

**General Topics :: The End of England**

**The End of England - posted by JGB321, on: 2007/1/31 3:46**

With new laws now being introduced to allow homosexual and lesbian couples, the right to adopt children and then yesterday, with the Government now permitting Manchester to be the first major UK city to enjoy unlimited gaming rights, the End of England is fast upon us.

When a nation deviates from the will and purpose of God, all out apostasy and wickedness will only increase and increase.

The following article, although written some months ago, nonetheless is right up to date, when concerning just how bad the voice of Christianity is in the UK!

<http://www.excatholicsforchrist.com/articles.php?PageURL=The%20End%20of%20England.htm>

**Re: The End of England, on: 2007/1/31 8:43**

ask yourself this question: what western english speaking nation has opposed the State of Israel more vociferously than the UK?

and there your answer lays.

neil

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/1/31 9:16**

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-----ask yourself this question: what western english speaking nation has opposed the State of Israel more vociferously than the UK?  
and there your answer lays.  
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I am not sure what the question was but I strongly disagree with the answer. I am an Englishman but totally unpatriotic, so I write as a reader of history and of the Bible when I say this is a foolish and unscriptural attitude.

I have great sympathy for the Israelis although I don't identify that nation state with the people of the ancient promises. I admire their industry, tenacity and commitment to the citizens. I have walked through Auschwitz and Madenik and I ache for what has happened to this group of people, but to interpret history along the single line of 'how we treated the Jews' is foolish.

All nations and empires will come and go, except the one. Their coming and going is not determined by their foreign policy towards a middle eastern nation state.

**Re: The End of England - posted by enid, on: 2007/1/31 9:32**

Read the article and also Great Britain has fallen.

It brought tears to my eyes, it really did.

You said you feel pessimistic about the future of Britian. With good reason, I might add.

I expect to see God's judgment on this nation before I see revival.

I pray for revival, I know God can do it, I don't know if He will.

Why should He spare us when we have spat in His face? Metaphorically speaking, but in a sense we have.

I do hope God can forgive us.

The book of Daniel tells us about Daniel's prayers for himself and the nation of Israel when the 70 years of exile were at most over.

We've been exiled from God by our own doing, by deliberately palming off His word and writing our own laws.

Well, what you sow you reap, and when man sets up his own laws in defiance of God's laws, expect hell on earth.

I can see it.

Sorry I can't be more optimistic, but all I can say is pray.

God bless.

**Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/1/31 9:39**

Quote:

-----I have great sympathy for the Israelis although I don't identify that nation state with the people of the ancient promises.  
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I agree.

If I understand correctly, the promises made to Abraham were to him and his Seed. Seed being singular not plural (not t o Seeds). The Seed is Christ.

Since Christians are in Christ, we are sons of God and Abraham's offspring and heirs according to the promise. (Gal. 3)

I get an uneasy feeling when I hear someone quote Genesis 12:3 speaking of the modern Jewish state:

"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

This was spoken to Abraham and his Seed (Christ).

**Ron Bailey, on: 2007/1/31 10:29**

Quote:

-----I am not sure what the question was but I strongly disagree with the answer.  
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I knew you would, and I also knew that you would resort to such statements as this:

Quote:

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It's what I expect from a pendantic Englishman. I'm reader of history also, and I seem to recall that Great Britain expelled the Jews in the dim past, and in the recent past has had a decidedly pro-arabist lobby.

Unscriptural?

okay, how about this:

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you, I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you".

Genesis 12:3

and if you think I'm quoting out of context, go on either side of this passage.

Now my country America might be sliding towards apostasy, with our wealth and arrogance of empire but you guys over there are in deep trouble, empty neglected churches, deep dark covens of witches, wiccans, satanic worship, and I love the UK, deeply, but one can feel the evil in a place like the areas around Dartmoor, etc.

just say it Ron, you've said it before, "I'm not anti-Jewish, I'm not anti-semitic, I'm anti-Zionist".

How do you think this, as you so unwisely term it, tiny "middle eastern nation state" has survived for almost 60 years in the midst of enemies thirsting for their blood, survived?

thru their "tenacity and industry"?, thru American largesse?

no.

Yahweh.

and He doesn't care one whit whether you identify "that nation state with the people of ancient promises".

These self-termed "ancient promises" that you reference underline to me, that underneath it all, that all your great knowledge and all your great learning, is of the letter, and not the Spirit.

His Covenant is irrevocable.....and pray God one day He reveal that to you.

**JaySaved, on: 2007/1/31 10:36**

I smell "replacement theology", and if you think that the Church has replaced Israel, then I suggest that give the Epistle to the Romans, specifically chapters 9-11 a hard long read on your knees.

that is all this Israelite who is a follower of Jesus is going to say to both you and Ron Bailey about Israel.

**Re: - posted by taco, on: 2007/1/31 12:40**

Quote:

-----I am an Englishman but totally unpatriotic

hey, So would I be if I were English 8-)

Seriously though, I give a hearty amen to your post. righteousness will exalt any nation and sin be a reproach to the same. But the only one to stand eternally is the one of which it is said:

Quote:

-----the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, and his kingdom shall not be delivered up to another people: and it shall break in pieces, and shall consume all these kingdoms: and itself shall stand for ever.

WE FALL DOWN, BUT WE CAN GET UP ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/1/31 17:11

i read history too ... love it ... and i have to say i find Europe's the scariest after their supposed conversion to Christianity ... It's seems almost unfathomable to me how, alledgedly in the name/faith of Jesus Christ, whether Catholic and Protestant, so many horrible things were done, particularly by the ruling class, and social and business elite ... i mean how in the world, by the Book, could the Crusades ever have been justified, and then later particularly from Henry VIII's less than sanctified reasoning for converting to Protestantism, things seem to have went from bad to worse ... That's why i posted this thread ...

### **CHRISTIANITY: Abused for Power, Personal Purpose & Prosperity ...**

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=14398&forum=35#111139](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=14398&forum=35#111139)

As a descendant of Ham i can share in bro Neil's obvious pain to what English (European & American) history may cause him ... Not saying this of bro Neil post, but i can tell you that before Christ i disdained ALL white people, the English in particular, the slave holding American founding fathers that came out of them, and all the subsequent European immigrants that came after, for black folks scarred legacy of slavery and societal ostracism ... But after Christ i eventually learned to put all that behind me, and dwell in and on a peace/freedom that surpasses all earthly understanding ... Our battle, tho still played out amongst visible men, is not one of flesh and blood, but of far more sinister powers behind the scenes, and i try to keep in mind that all the evil transpired is abled because of what Adam did in ceeding his authority to satan, and what God allows and/or institutes toward the culmination of His divine plan ...

i know for this Christian, one once blindly captive and highly reactive to a painful racial past, that scripture which says "Whom the Son has set free - is free indeed", sums it all up to where He's brought me now ... Now when the devil comes at me with one of his own, to bait me to past reactions of a painful past, Holy Ghost gives me the interlude of peace i need, so that He can reply thru me in a way pleasing to Christ ... i'm not saying i'm perfect everytime, but it's been a long time since i've had to repent for open expletives (tho i've sometimes had to for the ones i've thought) ...

i agree with bro Neil's assessment of "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you, I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" as still being in tact ... Won't debate about it with anyone else who doesn't, or with anyone who believes in "Replacement Theology" ... Been there, done that, and it always seem to end where it started, no one convinced otherwise ... But i do want to comment on this statement by bro Neil ...

"Now my country America might be sliding towards apostasy, with our wealth and arrogance of empire but you guys over there are in deep trouble, empty neglected churches, deep dark covens of witches, wiccans, satanic worship, and I love the UK, deeply, but one can feel the evil in a place like the areas around Dartmoor, etc."

