



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"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, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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A CHOSEN PEOPLE

How could such a small country as "little England" establish the greatest colonial empire in the history of the world? At its height the British Empire encompassed a quarter of the world's people and covered 35 million kilometres of territory. It is one of history's greatest mysteries. The English did not set themselves to create an empire "on which the sun never set." Time and again timid politicians strove to prevent Britain's expansion. Yet it happened nevertheless. Why? The answer lies far back in time. It had its origins when God covenanted with the patriarch Abraham to bless him and make him the father of many nations. This everlasting covenant was passed on to his son, Isaac and to his grandson, Jacob (Israel). The descendants of Israel were promised a two-fold blessing: the Sceptre, a kingly line culminating in Jesus Christ as King of kings; and the Birthright, a promise of national wealth, multitudinous population and great power. The Sceptre was passed on to Judah and the Birthright to Joseph, Israel's favourite son, who in turn bestowed it upon his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. The former was to become a company of nations and the latter a great nation.

This promise has never been fulfilled in the Jews, the descendants of Judah. Neither can it be spiritualised away. However it became a reality in the nations of Great Britain and the United States of America. Following the exodus from Egypt, the Israelites entered their promised land and eventually David became their king. God promised King David He would appoint a place for His people, Israel, where He would plant them. There they would dwell in a place of their own and remain free from the oppression of their enemies (2 Samuel 7:10). Upon the death of David's son, Solomon, the kingdom split in two. The ten northern tribes under the leadership of Ephraim became the house of Israel and the two southern tribes as the house of Judah, later to be called the Jews. For 250 years Israel constantly disobeyed God's commandments and eventually were carried off into captivity in Assyria in 721BC. God had previously warned His people, that if they disobeyed Him they would be punished "seven times" for their sins. In prophecy a "time" represents a 360-day year. Thus, following a prophetic principle of a-day-for-a-year (Ezekiel 4:4-6), their penalty was to be seven 360-day years --- 2520 years. That is, the punishment on the house of Israel would last from 721BC until AD1800. It is no coincidence that from this date both Britain and the United States began to flourish. But how could these two nations be Israel, the Chosen People? According to the Apocryphal book, Esdras, a large number of these so-called "lost tribes" escaped from Assyria about 600BC and travelled north-west, entering Europe north of the Black Sea. We learn from Herodotus that the great Scythian nation moved into the same area at this period. Evidence strongly suggests that these were one and the same people. Furthermore, the Jewish historian, Josephus, records that, "The Ten Tribes did not return to Palestine; only Two Tribes served the Romans after Palestine became a Roman province." (Antiquities 11 2.5)

The Jews are NOT the so-called lost Ten Tribes of Israel! They are composed only of descendants of Judah, Benjamin and some Levites. In two vast migrations many from the northern house of Israel journeyed across Europe, the tribe of Dan, in particular, leaving a trail of place-names in its wake --- Danube, Denmark (Dan's Land), Donegal etc. Known as Angles, Jutes, Saxons, Vikings and Normans; the various tribes crossed the North Sea to settle in the British Isles, to move no more. When their period of punishment was over, they prospered, taking Western civilisation and the Christian Gospel across the globe as prophesied, spreading abroad to the west and the east, to the north and to south (translated *Australi* in the Latin Vulgate).

Consider Britain's Hebrew names, British ---*brith* (covenant) and *ish* (man); Saxon (Isaac's son); Angle --- Eglah ("heifer of the wild ox", Ephraim's tribal symbol). The English language, moreover, is closely related to the Hebrew. In fact it is claimed to be the language on which English is built. Many biblical prophesies have been realised only in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, proof of their lost identity as the heirs of the divine Birthright of old. In these days it is vitally important to realise who we really are in Christ and humbly accept the responsibility that is ours in fulfilling our Birthright. Let us turn in genuine repentance from our ungodly ways of sin:- arrogance, pride, rejection, unforgiveness, lust of the flesh and eyes, self-righteousness, compromise etc. to fulfil our destiny as God's Chosen People, that a great spiritual awakening will sweep this "Great Southland of the Holy Spirit". Today, in the midst of a lawless, turmoil and insecure world, God's Chosen People can live in peace, hope and joy that is completely comfortable, totally fearless and full of trust as they have received the LORD JESUS CHRIST by faith. It is God's gift of love when we know JESUS CHRIST as our Lord, Saviour and good Shepherd. His peace purchased for us on the cross of Calvary controls our hearts and renews our minds even during the most difficult times. Romans 8:4 declares that JESUS died on the cross for all of us "in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Holy Spirit". This is not legalism, it is freedom! SIN enslaved us; the Spirit emancipated us. The flesh brought us into bondage; the Spirit sets us free! A holy life is a liberated life. It is time our leaders take the divine responsibility to introduce JESUS CHRIST into the education and prison systems to allow the Holy Spirit of our Living God to change lives inside out through the application of God's Word to heal the wounded and sick and to set the captives free to live in peace and harmony with their Maker in order to have a personal relationship with their Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

OUR PRAYER

Abba Father, God and Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, God of Love, Grace, Mercy and Glory; Sovereign Lord of Life and Salvation, we humbly enter into Your inner court in one accord in faith, love and obedience to enthrone You as King and Lord of Glory and Mercy in our grateful hearts as we joyfully celebrate continuously in our united flame of praises, thanksgiving and prayers for the gift of Your Son, JESUS CHRIST, who yielded His life an atonement for our sin and opened the Life Gate that all may enter. Holy Father, we thank You for Your omnipotent Spirit of Truth to convict and guide us into all truth and to reveal to us the things to come according to Your Holy Word. Father God, we thank You we can surrender our all to You to belong to CHRIST and to love You because You first loved us. We thank You for initiating Your work of Grace in our lives as we acknowledge our total need of You to find Your whole Kingdom at our disposal.

Sovereign Lord, we thank You that You are omniscient for You know the thoughts and intents of all hearts and You know the needs of each heart when he or she truly repents and receives JESUS' pardon to be spiritually alive in CHRIST with a renewed mind of unshakable faith and obedience to experience intimacy with You. Lord God, we thank You for being our mighty fortress in teaching us the importance of FORGIVENESS in our Lord's prayer to us in Mathew 6:9-15. Father God, we thank You for being the source of all power and omnipresent to change the vilest offenders, to restore wounded lives and families, to deliver the bonded and carnal captives and set them free to live a life of hope, peace and joy in the Spirit of Christ.

Gracious and faithful Father, we thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit to anoint our nation's leaders and we pray they will get to know You through JESUS CHRIST in Spirit and in truth, to earnestly repent, renew their minds and to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, so that they can be graced to grow from above in Your wisdom, knowledge and obedience to Your Living Word and walk in the Spirit of truth to be more effective to put CHRIST back into the education and prison systems - for JESUS CHRIST can and does change lives for the better. We pray Father that You will give them courage, wisdom and tenacity to act decisively in this matter of vital importance so that we can see a harvest of souls and a real turnaround in the level of crime in this "Great Southland of the Holy Spirit" and to enthrone JESUS CHRIST as King of kings and Lord of lords. May our Lord bless our leaders richly as they join us to do His will to celebrate JESUS CHRIST' millennium. We ask this in JESUS' majestic Name. Amen.

C.O.P.I.T Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory