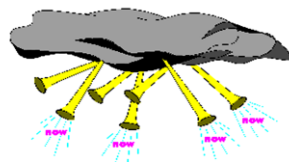


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"Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle". Zechariah 14: 3

I remember David Pawson saying that a church is not destroyed from the outside. It is destroyed from within. We know that Satan loves to cause division and falling out. Sometimes it is necessary to divide due to heresy taking hold among some of the members. Often the causes of division are far less serious.

As we look at the nation of Israel with all its internal divisions it seems that David Pawson's warning could also apply to a nation. For months protests have been continuing under the pretext of stopping the proposed reforms to Israel's Supreme Court. The real motivation for the protests is an attempt to bring down the Netanyahu government.

Over the last 75 years God has repeatedly protected Israel from outside aggressors. The nation has been given remarkable victories often against the odds. God's hand has been witnessed as He intervenes to protect His people.

But now Israel faces the more serious challenge of division from within.

Satan wants to destroy the nation of Israel. The nation stands as a marker that his time is short. The re-establishment of Israel in her own land is prophetic that the return of Christ is near (Matthew 24: 32). The time from when she, symbolised by the fig tree, came back into leaf as a nation to the coming of summer, which represents the Lord's return, would not be long.

But what if Israel ceased to exist? Would that cancel the prophecy? With no nation of Israel there would be no one to cry out *"blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."* Matthew 23: 39. We must pray for Israel that the nation recognises that divisions are playing into the hand of their greatest enemy, Satan, who is intent on sweeping them into the sea.

We also know from prophecy that it is when Israel reaches her lowest point that the Lord will intervene. The nations will invade her land and come up against Jerusalem. All will appear to be lost. At that time the Lord will go out to fight for Israel. He will defeat her enemies and establish His kingdom.

Before that final invasion the 'man of sin' will come with his false promise of peace. Maybe that time is not far off.

What is a woman?

Only a decade ago to ask the question 'What is a woman?' would have invited derision. A question to which the answer was so obvious that it never needed to be asked. Today it is a question which many struggle to answer.

Matt Walsh, American author, speaker and commentator, decided to research where this confusion originated. The result of his research is the book and documentary both with the title, 'What is a Woman'.

In his investigations Matt discovered that there are many, including doctors, therapists, psychiatrists, and politicians who are not prepared to define a woman. The research leads him to find out the horrifying roots of radical gender ideology and its consequent targeting children to imbibe gender theory as fact.

Lies, lies and more lies

Young people are being lied to both by members of the medical profession and in what is circulated widely on the internet. They are told that the puberty blockers are safe and reversible. They are not reversible and for many have serious side effects. They are told that surgery can transform their body into the opposite sex. It can't. Instead they are likely to end up with horrific scars, severe pain and the need to take drugs for the rest of their shortened life. In time the assurance of happiness after transitioning gives way to depression and a high rate of suicide.

The history of gender theory can be traced back to the zoologist Alfred Kinsey and psychologist John Money. 'What is a Woman' documents the very limited experimental basis on which their perverted theories are based and the resulting false claims.

Watch the documentary at: <https://rumble.com/v1pfmr7-what-is-a-woman-full-documentary.html>. The book (available from Amazon) and documentary go into graphic details with regard to the reality of gender transition and other perversions, so I give a warning they are not pleasant reading or watching.

All must agree

We could ignore this issue hoping that it will go away. It won't. The transgender community will not be content with tolerance of their ideas. Even acceptance is not enough. They require total affirmation. We are not in any way to question their new identity. We must fall into line, as have many institutions such as banks, businesses, schools, police and law courts.

Churches and Christians who refuse to affirm a person in their new gender are a prime target. The trans lobby require unquestioning support from all. If we

don't affirm, blackmail is used accusing those who hold to the truth as causing emotional damage. They will even threaten suicide if we will not support their need to transition. Of course the suicides will be blamed on those who don't affirm and support the trans person. Where the trans lobby is able, unquestioning affirmation will be backed up by the law.