In listening to the history of REVIVAL, i believe it was bro Orr who said that if a nation misses two consecutive periods of REVIVAL it spins out into serious spiritual oblivion, implying what has happened to Britain ... i know in my praying to God i ask Him if that's what's wrong there, if He'd please not let this happen to America ... i know we're in serious spiritual trouble already, as well i know any saint excusing the obvious is definitely a part of the problem, but i refuse to believe that He'll not hear and answer those praying against the gourds ...

i've not been to Britain, but i know saints who have been there and they report the same thing, that there's something of a spiritual gloom hanging over it ... i've read statistics about its spiritual decline, and had the unpleasant (tho educational) experience of my company being acquired and ruled over by young British management for five years ... Some of the things, aside from their thinking we Yanks were the dumbest dolts on the planet, that stood out was their total disdain for American religiosity, my blatant beliefs in Christ being spoken in the workplace, and that we Yanks wouldn't be as blatantly dishonest in business practice as they required ...

Bro Ron's statement made me think of this ... Tho unsaved, they too were extremely unpatriotic, not casually as so many American youthfull, but aggressively so ... They hated Blair, the Royals and anything old, especially people, but they were full of themselves as if they were the crown princes of Japheth - Englishmen - especially when it came to Football ... We got Football fanatics/drunks here too, but not like these dude ... i don't think i've ever met a group of guys so snide, pompous and proud in their ethnicity, and it really got them fighting mad when the guys blew them off as ridiculous ...

Now were owned by a Canadian company ...

i found this article from the same site to be equally as telling ...

**GREAT BRITAIN HAS FALLEN!**

<http://www.excatholicsforchrist.com/index.php?PageURL=decline.htm>

**Pray for your country saints, where ever it is that God's placed you! ... We all know that just because we've fallen, don't mean that we can't get back up ... 1 John 1: 9 works for an individual, or a nation of individuals, repenting before Him ...**

Blessings in Christ Jesus ... :-D

**Re: Bartle? Neil? neilgin? - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/1/31 19:19**

Quote:  
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Neil,  
Are you the Neil Giuntoli (neilgin) who was removed from the site for your intemperate posts?

**Re:, on: 2007/1/31 19:27**

Philogos said:  
Quote:  
-----I don't identify that nation state with the people of the ancient promises.  
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Absolutely Stunning Reply. Wonderful to hear someone stand for the truth of this day and age. Just because a people claim themselves to be Jewish in this day does not equate them with those of the bible. WOW!! There is only a few out there that believe that, everyone is caught up with Israel. If I might add, The Church of Jesus Christ which is composed of both Jew and Gentile is the "True Israel of God".

Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We who belong to Christ are Abraham's seed and heirs to the promise.

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Thanks Phil

**Re:, on: 2007/1/31 19:38**

Jay Said  
Quote:  
-----This was spoken to Abraham and his Seed (Christ).  
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Oh you blessed me with that wording for I was just reading about this earlier in Romans and Galatians and I haven't seen that before and here it is confirmed. Because I too read that in the singular not plural, it's one seed (Christ) and not of what modern men have tried to interpret as seeds, plural, trying to graft Israel into our theology and therefore believing a lie.

This is a great deception in the world today, and 99.99% of Christians have believed in it, thanks to Scofield and his bible notes. There is only a few that have stepped outside of mainstream Christianity and shook themselves of foolishness that we've embraced as truth, but have found to be laced with deception.

Jesus said: Luke 8:18 Take heed therefore how ye hear.....

**Re: Dartmoor - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/1/31 19:46**

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I have just returned from a weekend conference in the ([http://www.rorahouse.org.uk/site\\_index.htm](http://www.rorahouse.org.uk/site_index.htm)) Dartmoor National Park. The presence of God was among us with much blessing. How long ago is it that you were around Dartmoor?

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/1/31 20:57**

bro Ron

you said:

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i agree with you to some degree, there is a difference between Israelis and Israelites, never in scripture are His chosen people ever called Israelis...and some of the Israelis will tell you "i'm not an Israelite" however i wonder if bro Bartle has a point in that mistreating Jews has consequences...maybe, maybe not.

Quote:  
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not to be trite but i find it interesting that every empire which did mistreat the israelites suffered destruction or some other cataclysm...Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and Rome...perhaps there is some connection between mistreating Jews in the sense of Israelites rather than Israelis and the death of these empires...

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/1/31 21:04**

brethren

God in times past has always, even before utterly abasing His people Israel, said that the land they were on would be their forever. we can't ignore that part of it. i tend to agree however that the nation state of Israel isn't the people of the covenant but all the same that promise which God made and repeated still stands. Perhaps the promise is to the seed of Abraham, namely the Jews who come to Christ and are born of Him? Seed and seeds doesn't (to me anyway) denote one person vs a nation.

Quote:  
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me too, i fear that the saints don't know the difference between an Israelite and an Israeli...as a result we partake of the iniquity of Israel by aiding them as opposed to preaching the gospel because at this time, if any Jew dies without Christ, they end up in hell as does anyone else who dies without Christ.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/1/31 21:09

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uh oh... :-?

Re: Ron Bailey - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/1/31 21:16

bro Bartle

i wonder what you make of the prophecy in Zechariah (i believe, i will look it up later and insert it here) in which if i remember right, God will gather up the nations and bring them against Jerusalem and they will take it, raping women and all the other barbarisms of the ancient conquerors like assyria. Perhaps this final destruction of Jerusalem will bring about the conversion of Israeli to Israelite because there is a difference. i certainly agree that the land belongs to Israel and that promise is forever, however it was made to the Israelites who kept God's commands and statutes, can we say the same of the present state of Israel? or should we expect another abasing of Jerusalem like in times past when Israel went whoring after the world and its idol?

some things to think about perhaps?

edit

the scripture is Zechariah chapt 14 and reads as follows:

**1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.**

evidently this has yet to happen because the word continues:

**3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: 7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.**

this seems to be just before the return of our Lord judging from the mention of the splitting of the Mount of Olives. then a gain there could be a considerable amount of time between the sacking of Jerusalem by the nations, and the return of our Lord.

**To pastor Ron Bailey, on: 2007/2/1 1:57**

you asked:

Quote:

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you know the answer to that question, and the only reason you ask it is an attempt to try to humiliate me.

to try to humiliate me.....and you fancy yourself a pastor, a teacher of the Things of God, an elder?

you should be ashamed of yourself.

You don't even have the intellectual or spiritual courage and integrity to admit how Jews were treated in the UK thruout the centuries.

and for your information Ron, both Greg Gordon and Mike Balog know exactly who I am.

and this exchange between you and me has just cemented how useless and without profit, religious pendants, really are, white washed tombs, scrubbed clean on the outside, fetid and foul within.

is that "intemperate" enough for you, or am I just engaging in some well deserved forthtelling?

Neil Giuntoli

**Re: To pastor Ron Bailey - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/1 2:53**

Quote:

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I will say only that I had no desire to humiliate you, the thought never even crossed my mind. I am surprised to see that you continue to carry your anger against me after all these months and I am concerned for what that must do to a person. I remember when you and I exchanged pleasant private emails over quite a period of time and I still regard you with the same affection. I am sorry to see it is not reciprocated.

**Re: to Compliments and all other ingrafted vines, on: 2007/2/1 2:54**

rather than try to explain or refute you, I'm too weary right now, I urge you in the Lord to listen to Dr Micheal Brown, a fellow Jewish believer say what I mean to say in two messages. please listen prayerfully:

(<http://www.icnministries.org/audio/01AllIsraelShallBeSaved.mp3>) All Israel shall be saved  
and

(<http://www.icnministries.org/audio/070-06-14-97.mp3>) Israel and the End Time Revival

and

(<http://www.icnministries.org/audio/03ABaptismofTearsforIsrael.mp3>) A Baptism of Tears for Israel

This teacher says it better than I ever can.

good night and God bless you, neil

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/1 3:09

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Every empire travels the same path. They come, they flourish, they die. The Aztecs, the Maya, the Mongols, the Chinese, the Japanese, all these have come and gone without ever touching the 'Jews'. The nations you mention above did suffer the consequences of touching the people that was "the apple of God's eye" but if you read your Bible history you will know that they were raised up by God for specific purposes relating to that people and when they abused that purpose judgement fell on them.

It all comes down to whether or not you equate the Israeli nation state with 'the people of God'. I do not because I cannot interpret the scripture in that way. I am constantly urged to read Romans 9-11 by people who are frustrated with me and I would guess that I have read Romans as often as most of the people who advise me to do so. If I were to extract Romans 9-11 and treat it as a separate revelation I might well come to the conclusions that others have reached, but I read Romans 1-16 and I come to different conclusions. I hear a chorus running through the whole... there is no difference...

I never try to convince anyone that I am right in my interpretations and I never try to change anyone's mind. I simply say to so many who are utterly convinced 'I am not convinced'. I can choose not to say it and that would make life a little more peaceful, but if I am asked or someone shares something in a public community I will say what I think. Usually the form will be asking awkward questions rather than proposing a scheme of eschatology.

I still find it surprising to see the kind of anger that my 'inability to see' brings upon my head, but I am learning to live with it.

Re: Ron, on: 2007/2/1 3:23

I didn't "carry" any anger, I was overjoyed when you went to Bt, as I have brothers who also go to Bt, and I celebrated thusly, publicly with you, on this forum.....

but when I point out the fact that the horrendous way Great Britain has treated the Jewish people in the past, expelling them from the islands, Crusaders, institutionalized anti-semitism within the UK, and correlate this with the current empty state of the church in the UK, you term me "foolish" and refuse to even address your nation's shameful past in both its dealings with the Jewish people and the Nation of Israel, which you blaspheme the Promises of God by terming it as a "middle-eastern nation state", you expect me to react to that with hugs and kisses?

to me, your attitude regarding Israel is just a result of your nativist national prejudices, rather than reading of Scripture, and the Promises and Covenants God made with the people of Israel, which are not only given then, but applicable now, and as a Jew saved by Grace, when I hear the foul apostate theory of "replacement theology", the conversation ends.

Now, if that is "intemperate", so be it, and I do not "carry" anger, but don't dare for a second forget the Root you receive Your Nourishment from.

The modern state of Israel is from God, by God and very much in God's Heart and Mind, and right now, it faces extreme danger from those who conspire to burn it "with fire" as they have promised, and it is the EU who stands with the enemies of Israel, if not by deed, then by their background machinations and sympathies.

All my friends on this forum knew that "bartle" was me Neil Giuntoli, as I have signed off many many times as Neil, or sent them PMs telling them what I have been doing, or chatted with them on the phone or fellowshipped with them.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/1 4:18

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You see I don't regard UK as my 'nation'. I just live here. My 'nation' is the people who were not a people but have become God's people; ie the church. BTW the way I don't think you can 'blaspheme' objects, only persons. I am no more responsible for Britain's foreign policy than you are for America's slave history.

I think your correlation is a false mapping of cause and effect. The sufferings suffered in various African nations during the last decades are horrendous and their nations are bruised beyond imagination but it has nothing to do with their foreign policy.

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On the contrary I am and always have been pro-Israeli. I have never personally met a single instance of anti-semitism in my 65 years in the UK. In fact, as far as I know, I had never met a Jew until I was in my middle twenties. I don't deny that it exists but then I don't move in high circles. My earliest eschatological position was Scofield so my nativist prejudices, theologically, were to regard the nation state of Israel as the fulfillment of OT prophecy. I am old enough to remember when the blue and white star of David first flew over Jerusalem. I told the church that I pastored, the time of the Gentiles is over, the Coming is imminent. It was subsequently that I reexamined the scriptures to try to understand for myself what they were saying.

As regards 'replacement theology' I am often branded as such. My own description is 're-constitution theology'. The Old Covenant is certainly replaced by the New, and it was the Old Covenant which gave the people of Israel its tenancy agreement to the promised land.

The Root that I receive my nourishment from is Abrahamic rather than Judaic. It was Abraham in his pre-circumcision faith whose faith I follow.

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Wasn't it an American ambassador who said 'we don't have friends, only interests'? I find it difficult to be 'temperate' about governments of any kind. I obey them but distrust them. My reading of history has shown me too clearly the hypocrisy that drives national destinies. I hold no brief to defend the EU. When they asked me if I wanted to join, I said 'no' but they didn't listen.

I fully support Israel's right to national existence and her right to defend herself from those who wish her harm. I know, however, that there is no such thing as uninterpreted history and one man's history is another man's propaganda.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/2/1 4:25**

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Brother,

Please show wisdom in your posting. I know we can disagree with brothers on this forum such as brother Ron. But the primary use of the forums is for edification. Here is a quote from the "community rules"

Quote:  
-----It is very important to note that you are joining a vibrant community of believers across the entire world. The main reason for the discussion forums being on this site in the first place is for discussions revolving around the audio sermon speakers and the themes and topics they bring up.

The paramount theme of the site is revival! The discussing of the history of revivals and spurning each other onto praying to this end to see a revival across the world is one of the chief ends of the discussion forums.

It should be noted that the underlying principle in discussions needs to be EDIFICATION.  
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I cannot get my mind off the fact that all the words and intentions in our posts will be brought before the judgement seat of Christ in that "great day!" May God continue to purify our speech, writing and mind.

**Re: The End of England - posted by enid, on: 2007/2/1 5:01**

Due to the 'turn' this thread has taken, I went back and read the original post.

There is no mention in the article of the Jews, Israel, Abraham etc. No mention whatsoever.

So where did all of that come from?

I believe the poster was just showing a truth contained in the word of God.

That truth is found in Galatians 6v7, 'Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

I assumed the poster was concerned, to put it mildly, that the nation he lives in is headed for God's judgment rather than revival.

My assumption, that's not in the article.

So let's put personal disputes to one side and get back on track for each others edification.

How we need to be edified!

We are in the last days, and the eternal souls of men are at stake.

Let's pray for their salvation, for God's glory and honour.

God bless.

**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/2/1 5:45**

Is it worth kicking a dog whilst it is down?

Most people can express problems I am doing the best to preach the gospel on the streets .

Wouldn't it be better to pray for England more now that it is in this state rather than criticize, we are all living for a heavenly kingdom rather than an earthly one. England is dark but as the dark is getting darker the light is getting lighter!!!

Dom

**Re: institutionalised anti-semitism in the UK - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/1 8:54**

I don't know how much time Neil has spent in the UK but I do feel that this particular statement needs to be addressed for the sake of truth. I have lived here for 65 years and taken a lively interest in current affairs for most of that time. I have never seen or heard a single example of 'institutionalised anti-semitism'. In fact, some might say the reverse was true. Gorbachov once complained that all Margaret Thatcher's cabinet were Jews; it was an exaggeration but there were very many. I never heard a single adverse comment about this during the whole time of her premiership. Here is a comprehensive website called ([http://www.somethingjewish.co.uk/uk\\_jewish\\_faqs/index.htm](http://www.somethingjewish.co.uk/uk_jewish_faqs/index.htm)) Something Jewish This should give you some idea of how well-integrated Jews are into UK life and culture. The latest census puts the Jewish population at somewhere under 300,000.. that is reckoned to be about one half of one percent of the UK population.

Or you might take a look at (<http://www.bod.org.uk/>) The Board of Deputies of British Jews Britain, despite having a Jewish community 20 times smaller than that of the United States, has 59 Jewish members of parliament, including 18 in the House of Commons and 41 in the House of Lords. The latter number includes seven barons whose seats in the house were hereditary until recently. However, the umbrella organization of British Jewry said that in fact, the number of Jews in the House of Lords is even higher, totaling at least 46. For comparison we have 2 Muslim members of parliament and 5 in the house of lords from a population that calculates as 3% of the population ie 1.6 million. Crimes against Jews are decreasing annually.

Leading individuals in all walks of UK life are Jewish; in medicine, commerce, arts, law. Leading TV personalities, comedians, intellectuals are Jewish. On a lighter note it might be worth noting that the UK had a Jewish prime-minister before Israel did, twice! Disraeli between 1868 and 1874.

If this is institutionalised anti-semitism... what would happen if we all became advocates of semitism? I would go as far as to say my experience is that most UK folk admire and respect Israel and are instinctively more aligned to the Israeli point of view. However, the Brits hate to see the under-dog getting 'slapped around' and some of Israel's response to Palestinians have left some UK people troubled in their instinctive support.

This nation, in which I sojourn, needs the prayers of God's people but it needs informed prayer and not the prejudices of hate. Please don't go bending God's ear about British institutionalised anti-semitism... He won't know what you are talking about.

**Re: End of England - posted by wallrepairer, on: 2007/2/1 9:25**

I too live in England and yes it is a difficult time for our nation.

However... despite the bleak situation we are in we are seeing God respond to our cries for our land. The darkness has caused us to draw to God's light, the spiritual depression has caused us to hold fast to God's promises, the political and spiritual compromise has driven us back to the Living Word.

There is however a new hope in the air and people are starting to see positive movement. In our area where churches have split multiple times and sheep stealing was a problem, there is now an unprecedented cooperation and many churches(60)are beginning to share the work of pastoring the city. They are beginning to find their 'voice' for their city.

But the real hope is among our young people.

They continually pray for God to take them, break them, and make them holy.

They cry to God to make them humble so he will get all the glory.

They refuse to compromise or live lives of compromise.

They fast and pray like people desperate for God.

They have only one word on their lips.

What is this word?

Revival.

They are out on the streets in the 'worst' neighbourhoods reaching out to the unlovely.  
They have set up charities to do social justice and mercy ministries work.  
They are militant and have no fear.  
They are planting out churches to reach other young people.  
They are snatching people out of prostitution, drug addiction, homelessness, and those who are on the brink of danger.  
Our young people are infectious with their passion for God and we are all praying to catch what they have!!

So is England at the end of itself?  
Maybe...

But... the end of man and the end of human endeavours is not a bad thing because it is the beginning of a mighty opportunity for God and those who seek after him.

So please, let's not make negative declarations over this nation and curse it.

Instead, let us continue our prayers for mercy. Let us pray that God will indeed continue to hear our prayers.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Let us pray this not only for England but of all nations we represent on SI.

Surely, nothing is too difficult from him!

**Re: - posted by JGB321, on: 2007/2/1 10:57**

Hello wallreparer,

I don't know what part of the UK you live in but I have travelled all over this country preaching and I can share with the wider world, that there is no revival happening at present. If you think 60 churches coming together is something to get excited about, think again. If these churches are in the ecumenical movement (which is controlled by Rome) than you're being led away from the Truth and not nearer. When genuine revival is present, pubs, clubs, cinemas and other ungodly institutions shut down. If this is not happening in your town, or any town for that matter, than its not revival as we know it. (Check out George Whitefield's accounts.) Until that happens, all you're seeing is cosmetic makeovers, and this is nothing to boast about.

I will also say that the UK is NOT anymore anti-Jewish than France or Germany (both have long supported the Palestinians over Israel.) True, the UK abstained in 48' at the UN, but so too did others, with some even voting against. However, as I say in my other article "Great Britain Has Fallen", the UK has declined since 1951, thanks primarily to the Druid Prime Minister, Winston Churchill and a weak Queen Elizabeth II.

I believe there is little hope for Western Europe as a whole.

**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/2/1 10:58**

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**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/2/1 13:28**

bro Ron

Quote:  
-----Every empire travels the same path. They come, they flourish, they die. The Aztecs, the Maya, the Mongols, the Chinese, the Japanese, all these have come and gone without ever touching the 'Jews'. The nations you mention above did suffer the consequences of touching the people that was "the apple of God's eye" but if you read your Bible history you will know that they were raised up by God for specific purposes relating to that people and when they abused that purpose judgement fell on them.  
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this is true and i'm aware of that but i was talking specifically about those empires which did mistreat the Jews and God said He would and did abase them. indeed i'm aware that God raised them up for the purpose of punishing Israel and yet they somehow overstepped their bounds and had to be brought low.

Quote:  
-----It all comes down to whether or not you equate the Israeli nation state with 'the people of God'. I do not because I cannot interpret the scripture in that way. I am constantly urged to read Romans 9-11 by people who are frustrated with me and I would guess that I have read Romans as often as most of the people who advise me to do so. If I were to extract Romans 9-11 and treat it as a separate revelation I might well come to the conclusions that others have reached, but I read Romans 1-16 and I come to different conclusions. I hear a chorus running through the whole... there is no difference...  
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well i feel that the people there are Israelis (well most say they are Israelies rather than Israelites)not Israelites but the Israelites will come out from them. i agree in that there is no difference between Jew and gentile in Christ, but that to me refers to salvation and the requirements to get into heaven, neither people can enter His presence without first going by the cross. that being said, there are clearly some things which only the Jews can do on this side such as the rebuilding of the temple and the work which must be done there before Christ comes. The Revelation speaks of the sealing of the 14 4000 Jews which have a job to do which evidently the gentiles can't. so God still has a plan for Israel only which can't be fulfilled by gentiles although there is no difference between the 2. interesting how God works isn't it...

Quote:  
-----I never try to convince anyone that I am right in my interpretations and I never try to change anyone's mind. I simply say to so many who are utterly convinced 'I am not convinced'. I can choose not to say it and that would make life a little more peaceful, but if I am asked or someone shares something in a public community I will say what I think. Usually the form will be asking awkward questions rather than proposing a scheme of eschatology.  
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well we can agree to disagree on this and not throw rocks at one another which is always good :-P i'd like to hear some of your questions (if our Lord leads that is) since i brought up a more eschatological view of things.

**CHILDISH, PARENTAL OR ADULT DIALOGUE? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/2/1 14:31**

Man i'm as thick as a Micky D's milk shake ... Bro B i had no you were the old Neilgin ... Either way i'm glad you're still in fellowship with us ...

Anyhow ...

**Enid wrote;**  
**"So where did all of that come from?"**

*Let me say first that i'm using Jew and gentile descriptively, because in Christ we're all supposed to be one ...*

**It all started like this;**

**1 - JGB321 wrote;**  
"When a nation deviates from the will and purpose of God, all out apostasy and wickedness will only increase and increase."

*i believe JGB321 wrote this from a strictly Gentile/Christian point of view, with not even a thought of what bro Neil introduced as the reason, or a part of the reason of the spiritual demise of Britain ...*

**2 - Bro Bartle then expressed his belief;**  
"ask yourself this question: what western english speaking nation has opposed the State of Israel more vociferously than

the UK? ... and there your answer lays."

*i believe what bro bartle expressed he believes as both a Jew, and a Christian ... i didn't initially post to say whether he was right or wrong, but in attempts to get him to check his motivation behind what he said ... If it is stated as pure belief due to factual history that's one thing, but if it's stated in even the least bit of angered thought/reaction to past and/or present hurt due to persecution of Jews then that ain't of Christ, because He said we're to forgive, and to treat with kindness those that despitefully use us... That's why i tried to give a paralleled testimony of what Christ has freed me from as an Af /Am ... When i state history now i state it for history's sake especially in wonderment of how folk who claim Christ did such atrocious things, and/or discussion and explanation of why people act/react as we do, but not in attempts to beat anyone over the head with it, and certainly not in angered reaction to a painful past as i once would ...*

Then bro Ron replied ...

3 - "I am not sure what the question was but I strongly disagree with the answer. I am an Englishman but totally unpatriotic, so I write as a reader of history and of the Bible when I say this is a foolish and unscriptural attitude."

As soon as i saw **the ignite word "foolish"** in bro Ron's reply i knew the fireworks were about to fly ... When i worked for GE i took a management course (Transactional Analysis) with a special teaching on "How To Deal With Persecution Complexed Employees" ... Under the heading were these three categories ...

- Jews (religious/racial)
- Negroes (racial)
- Women (gender)

In the course it taught that every person is made up of three people ...

- Child (emotionally reactive)
- Parent (disciplinary reactive)
- Adult (logically reactive)

Generally what happens in a combative exchange is that it's primarily engaged in between child types, or is initiated, or egged on by a parent type to a child type ... Call someone "foolish" (or any other perceived slight word) and unless the recipient is aware of TA, or more importantly as a Christian controlled by Holy Spirit, you're gonna get a heated exchange ... i often think of TA when i'm posting on SI, this with trying to submit to Holy Spirit's warning of "self" often keeps me from reacting as a child or parent type, or pulling someone else's child type by my coming at them like a parent ... i'm not perfect at it, but i am aware of it and try to be adult ...

4 - Then Jaysaved made his comments ...

5 - Then bro Neil came back at Jaysaved re: Replacement Theology, and called bro Ron "a pendantic Englishman" ... And the rest is "fur-flying", "back-biting", "finger-pointing" history ...

**Let's face it saints, we ALL still got lots of nasty spots, wrinkles and blemishes, from our pasts, still in our psyches ... Ungodly things we've picked up personally, family traits, ethnically, culturally, nationally, etc ... Some of us may have to be freed from a feeling of inferiority, some of us from a feeling of superiority, some of us from being reactive to persecutions past and present, some of us for liking to push the "ON" buttons of the persecution complexed ... Some of us may be actually blind to our motives ... Some of us may pretend we're not aware of what we do ... God help us ALL to be rid of any past filth that hinders us from going forward in Him ...**

Phil.3

**... but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,**

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

## 1John.2

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: **because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.**

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

## Eph.2

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

**Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,** the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

**For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity,** even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

*i know it may be hard ... i know we may not want to hear or accept it, but in Christ we're all supposed to be past any past things that separate us from being ONE in the Body ... These may be painful encounters, but they certainly bring to light some of the oughts we still have against one another ... In Christ we're not supposed to be separated as Jew and Gentile, black and white, or any other dastardly distinction satan uses to keep the world at each others throats ... We're supposed to be already seated in the heavenly vantage point of Christ, so that we can see such things as He sees them - from above it ALL ...*

*Holy Spirit can influence us all to adulthood (maturity) in Jesus if we'd only let Him ... All of us don't agree on a number of issues, perhaps some never to we stop seeing thru a glass darkly, but in the meanwhile if we come to such empasses, if we've given our viewpoint to the point of exhausting any further input, and/or we can't engage one another without spitting & hitting (child) or taking one another to the woodshed (parent), then perhaps the logically adult thing to do is to just STOP! ... i believe that's what i hear Holy Spirit saying to me about a number of topics, and it's what i intend to do ...*

We may not have to agree with one another, but it pleases Christ that we love one another regardless ...

Blessings in our Lord Jesus Christ ... :-D

### Re: CHILDISH, PARENTAL OR ADULT DIALOGUE? ... - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/2/1 14:48

I want to address that charge of replacement theology. I simply stated that the promises made to Abraham were to him and his Seed. Galatians 3 tells us that the Seed is Christ.

Therefore the promises made to Abraham are to those who are in Christ (i.e., Christians.)

If this is replacement theology then it is Biblical.

### Re: The End of England, on: 2007/2/1 15:08

Rahman, thank you. I've read a bit about TA and it is useful for understanding situations, even if it is not a godly solution.

The one thing which I come back to again and again is this question - which is not intended to be rhetorical....

Isn't Christ both the true olive tree and the true Vine, into which both believing Jews are grafted as much as believing Gentiles, acknowledging both Adam and Abraham?

Please, I'm not trying to detract from all the other points legitimately raised in the thread so far, but, in the light of Romans 9:4's assertion regarding 'Israelites' 'to whom pertains the **adoption**', aren't all of us on a level since the cross?

Doesn't the true olive tree give forth the oil of healing, and the wine of cleansing?

Luke 10:29 ...

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: **and when he saw him, he had compassion and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine**, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. (KJV)

Neil, I acknowledge your genuine concerns about UK politics, and don't quote this (above) for any other reason than that this was Jesus' own example of when oil and wine might be needed.

Surely, many of us have had need of the oil and the wine, and will do, that we may be truly healed....

**Re: - posted by wallrepaier, on: 2007/2/1 16:35**

Quote:  
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You have made a number of grand assumptions about my previous posting.

1. I am NOT boasting as you say. I was sharing my current experiences which I believe is allowed on SI. What have any of us to boast about anyway?
2. I am NOT saying revival is happening. I have read about the revivals and know what true revival looks like. I said the young people have a heart cry for revival which is a much different thing.
3. The churches working together are not 'the ecumenical network controlled by Rome.' They are all like minded people mostly from the charismatic and evangelical churches and a few years ago working together looked impossible.

So, please ease up a little. Of course we are not experiencing a revival. But I don't believe we are as 'doomed' as some of the earlier posts said either. If we have even small signs of God still working in our lives then it's more than we had earlier...and I for one won't despise his encouragements...I won't join in and say that there is no hope for the people of this nation when God is paying time and attention, as a good Father, to make changes in lives both individually and corporately...however small these changes may look to you.

Of course everyone in every nation is longing for days of revival. But you cannot discredit God's work in the lives and hearts of individuals or groups of individuals just because it isn't a 'mass revival work'! It's like saying that nothing God is doing is worth anything or is valid except for his revival work!

ALL that God is and does is great. Even one drop of His mercy is more than we deserve and we ought to be a thankful people with anything He does in our lives whether He ever decides to send a revival to our nation or not!

**hear me clear., on: 2007/2/1 17:13**

Right now, Israel is in a fight for its life, its very existence.

There are some in the church, or on this forum who say that Israel is not ordained of God, nor blessed of God, that the modern state of Israel is just some creation of the UN, something that is man made, to which I say in the Lord, you are wrong.

Furthermore, there are those who say that the Church has replaced Israel in Covenant promises, you are wrong. God's promises to Israel in the New Covenant outlined in Jeremiah's Book of Consolation chapters 30 to 33 were made to the Jews, and thru the atoning sacrifice of Messiah the Gentiles were grafted in to this New Covenant. God does not go BACK on His covenants, He Himself said they are "irrevocable". What kind of "god" would He be if He did go back on irrevocable Covenants? that would make Him a fork tongue god, perish the thought.

and let me, as a Jew, saved by Jesus Messiah say this in the leading of the Holy Spirit, if there has been one thing, that has kept my people, the Jews from Messiah thruout the centuries from the time of His Crucifixion, it has been, the church, lower case "c" church and it's believers who have persecuted and murdered Jews in the name of christ, Crusaders sporting crosses on their armor murdering Jews, forced conversions, inquisitions, burning synagogues, nazi's who said you killed our god, now we're going to kill you. That's the truth, face it.

Now the nation of Israel faces the sons of Ishmael, the muslims, the jihadists, who have made it their vow to kill every last Jew in Israel, however the means, hundreds of millions of them face off against the nation of Israel with its five million people.

The Messiah Jesus was born of a Jewish woman, the God, His Father, the Lord you pray to, His Name is Yahweh. Don't forget where you come from.

In the last days, He will bring the people back to the Land of Israel, and that is being done, how do think that five million have been able to face off against hundreds of millions burning to destroy the people of Israel?

by the "strength" of these mere five million?

By the strength of Yahweh.

I hear many in the church say how they love the Jewish people. Praise God for the heart that is true, but to others, they only love the Jewish people until they get one up in their face, and then you see how deep the "love" is.

**Re: hear me clear., on: 2007/2/1 18:46**

Amen, brother Neil. Amen.

*"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy." Romans 11:11*

It is my desire in some way to provoke them to jealousy by the love of Yeshua seen in my life. To be able to show a Jewish person what a true Christian is and to combat the centuries of persecution with the love of Yeshua ...ah, that is what I long to do if the Lord would give me the marvelous opportunity to do so.

*"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Romans 10:1*

**institutionalized anti-semitism - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/2/1 21:20**

bro Ron and Bro Bartle

i just had a thought, perhaps anti-semitism in britain is not so much institutionalized like say a Jim Crow-type set of laws which are designed to hold back Jews. what if this anti-semitism is not so much laws of the land but rather the attitudes and the hearts of people toward Jews? here in america slavery was abolished and rights between and among races equalized, however racism still occurs not because it is law, but that is the spirit of some of the people. could this be the case here?

in some white americans there is a disdain for black folk/other races/creeds which is not always apparent but nonetheless has an effect on how they deal with us. what if there is such a thing concerning Jews in England?

something to think about?

**Re:, on: 2007/2/1 21:47**

Fella's this is a forum, and there is going to be difference's of opinions. So far, I am enjoying the discussions. I don't see Ron or Neil throwing rocks at each other, they are just offering their perspectives. Certainly, it may get heated, however if you want to extract medicine from HERBS you have to chop it up and cook it. Just keep that in mind guys, so the WHO LE community can benefit from it and be edified.

Edification comes when we see the TRUTH, and let the CHURCH body out there judge between what is being said. So me will judge and go into error, others will see the truth and be edified.

Don't be MAD, get GLAD!!

**Re: institutionalized anti-semitism - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/2 2:30**

Quote:

-----what if this anti-semitism is not so much laws of the land but rather the attitudes and the hearts of people toward Jews?  
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There is no underlying mood of anti-semitism in the UK. There are anti-semites and there are organisation which are anti-semitic but they are not typical of the ordinary UK mind-set. The English themselves are an island race and the Greek for island is insular; some Brits are more than insular they are xenophobic. The recognition that someone is a foreigner however is usually based on colour or culture. For the Jews as individuals there are no identifying signs and most people just won't even now that such folk are Jews. There is no institutional or insipient barrier against Jews. However where Jews identify themselves with Zionism there will be the typical caution of the Brits. Islam and Zionism are both territorial ideologies; this will certainly make Brits uncomfortable. Jews, racially and religiously are not necessarily territorial.

**Re: hear me clear. - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/2 6:16**

Quote:

-----by bartle on 2007/2/1 22:13:01

There are some in the church, or on this forum who say that Israel is not ordained of God, nor blessed of God, that the modern state of Israel is just some creation of the UN, something that is man made, to which I say in the Lord, you are wrong.  
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How do you define 'in the Lord' and how do you distinguish this from godly men and women (you can exclude me if you wish!) who say 'you are wrong'?

You are in danger of making an interpretation the criteria for being a Christian.

I think when you say 'in the Lord' in this context you simply mean you believe it passionately. I do not say 'you are wrong', passionately, only that I am not convinced that you are right.

**Re: - posted by Revolution34, on: 2007/2/2 6:34**

Britain not England alone is in a state of moral and spiritual decline. The state of this country should grieve any true Brit. The problem is that we look at the decline and shake our heads in sadness, mutter a few words on our need for revival, we see a bit of fluff, noise and excitement and tell ourselves it's coming and pull the covers over our heads! Let me tell you we can't wait for the young people, or the old people at that, God is waiting for us to get on knees and pray in revival. Revival praying is costly and inconvenient to the flesh, we need to consider whether God has allowed these declines in our generation, the rot is deep and the pungent stench of sin is nauseating, maybe God is saying I want you to see what I see and smell what I smell, I want my church to be disturbed out of her bed and onto her knees. There is a trend to cry out to God when the pressure of hostility is hot and then to subside as soon as a new fad comes along or a religious gimmick that promises a sensational answer. A new Hollywood Christian film becomes the great revival hope, or a new program with clever apologetic arguments is adopted in our churches to gently appeal to the wicked atheist. My prayer for Britain is that the antichristian hostility would bend us and cause us to cry out to God for mercy, like the Hebrews living in slavery for four hundred years under Egyptian bondage, tolerating it for that long before they had the sense to start to call on God! I have always wondered why it took them so long to start getting serious about deliverance maybe they only longed for their privileges again acceptance in society, the honour they held under Joseph's rule and to keep up with the Jones'. As long as the churches in Britain are focused on political, moral and social acceptance we will not see revival. God continues the decline until we have the sense to get serious about revival! As long as we kid ourselves that revival is coming, that revival is here we will never see it. The church of Christ was birthed to dominate society, to turn the world upside down, if the church won't seek to rise to its true position than God will allow the world to turn the church upside down.

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/2/2 7:08**

Revolution34

Thank you for your concern about revival.

I'm gripped by these two scriptures in the Psalms.

Psalm 119v126, 'It is time for You to act, O Lord, for they have regarded Your law as void'.

Psalm 119v136, 'Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law'.

Maybe, God wants to see the rivers of waters run down from our eyes, before He will act as we want to see Him do.

Also, we have to ask, what is revival?

I don't doubt if you were to ask 10 different people you would get 10 different answers.

Some, when speaking about revival, are referring to a spiritual awakening, in which masses of sinners get saved.

Others, to a dead church being revived in the things of God, and getting back to scripture.

Others will have yet another interpretation.

However, whatever your preference, we do need God's Holy Spirit to move.

Ask, seek, knock, Matt 7v7.

God bless.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/2 7:28

Quote:

-----by Revolution34 on 2007/2/2 11:34:22  
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The church of Jesus Christ was birthed to be trodden on by society and by its testimony to become an overwhelming minority; world domination was never part of its commission.

Re: The End of England, on: 2007/2/2 7:41

Quote:

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Dear Ron,

To me, the point you are making to Neil here, is of much less matter to you, in fact, than it may be to Neil.

In it, I see the same point you made in the To all the Prophets thread, when you said

Quote:

-----The only comment that we can make is 'I have a witness' or 'I don't have a witness'.  
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I know I have taken this out of the context in which you wrote it, but, it declares your personal attitude to 'a witness'. And all I want to say is, that this - 'a witness' - is all some of us have to go on, with regard to the whole of our understanding, operation of our gifts, and in exercising faith towards obeying God's leadership of our lives. Of course, this is not to say we don't read scripture, seek and wait for understanding, but tho the Lord may use this to confirm His other words to us, the two might not neatly fit over each other like a tracing over the original words.

By implication, you are suggesting that the witness of the Spirit (on this kind of topic) is given to all in the same measure, when clearly, it is not.... and not even to all the elders in the same church. Or else, there would be no diversity, no liberty to move in God, independently of *permission* from another human being. Plainly, this is not required. There is an expectation that there will be unity where it really matters, because we all drink into the same Spirit.

One believer really only needs to know for themselves whether they are being obedient to what God has shown them - trusting Him to understand their confusion if they have any, and to lead them out of it, if it matters that they have intellectual clarity as well as practical direction.

Spitfire has just posted in the Prophets thread, such a heartfelt plea for openness and freedom to speak what God has shown her - for anyone who claims to have heard from God - that it echoes my own long uphill climb to reclaim my assurance of knowing when and what God had shown me, after having had much 'white noise' and spiritual interference waves broadcast in my direction over many years.

I am wondering whether it really is possible to protect people from the white noise, the interference and the confusion which comes the way of anyone who really desires to please God, who starts off with a simple *knowing God*

Thus, even if you remain unconvinced that Neil is right because you don't have what you consider a convincing 'witness', it really would matter only if God was leading you in such a way that you *need* a clearer witness to proceed with obeying God's call on *your* life.... and, would He not give it in those circumstances? I believe He would.

Now, one thing I have seen recently, is just how much 'politics' there is in the Old Testament, in varying shades of prominence. God is not unaware. He uses *all* things, as they have been created for His good pleasure. The present nation's state of Israel *must* fall into that category of playing a part in His plans for His people, whether they know Him yet, or not, and however they know Him. I believe we have to keep trusting that He is working out His will for all of us who know Him

m, and obey Him, and sometimes this will lead some of us out on a limb where we would much rather not be, or a limb over which we have no personal control.

**Re: - posted by Vader, on: 2007/2/2 7:59**

Has anyone seen the news today about England. If not check out Joel Rosenburg's blog very alarming

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/2/2 9:34**

Vader,  
Do you have the details for the blog, or what is the news?

Thanks.

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/2 11:22**

Quote:  
-----And all I want to say is, that this - 'a witness' - is all some of us have to go on, with regard to the whole of our understanding, operation of our gifts, and in exercising faith towards obeying God's leadership of our lives.  
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The 'witness of the Spirit' bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God. Especially in charismatic circles there is a tendency to press-gang this 'witness' into all kinds of other roles.

I have heard people say they knew they were in the genuine tomb because of the witness of the Spirit. There are people on this site who turn their back on scriptural revelation in preference to the 'witness of the Spirit'; we have one regular contributor who takes this stance.

Usually when people say 'I have the witness of the Spirit' they mean 'I agree' and when they say 'I don't have the witness of the Spirit' they mean 'I don't agree'.

It does not matter how strong a person's witness is the bottom line is still... "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Is 8:20 NKJV)

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-----One believer really only needs to know for themselves whether they are being obedient to what God has shown them - trusting Him to understand their confusion if they have any, and to lead them out of it, if it matters that they have intellectual clarity as well as practical direction.  
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This is perfectly acceptable on the level of personal guidance but when it comes to being the ruling law of their hermeneutics they are in trouble.

**TRYING TO UNDERSTAND: HOW? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/2/2 15:46**

Bro Ron some things you said may be helpful to my getting a better understanding of history ... i know this is long, and i don't expect you, or anyone else to read or react to any/or all of it ... It's just comments on what i wonder ...

Bro Ron you wrote;

"Every empire travels the same path. They come, they flourish, they die. The Aztecs, the Maya, the Mongols, the Chinese, the Japanese, all these have come and gone without ever touching the 'Jews'. The nations you mention above did suffer the consequences of touching the people that was "the apple of God's eye" but if you read your Bible history you will know that they were raised up by God for specific purposes relating to that people and when they abused that purpose judgement fell on them."

--- Amen, but it's the so called Christian empires that historically, and sometimes presently, baffle me ... Heathen empire

s such as you mentioned, and European empires pre Christianity, i expect nothing of but the raging of heathens ... But after Christ, especially after the Protestant Reformation, now that's a different standard, and from viewing history (thru Christians eyes now) i see so much hypocrisy (tho with sprinklings of saints who stood up in protest) ... So ...

- Even if we don't make a correlation between any so called Christian peoples (nations) demise because of their mistreatment of the Jews, could we make it for their mistreatment of others, in the capacity that such Christian nations have done on their fellow man (in particular of other nationalities)? ...

- Could it be that when a people rise up, in nationhood and/or empire, claiming Christ and Christianity (like America now), when they subvert the purpose and principals of Christ to benefit of self, nation, empire, that God's judgement will fall on them? ...

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"I still find it surprising to see the kind of anger that my 'inability to see' brings upon my head, but I am learning to live with it."**

--- As my grandson would say, "i feel you on this" ...

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"I am no more responsible for Britain's foreign policy than you are for America's slave history."**

--- Amen, bro Ron you're right, just like in America today white citizens are not responsible for our slave history ... But this question remains, "Are we still affected by such history, perhaps in sub-conscious ways we might not even be aware of" ... But we do agree that past British foreign policy, and the founding fathers of America foreign and domestic policies made them responsible? ... Blame and anger is not my agenda, but wonderment about ...

- How could such professedly Christian rulers, empires and people do such atrocities to others, Jews, Africans, colonized nations, in the name of Christ and Christianity? ...

- Was it that those folk back then were somehow more ignorant about the teachings of Christ, than we are today? ...

i know myself as a Christian, as i believe of you, wouldn't as a common man, or in any type position of power, be adapting Christ/Christianity to our own selfish earthly lusts (God forbid) ... We wouldn't be killing anyone in the name of Christ ... Or bearing false witness, especially to the murder of others ... Or be spreading and promoting death, destruction, and vile hatred at one person, or a group of folk, let alone enslaving others to our economic benefit ... And we certainly wouldn't go and exploit others for their resources, taking them by force ... They had to know it was wrong ... George Washington and Jefferson admitted that slavery was wrong and against God, but yet because of personal gain they persisted in it's practice ... They fled what they believed the tyranny of England, only to sacrifice Christ, and Christian principals to the building of new empire ... Yikes!

- Is this something that's historical, and subsequent leaders tho also claiming Christ and Christianity are born into, and therefore for sake of continued empire must make compromises to? ...

If so i thank God that He's not appointed me head over any nation, and i do pray hard for those He has, as i do for Pres. Bush ... i don't think i could live with having to juggle between faith and empire ---

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"I think your correlation is a false mapping of cause and effect. The sufferings suffered in various African nations during the last decades are horrendous and their nations are bruised beyond imagination but it has nothing to do with their foreign policy."**

--- Perhaps not with THEIR foreign policy ...

- But what about the foreign policies of AGAIN, we so called Christian nations? ...

- What would have been their lot if they'd not been colonized in the first place, taken over for selfish exploit to empirical wealth, and then eventually dropped like hot potatoes when demanding their autonomy? ...
- Would the Hutu's and the Tutsi's been better off had not America and the Soviets played them against one another, and now two people who used to intermarry now kill each other? ...
- How is it possible, that we so called Christian Western nations have so much still, and they so little? ...

In America we're always hearing about doing things in "our national interest" ... That is if it don't affect our national security, to blazes with it ... But we're supposed to be a Christian nation, if not that then a nation supposedly filled with Christians ...

- So then shouldn't we also have "a Christ interest"? ...
- Shouldn't we be motivated like Him to give without expectation of getting something back? ...
- There was a time when Americans (per capita) were charitably more giving than we are now, what's happened? ...

**TRYING TO UNDERSTAND: HOW? ... cont'd - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/2/2 15:47**

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"On the contrary I am and always have been pro-Israeli. I have never personally met a single instance of anti-semitism in my 65 years in the UK. In fact, as far as I know, I had never met a Jew until I was in my middle twenties . I don't deny that it exists but then I don't move in high circles."**

--- Wow ... Never? ...

This made me think back to when i first encounterd Jews ... It was early in my life, like 5 or 6, because in black neighborhoods (pre 60's riots) Jews were the only ones who'd set up businesses there ... This was before manufacturing became a thing of the past in our inner cities, and the factories that employed us moved south ...

Anyhow i had good memories associated with them ... They'd give us candy free sometimes ... i'd notice that my dad and mom seemed to have a pretty good repoire with them in shopping ... They'd employ us ... They'd give credit, or let us pay on time, when nobody else would ... i never heard a bad word about them until after the 60's race riots, in which their businesses we're destroyed from our neighnorhoods never to return ... Now the old "hoods" look like war zones, and Korean's abound with "Stop & Go" shops that sell only Beer, Malt Liquor, cigarettes, and anything fried ...

After the riots such entities as the Black Panther Party came into play, radically reacting to racism against us by "the white man", but also spouting anti-semitic remarks about the Jew (promoted by the same "white-man" they were against) ... Satan is such a deciever ... But i really didn't get to first hand experience "anti-semetic", or "anti-Hamitic", sentiment until i left the insulation of my "hood" and went downtown to work amongst "whites" in my first architectural office ... Man was that an eye-opener ... Prior to this i used to think Jews were white, the whites i worked with soon made it very clear to me that they were'nt ... My Dad showed me from the scripture why ...

i still hear cracks about Jews ... One of the founders of my employment was Jewish (saved/died), and many of my fellow employees, especially the shop guys (blue collar), were always making some ugly remark ... In fact the young Brits that once ruled our company had some pretty nasty remarks about Jews (but then they had nothing good to say about anyone) ---

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"Wasn't it an American ambassador who said 'we don't have friends, only interests'? I find it difficult to be 'temperate' about governments of any kind. I obey them but distrust them. My reading of history has shown me too clearly the hypocrisy that drives national destinies. I hold no brief to defend the EU. When they asked me if I wanted to join, I said 'no' but they didn't listen."**

--- i've already touched on the "interest" thing, and my reading of history reveals the same as yours ... What's past is past, but as i said, i still wonder how such Christ professing people did what they did ...

But now to the present ... i won't speak on what Britain should or should not do, that's not my burden ... My burden is America, and what we as supposedly a nation made up of primarily Christians should and should not do in the name of Christ, and Christianity ...

**i'm one who still believes that this is a government "for and by the people", so i address this solely to American saints ...**

- If America is supposedly so full of Christians, then why have we become an increasingly corrupt society? ...

- Could it be that since we're supposed to be a majority that much of the corruption is being participated in, or at least all owed by our silence giving consent? ...

i know what the power of a people in determined unison can do, in the Af/Am case it can amend the constitution to de-institutionalize racial bigotry (and the majority of that thrust came out of the black church) ... That's why i believe that if Christians voted our Christian conscience in the best interest of the cause of Christ, and what's spiritually better for our fellow man, we'd not have all of the crap that has passed legislatively in the past 50 years ... It's like all of a sudden so called Christian Evangelicals have been awakened to this, the problem being that we still got so many other elements of Christianity pulling in different directions in pursuit of more personal earthly payoffs we can't get a more unified consensus ...

