronger than they were in the Holocaust of the Second World War, but they've got a way to go yet! What they are currently doing is not really strong. They will soon learn what *strong* means! David was *strong*, and he never bartered with the enemies of God, nor did he negotiate peace treaties with them. God told Joshua, the son of Nun, to be strong and courageous when he entered the Holy Land – and he was. Again, no peace treaties.

So Martin Luther was wrong about the Jews and so were the Germans. Equally, the Moslems are too, but so is the world in general and Christianity in particular. *Didn't Christ say that salvation is of the Jews?* He certainly did! And in the Day of Salvation, the Jews are going to be raised to the rank of the

**strong!** No more pussy-footing around trying to satisfy the crazy philosophy of so-called Christians and their love of the enemies of God. The God of Judah, too, will be the LORD Almighty. God says this in the next verse: **V6** “**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.” Who are **all the surrounding peoples**? Surely it’s obvious; they’re **the Moslems, the enemies of the LORD Almighty**.

God says only a fool has said in their hearts there is no God, let’s also suggest that **those whose God is the LORD Almighty** also **know** who the fools are who **surround the Holy Land**. Together with the Sons of Jerusalem, the Jewish people will be the saviours of the people of God, and they will be sent to all the lands where God has driven the whole House of Israel, to **rescue** them. As Christ said, salvation is of the Jews!

In days of old, God pitted ‘**the armies of the Living God**’ against fierce and mighty armies; peoples much mightier and stronger than they. Yet God gave His people victory, and they went in and possessed the Holy Land. Joshua allotted portions according to Moses instructions, and the people settled down, built houses and raised children. God provided them with rich bounty and they prospered. But the further they settled from Jerusalem, the quicker they forgot all about God. And the closer they were to the surrounding peoples, the quicker they were corrupted to ungodly ways. Almighty God anticipated this, and set among them His own Tribe – the Levites. The Levites had constant reminders through Temple service, and as the appointed Temple teachers. Does this mean the Levites were perfect? By no means! But they were God’s own Tribe which He took as His own. At any time, God reserved the right to command them to do anything He chose, and they did it, perhaps without ever knowing why they were doing it.

One thing is certain, wherever the House of Israel was driven, the Levites were always waiting in the wings to give them direction. They fought furious battles, established nations, provided pathways for migrating Tribes, and led the Tribes of Israel to the great land in the west – the U.S. Ephraim followed, and gathered all the Tribes under one banner. Ephraim even acknowledges every year that the Mighty Hand of God has given them so much bounty as to be worthy of thanksgiving. Those who are familiar with history cannot help but see that God has set up the most powerful nation on earth to make the nations tremble. The world would be a totally different place today except for the mighty power that God has placed in Ephraim’s hand.

When God says He took Ephraim by the hand and led him and stooped down to feed him, God says Ephraim **didn’t know** that **it was He that did it (Hos 11:3-4)**. The same is true of the Levites. They didn’t know that it was God who was leading them. It just seemed to be the logical thing to do at the time.

It was the same with the Church that God raised up through the appointed shepherd – the one whom God describes as foolish and worthless. The Church (that is, the people) recognized Truth as God had proclaimed it, but then followed the foolish shepherd when his cascading view of prophecy was taught as doctrine. The Church became hopelessly immersed in it all and believed it. They felt that the real Truth they had learned in relation to obedience to God qualified everything else they were subsequently taught by the same man. Yet even the most cursory examination of fundamental history should have set warning bells ringing – but no! They believed the nonsense and were even titillated by it.

In time, the wheels began to fall off the gravy train. The people began to notice that much of this prophecy was plagiarized from others. Then the true meaning of ‘foolish and worthless’ became evident. The word went out that anyone who read the forbidden books (those from which Armstrong plagiarized his ‘prophecy’) were to be cast out of the Church. Truth became the first casualty as madmen sought to hold the organization together, and in their turn, each suffered the humiliation they deserved, but an even greater humiliation awaits them! Their condemnation now hangs over them – just as Peter predicted (**2Pet 2:1-3**).

Now they can howl and whine like the jackals that they are, but Christ will tell them at the Judgment that He never knew them. They haven’t served Almighty God; they’ve served only themselves! Christ’s brother Jude perfectly describes them in **Jude 1:12-13**. At the extreme end of the pendulum are those who say that prophecy is not to be taught or believed, and all those who **obey** God are **the evil ones**. Now isn’t that pathetic? Yet they dare to call themselves **Christians**! Christ Himself was **obedient** even until death, and the Words He spoke were those of the Father!

The Churches have really lost the plot. But not all. By the grace of God He has reserved around 7,000 who are destined to become prophets, and **who will keep the Commandments of God** and **have the Testimony of Jesus (Rev 19:10)**. These people are the **offspring of the Woman (Rev 12:17)**. These will be left behind to fulfill their destiny, but a Levite leader will be left with them to instruct and comfort them. He will be a father to them, just like the Forefathers of old.

It's the Woman whom the Dragon is enraged at! **Rev 12:17** "The dragon was enraged at the Woman..." He presently has his agents hurling slanderous abuse at the Woman, and by this means has actually identified his own agents. Their father the devil is so pleased with them – but God is not! These people should not imagine that Satan will reward them for their treachery – he will slaughter them for their failure. We saw an example of this at the dying stages of WWII, when some of Hitler's generals suggested he sue for peace to save the German people. He replied that the Germans don't deserve to live because they had failed to win the war. Hitler was one of the many ***rulers of the heavenly realms***, and he blamed his own people whom he had beguiled, for his own failures. No-one should expect any mercy from the dragon!

God knows His own people – and none of them are perfect. They all make mistakes – just as all the great men of God did – except one! The man Christ Jesus was perfect and perfectly attuned to the Will of His Father. God's disciples – the ones He teaches – are perfect in one regard! They are perfectly in agreement with everything God has said – because ***they believe Him!*** And in this way, the great disparity between ***the agents of God*** and ***the agents of Satan*** becomes very evident.

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