Resistance by the church has already been undermined by the Church of England. The recent much celebrated appointment of transgender Rachel (Nick) Mann as Arch Deacon of Bolton and Salford makes clear that the established church has already caved in to gender ideology.

A little light

Recently there has been a case of two 13 year old girls being called 'despicable' for refusing to accept one of their class mate's identity as a cat. The teacher attacked the girls for believing that there were only two genders.

Responding to these reports Kemi Badenoch, Minister for Women and Equalities, wrote to Amanda Spielman, Ofsted Chief Inspector, asking her to undertake a snap inspection of the school on the grounds of safeguarding issues.

In her letter she confirmed that; "the belief that sex is biological and immutable, that people cannot change their sex and that sex is distinct from gender identity – are classed as a philosophical belief worthy of respect in a democratic society and are therefore a protected characteristic under section 10 of the Equality Act 2010".

Badenoch also wrote, "In addition, by apparently teaching contested political beliefs as fact – including that there are 'lots of genders' or that gender is not linked to the parts you were born with – beliefs which are both politically controversial and have no scientific basis - it appears to me that the teacher was in breach of the political impartiality requirements set out in Articles 406 and 407 of the Education Act 1996".

We need to pray for Kemi Badenoch and Miriam Cates MP, both of whom are taking a brave stand on these issues.

The United nations

The statement mentioned earlier that, Churches and Christians who refuse to affirm a person in their new gender are a prime target, is backed up by the United Nations. In July the U.N.'s Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity, Victor Madrigal-Borloz, presented a report to the 53rd Session of the U.N Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/37) arguing that long-held religious beliefs and traditions must be subservient to the LGBT ideology.

In his arrogance the U.N. expert suggested that his interpretation -- informed by the LGBT activist groups who submitted comments for his report -- understands the teachings of major world religions better than their own religious leaders or the thousands of years of tradition that often inform their beliefs.

Madrigal-Borloz not only perpetrates the idea that religious groups are interpreting their own religions incorrectly, but also that articulating their understanding of sin can be considered hate speech or even incitement to violence.

The report goes on to use blackmail against those religious communities which disagree: "To leave, and sometimes be forced to leave [a religious community] because of exclusionary practices or teachings can have significant implications for identity and spiritual wellbeing. In many cases, the painful departure from their religious or spiritual community has life-long impact on the mental wellbeing; in others, the option is not just to leave: it can be the taking of one's life."

Therefore we are, at the least, to understand that not affirming the person's gender will impact their mental health at, worst it, will lead to someone taking their life. Those who uphold Christian values will be held guilty of a very serious offence for which they are to be severely punished.

China

I have written before about China's military build-up. The link below is to an exceptionally good analysis of all the steps China is taking in preparation for war. It is not a matter of if but when China invades Taiwan. When it happens it will change everything.

https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=6233

Petition the King

In the last edition of Trumpet Sounds I warned of the dangers of the WHO (World Health Organisation) Pandemic treaty. Below is a statement by a group which has come together to campaign to stop this treaty. A postcard to be sent to the King is enclosed with each paper copy of this newsletter. Those receiving by email will have to order their own postcards.

Why is this petition needed?

We are facing an imminent threat to our liberty. Why? Because our government has, in principle, already agreed the Pandemic Preparedness Treaty proposed by the World Health Organisation (WHO). So now we must exercise our constitutional right to petition the King - who swore an oath at his coronation not to allow any external or international power to rule over us.

Do you remember the horrors of the covid lockdowns? 'Stay at home'; quarantines and curfews; people sacked for refusing the experimental vaccines; mandated mask-wearing; elderly people dying alone in care homes; fines for standing too close; arrests for country walks and sitting on park benches . . .

These policies – now known to be totally ineffective – were recommended to us by the WHO. Yet now that same organisation wants even more powers: to declare an international pandemic, then order us to submit to whatever it tells us to do. And, believe it or not, last year our government agreed to this!

The WHO will be granted these draconian powers – from May 2024 – unless the UK government withdraws from the Treaty. There is no official opposition to this Treaty, because Labour, the Lib Dems and the Welsh and Scottish Nationalists are also supporting it. Not that our government is listening to any opposition anyway...

What do we need to do?

We – the 'Petition the King Campaign' – believe that the King must hear from as many people as possible. We must tell him we do not accept that the WHO should have any power to decide our public health policies.

We have made your protest possible – and really easy – by pre-printing postcards which you can simply sign and post off to King Charles III at Buckingham Palace. Order postcards for yourself, your family and friends today, then sign and post them off to the Palace as soon as they arrive. **Please see our contact details below.**

Will the campaign work?

We think so. It was founded in June this year by Graham Wood and Anthony Bennett, who organised a similar, successful 'purple postcard' campaign in 2007.

Then, our national independence was threatened when the EU demanded that we and other EU nations sign up to a European Constitution. Graham and Anthony devised cards with the message: 'No European Constitution Without a Referendum'. These cards flooded into the Palace on a daily basis, totalling some 210,000 by the end. Within months, the UK government agreed that we should not accept an EU Constitution and, soon after, the EU was forced to drop the idea.

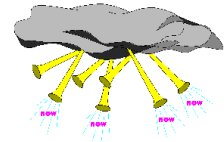
To order your 'purple postcards'

email petitiontheking@btinternet.com

or call Anthony on 07835 716537.

To read the Campaigns letter to the King go to the web site:

www.petitiontheking.org



Trumpet Sounds Booklets

Revelations of Jesus Christ

This study reveals the inner coherence of Revelation. The book concludes the testimony of Jesus and reveals to us the future triumph of Christ. The book of Revelation was written for ordinary people, not for theologians, and this study highlights the major themes without over-complicating the subject.

Watch

The key word running through Jesus' teaching on the close of this age is 'Watch'. What did he mean when he told us to 'Watch'? This booklet explores what it means to 'Watch' and to be ready for our Lord's return.

Signs

It is important to recognise that we are living at the close of the present age. In understanding the times we will be shielded from deception and disillusionment. We will also know how to pray. This booklet sets out some of the reasons why we believe that the coming of the Lord will be soon.

The Great Anguish

Jesus warned that this age will close with a time of unparalleled anguish. What will this time of anguish mean for Israel and the Christian Church? What does Jesus expect of us in this time and how will the church emerge triumphant?

The Reign of Christ on earth

Jesus Christ is coming back to claim the throne of His father David. We believe that reign takes place on earth and will last for a thousand years. This booklet looks at what the Bible teaches of the reign of Christ from the time of His return through to the heavenly city and eternal kingdom.

Flee the Wrath to come

This booklet warns that to suffer the wrath of God and be thrown into the lake of fire is a horrific but preventable, tragedy'. It is a tragedy which will affect not just a few but all who are living and have ever lived. Rarely is the alarm sounded. Frequently the wrong advice is being given.

Daniel Part 1

Sub-titled 'the making of a man of God' the booklet looks at the example Daniel as a man who stood firm in a pagan society. It unravels the early visions and explains what we can learn from them for the present day.

Daniel Part 2

The later visions of Daniel have been the subject of many interpretations. The booklet takes a fresh look at the prophecies and draws some different conclusions.

Year and Day of the Crucifixion

Prepared as a supplement to the booklets on Daniel, it shows how some of Daniel's prophecies were fulfilled in the timing of our Lord's sacrifice.

The Prophetic Creed of J C Ryle

This is a series of studies based on the Prophetic Creed of Bishop J C Ryle. The creed was included in the preface to his book, 'Are You Ready for the End Times' published in 1867. Being based on a straight forward exposition of Scripture the creed has stood the test of time. The studies raise the question, can Ryle's creed be used as a basis on which to find agreement and build a consensus about how prophecy will be fulfilled?

The booklets can be downloaded free of charge from the website www.trumpetsounds.net. Hard copies of the booklets £2.50 each. Revelations of Jesus Christ £10.00

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Why Is Jesus coming back?

Is Jesus Christ returning to reign or to receive? Is He coming back to establish a literal kingdom on earth or to receive a kingdom already established by His church?