One of the things that's been beneficial to my being black in America is that to not have initially been included, it made me a spectator of how American society acts, and reacts ... Americans, (many saints included unfortunately), as long as we feel our individual ability to pursue our own life, liberty and happiness is unobstructed, as long as the economy is doing ok, jobs are plentiful, stock market's rising, gas is cheap, credit is available, we can have the next biggest and best things, crime and people of low socio-economic level stay in their designated areas, etc., we could care less about anything else ... We don't care about war, unless it isn't good for the economy or there's a draft ... We don't care about other nations, or what they think of us, unless it affects our economy ... We don't really care about our own poor anymore, let alone the poor in all the rest of the world ... Even our major religious denominations, churches, have been bitten by the bug of greedy self-aggrandizing empire building ...

**THE ONLY TIME AMERICANS SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE IS WHEN SOMEONE MOVES OUR COLLECTIVE CHEESE ... THEN YOU'LL GOT A MOVEMENT!**

All this to say, unlike your experience bro Ron, in America, i believe if any major segment of our population gets to a point of where it's collectively had enough, government will listen, and react ... Although now i think if our government ever gets to a point of where it doesn't react to the will of the people, especially in anything that has to do with loss in economy, there will be blood running in the streets ---

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"However where Jews identify themselves with Zionism there will be the typical caution of the Brits. Islam and Zionism are both territorial ideologies; this will certainly make Brits uncomfortable. Jews, racially and religiously are not necessarily territorial."**

--- All i can say is i live in a highly concentrated Jewish suburb, and i can count on one hand the Jews i've met who aren't pro Israel ... If that makes them Zionist, then they're territorial ... i read that this Zionist identification is a reason for the new resurgence of Anti-Semitism in the world, and also anti-Americanism because we're so closely identified with them ... As a Christian, and an American, i'm glad to be a part of such a union ... God help the Jew, their damned by the world if they do or don't ... i truly feel that anything i'd ever have to negatively deal with being Hamitic, is far less sinister than what a Jew has to deal with ... i suppose to have God hang a sign around your neck as His chosen, is a sure way to have others to want to put their foot on your neck ... For the most part i get along fine with Jews, especially the old ones ... And when i see them (lots of yarmulkes in my area) i'm always reminded of our mutual spiritual history ---

**Bro Ron you wrote;**

**"The church of Jesus Christ was birthed to be trodden on by society and by its testimony to become an overwhelming minority; world domination was never part of its commission."**

--- See, now what you said here is in unison with a way of thinking that i try my best to avoid ... i don't like questioning peoples salvation, i think to myself maybe it is possible to be saved and be that self deluded at the same time ... Then i think, nahhh, no way ... You know as bad as i think the crusades were, they were done under the Church of Rome and so i can comprehend why such a spiritually corrupt undertaking happened ... But i'm beginning to really wonder about the salvation of so many Protestants, especially those in any elitist positions, who historically engaged in such anti-Christian endeavors ...

*Maybe i'm answering my own questions here ... Maybe Ravenhill was right, maybe only 5% of all professing Christians are truly saved, that "overwhelming minority" as you put it ... It certainly would account for how past, and present, professed Christians could/can do such things that are totally against Christ, Christianity and the Bible ...*

Blessings in Christ Jesus ---

#### **GOD'S PROMISES, BLESSINGS & CURSES ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/2/2 16:02**

Bro Bartle you wrote;

"God does not go BACK on His covenants, He Himself said they are "irrevocable"

--- See this is what i believe too, that's why i'm pro Israel, and by association then Pro-Zionist ...

One of the things that wipes me out is hoe everytime God steps into human existence with a promise, blessing or curse, it alters the course of human history, in ways we can't see until after it happens ...

**Gen. 3** - WHAM! ... History altered ...

**Gen. 6** - WHAM! ... History altered ...

**Gen. 9** - WHAM! ... History altered ...

And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

And he said (i believe under God's authority and inspiration), Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

Someone said on a thread awhile back that something like this happened so long ago that it can't still be having an effect of us today ... i don't believe that, and in attempts of exploring it posted these threads ...

**Why are the Jews (Shem) Hated by so many Europeans & Russians (Japheth)? ...**

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i think Ham's run in with his dad's curse produced bad feelings between Ham's and Shem's line, to the point that by the time it got to Nimrod (Ham's grandson) he was the first in attempts of "making a Shem (name) of their own, and he is stated to be first in opposition to God ... i also find it suspect that Ham's descendants wound up on a continent cut off on three sides by water from the rest of the then known world, all to themselves, later to be deemed the "dregs of mankind" by the rest of humanity, to the point that they'd become just another commodity, from their resources rich land ...

i also think that Japheth's blessing of enlargement and prospering is in some ways also a curse because it seems that the clash between what Shem's God then, and God's Christ now requires, and what enlargement and prospering requires, puts them at odds within themselves spiritually ... Which i questioned in this thread ...

**CHRISTIANITY: Abused for Power, Personal Purpose & Prosperity ...**

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it never ceases to amaze me that it was only the sons of Japheth (like Marco Polo) who went first hiking all over the known world in search of wealth, and then later how they seemed to be the only people to get in little wooden ships, and sail across unknown waters that they believed if you reached the edge of you'd fall off - yet they went any way ... What's the phrase that you hear in so many old English novel, "I'm off to seek my fortune", while it seems that folk in other far reaches of the globe, not being ocean venturing travellers, sat waiting to be discovered, and colonized, and sometimes made extinct ...

Bro Bartle you wrote;

"and let me, as a Jew, saved by Jesus Messiah say this in the leading of the Holy Spirit, if there has been one thing, that has kept my people, the Jews from Messiah thruout the centuries from the time of His Crucifixion, it has been, the church, lower case "c" church and it's believers who have persecuted and murdered Jews in the name of christ, Crusaders sporting crosses on their armor murdering Jews, forced conversions, inquisitions, burning synagogues, nazi's who said you killed our god, now we're going to kill you. That's the truth, face it."

--- Bro Neil, i sure hope you won't be mad at me but to me the reasons you gave here are again outward reasons, the visible, tangible things we can grasp, and blame, and not the invisible ones ... i certainly think satan was/is behind such atrocities, but the real reason why i believe the majority of Jews do not accept Christ has more to do with Romans 11 than these subsequent histories, and that you and i are to be more focused in our shared, neither Jew nor gentile, brotherhood of Paul's speaking here ...

**Eph.1:**

Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

**Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will ...**

i can understand how you may not be able to shed what has, and still is happening to unsaved Jews today, as i can with my fellow unsaved Af/Am's ... There's more attached in your case, than in my own ...

But Rom. 11 talks about the distinction between the Olive Tree (Israel), and we that are grafted in (Church) ... Bro Neil i think you're identifying more with the tree (Israel), and not the graft (the Church which you are a part of) ... i'll say no more on this, other than i love you in our Lord, and pray He make plain to you what needs to be made plain ...

Finally on the "who killed Christ issue" ... i've heard some say the Jews did, the Romans did, and that all we sinners did, but i think that's all wrong ... i think God the Father, on our behalf, killed Christ because the scripture says ...

**John 3: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**John 19:** Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

Jesus answered, **Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:** therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Those that delivered may have had greater sin, but not the power to kill Christ ...

**1 Pet. 1:** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Who verily was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,

**Rev.13:** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

No man has the power to slay anyone before they were even created ...

Blessings in Christ Jesus ...

**Re: The End of England, on: 2007/2/3 11:48**

philologos wrote

Quote:  
-----The 'witness of the Spirit' bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God. **Especially in charismatic circles there is a tendency to press-gang this 'witness' into all kinds of other roles.**  
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Dear Ron,

This leads to more questions, for me then.

Here are two examples from scripture, to which I would attribute - perhaps by an *incorrectuse* of 'the witness of the Spirit' - the term.

How would you explain in different words, how these men knew this situation was from God, and in their actions, obeyed Him?

Acts 9:11

And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth...

Acts 10:19

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee...

Are you saying that once a person knows they have been born of God, they don't need to go on mentioning His speaking to them - what He said and how / why they attribute their actions to this direction (from Him)?

Or, if a person is *sure*, why would they not say?

I look forward to understanding better, how scripture guides us in this matter.