This series of articles, based on J.C.Ryle's prophetic creed, seeks to find unity among believers over the interpretation of prophecy concerning the end of the age. In seeking unity we have to recognize that there are differences of interpretation. In this article we come to one of the great divides. It is probably true that the majority of believers and churches in the UK do not believe in a literal millennial reign of Christ on earth. They believe that Jesus will return to a kingdom already established by His church at which point the wicked will be judged and the righteous will live forever in the eternal city the New Jerusalem.

In contrast Ryle believed that the millennial reign will be literally fulfilled by Jesus returning and ruling the world from Jerusalem. The gospel will have been preached to all nations but largely rejected. It is to a sinful rebellious world which Jesus will return. He will have to reign over that world with a rod of iron (Revelation 2: 27).

Those who believe that the church will build the kingdom are referred to a postmillennial or amillennial. A belief in a literal reign of Christ on earth is called premillennial.

It is rightly said that one's view of the future has a tremendous impact on what one does in the present. We see this in the world where the fear of climate change is driving governments to adopt extreme counter measures.

Postmillennialists in the church believe that despite frequent setbacks God's kingdom is advancing. Increasingly the gospel will spread and Christians will gain greater influence over world affairs.

Premillennial believers are, in the short term, nothing like as optimistic. There will be increasing opposition to the gospel and persecution of the saints. But the future reign of Christ will be glorious. Truly the return of Christ is our 'blessed hope'.

We move on to the sixth item in J.C.Ryle's Prophetic Creed

"I believe that after our Lord comes again, the earth shall be renewed, and the curse removed; the devil shall be bound, the godly shall be rewarded, the wicked shall be punished; and that before He comes there shall be neither resurrection, judgment nor millennium, and that not till after He comes shall the

earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Acts 3: 21, Isaiah 25: 6 – , 1 Thess 4: 14 – 18, Rev 20: 1 etc).

Ryle's first supporting scripture is Acts 3: 21, "*..... whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*"

The postmillennialist will read the prophecies that this verse refers to as allegories. They are not to be taken literally but point towards the ultimate establishment of a heavenly kingdom. The restoration of all things, when Jesus returns, is the heavenly city. In contrast the premillennialist expects a literal fulfilment. On His return Jesus will restore the throne of David and reign over all the earth.

This reveals the root of the divide between these views. It is a divide between the literal and the allegorical. Adopting a literal interpretation of Scripture, except where it is clearly allegory or metaphor, will inevitably lead to a premillennial understanding of the future. On the other hand allegory allows considerable scope for subjective interpretation.

The earth shall be renewed,

When Jesus comes again the godly will be rewarded. For his next supporting scripture Ryle takes some verses from Isaiah. Isaiah 24 describes a time of judgment on the earth. Chapter 25 describes the aftermath of that judgment.

The millennial age will open with a feast. "*And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast.*" Isaiah 25: 6. It is a feast for all who are left after the judgments which have fallen on this world and the separation of the wicked and the merciful. What is more natural than to celebrate a coronation? We do it for earthly kings. Earthly rulers disappoint as they fail to live up to their promises. The divine Son of God will not fail. From His throne in Jerusalem He will fulfil all that is promised. It will be a time for a great celebration.

The curse removed;

"*And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations*". Isaiah 25: 7. At present people are blinded by the veil of ignorance (Ephesians 4: 18). When Jesus returns all will see Him. Their eyes will be opened to the truth. At that time the righteous will be revealed and the curse on this planet lifted (Romans 8: 19 – 23).

The devil shall be bound

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. Revelation 20:1 – 3.

Postmillennials believe that the devil is already bound and refer to Luke 10: 18 to support this view. This contradicts scripture which warns that in this present age, *the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*” 1 John 5: 19. In our time Satan is still very active. By deception he stirs up hatred and causes people to fight against each other.

It is not until Jesus returns as conqueror that Satan will be seized and bound. His incarceration is temporary. The Lord has one more use for him. At the end of the millennial age Satan will be release to test mankind. People will be given a choice either Christ or Satan. Incredibly many will choose Satan. The justice of God in committing all these people to eternal destruction will be vindicated.

The godly shall be rewarded

Both pre and post millennials believe that the resurrection will take place at Christ's return (1 Thessalonians 4: 14 – 18). On that glorious day those who have already gone on to be with Jesus and those left on earth will be raised. There will be many rewards for the faithful but the greatest of all is the assurance that from that time on we will always be with Jesus.

The wicked shall be punished;

There will be two judgments on the wicked. The first is described in the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25: 31 – 46). It takes place when Jesus sets up His throne on earth and gathers the nations together. The wicked who have refused to show any compassion or mercy will be consigned to everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. This is the same group as those who received the mark of the beast. Their punishment is described in Revelation 14: 9 – 11.

At the end of the millennial reign of Christ there will be a final time of judgment (Revelation 20: 11 – 15). Once again Jesus will be seated on a throne. Everyone's destiny will be determined by what is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The restoration of all things

Ryle emphasises his conclusions on these matters with the statement, “and that before He comes there shall be neither resurrection, judgment nor millennium, and that not till after He comes shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord”.

If we are looking for the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth before Jesus returns our hope is in vain. As we have seen from previous items in Ryle's creed we expect a deepening of the rebellion against God. A time of darkness is coming when no one will be able to work. God will allow it in order to condemn those who refuse to believe the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:12).

The darkness will give way to the dawn. When Jesus returns all will change. In that time *“the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”* Habakkuk 2: 14.

In Hebrews we read about those who through faith looked for *“a better that is a heavenly country”* Hebrews 11: 16. They were outcast of the world, tormented for their faith. Like them we look forward to that better country. It starts with a time when we will reign with Christ for a thousand years (Revelation 20: 4 – 6). It will be a time of **“restoration of all things”**.

A foot note

A major consequence of the divide between the postmillennialists and the premillennialists is their view of Israel. The postmillennialist does not see any place for a restored nation of Israel. For them Israel has been rejected by God with their mission handed over to the church. The premillennialist believes that Israel will be restored and play a significant role in Christ's future kingdom. Ryle deals with this in the seventh item of his prophetic creed.

What is freedom?

Sir Edward Coke in 'The Institutes of the Laws of England,' 1628 declared 'For a man's house is his castle, et domus sua cuique est tutissimum refugium [and each man's home is his safest refuge].' William Pitt, the first Earl of Chatham later added: 'The poorest man may, in his cottage, bid defiance to all the forces of the crown. It may be frail – its roof may shake – the wind may blow through it – the storm may enter – the rain may enter – but the King of England cannot enter.'

Reading the above reminds us of a bygone age. An age which I am just old enough to remember. A time when we felt safe in our homes. The law did not intrude or question our right to live a quiet and peaceable life. We could say and think what we liked without fear of any repercussion. When we ventured out of

our homes the laws which governed us were straight forward. Based on the Bible and common sense legal practice over generations there was agreement on right and wrong. In those far off days we said things like, "I do not agree with what a person says but I defend his right to say it". There was a time when the police were respected. We were confident that that they would impartially uphold the law. If a case went to court the judge would be fair in his verdict.

How different it is today. Most people think twice before they say anything, especially if it relates to Islam or the LGBT+ movement. Many no longer consider the police to be impartial. Soft targets such as street preachers or mothers cooking dinner for the children are arrested on the spurious accusations of those who want to shut them up. If your home is broken into the police are unlikely to respond. Even more unlikely is the felon being caught.

The internet and mobile phones are monitored. Your smart TV can be remotely switched on to monitor what you are saying inside your home. As can your laptop or mobile phone. Banks close accounts if someone holds views with which the bank disagrees. Children are indoctrinated at school with philosophies which once would have been considered perverted. Speakers with a legitimate point of view are cancelled due to mob pressure. Even much of the church is complicit in upholding this woke agenda which is destroying our nation.

These are just the beginning of the controls and restrictions which will limit our freedoms in the near future. Praise God that we can be confident that one day *"the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord"*, when He comes to reign. And as the Apostle Paul wrote, *"For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us"* Romans 8: 18.

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