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SOUNDING THE THIRD TRUMPET

GOD'S GOOD PLANS AMIDST GRIEF AND DESPAIR

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer 29:11).

In May 1990, as many predicted revival in the UK, I wrote in the printed magazine *Prophecy Today* that ***"There will be no revival in Britain without repentance. Indeed, revival will come! But it will not come until the breaking of the nation and the Church. The revival will come out of the brokenness, and not before. The true word of the Lord is to prepare the people for the days of darkness that are coming, that at least the remnant may be able to withstand the testing days and to take a firm stand against deception, or compromise with the truth."***

When I wrote those words in 1990, I had already been proclaiming the same message for 10 years. In the book *'Towards The Dawn'* (1980), I said that God was calling for faithful believers to rise up and be a prophetic people, warning the nation of the danger that was facing us due to the forces of darkness that were gathering in the nation – just as Jeremiah warned the kingdom of Judah of their imminent destruction by the Babylonians (Jer 25:9).

In that book, I outlined the forces of social and economic change that were taking place in the nation,

and I said that within a generation they would fundamentally change the culture of the nation with the forces of darkness driving it towards destruction, with anarchy and social unrest sweeping through the nation.

The word I am hearing today is that those prophetic warnings will be fulfilled in the near future, maybe beginning this year. All the signs are there for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

There is a disruptive spirit of anarchy running right through the nation today, from Extinction Rebellion to our Parliament and the news media. We are in a situation such as Paul describes with penetrating insight in Ephesians 6, where he sees that the real battle is not against human agencies, but ***"against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly***

realms" (v.12). In other words, the real conflict is **spiritual** rather than economic, social, political, or even moral, in which our world is being driven by powers of evil that are outside our human control, but which we assist through our sinfulness. We cannot resist them with our human strength because they can only be defeated through the spiritual strength that God supplies.

The evil powers of darkness are determined to create political disruption and social disorder. This will be a prelude to the economic

problems that are soon to break upon the world, creating shortages of many essential resources and leading to famine, hunger, and social disorder, with people taking to the streets. This is creating the scenario for the fulfilment of the one-world-order predicted in Revelation.

The Bible reveals that God's strategy of salvation is to create new life out of death (resurrection out of crucifixion). He allows us to go to our human disasters, and when we admit that we have no power to solve our own problems, we cry out to God for help. **This is what I**

foresee: there will be a spiritual awakening in the nation when we get to the point of despair – then we will be open to follow God's way.

That will be the time when the nation will be open to the gospel. And it is for that time that God is preparing the faithful remnant of Bible-believing disciples today. They will be his *'Issachar People'* who understand the times and know what should be done; people whom God is preparing to use in a future great act of salvation.

I sense that now is the time to sound what is the 'Third Trumpet' of our ministry, prophesied to Issachar Ministries many years back by Jean Darnell. This, I believe, is a call for the faithful remnant of Bible-believing Christians to arise and begin to declare truth into the nation – warning of the threat of the forces of destruction that are at work in the nation, and also exposing the great deception posed by those who are planning a reset of the world economy and a one-world government and religion.

Now is the time for the faithful remnant to prepare the way of the Lord!

■ Clifford Hill





OUR STORY

From 1985 to 2006, Prophecy Today was published in print and grew to become one of the most widely read Christian magazines in the UK. It was an iconic publication renowned for declaring the word of God for our times.

In 2015, Prophecy Today was reborn online as Prophecy Today UK, under the leadership of original founder Dr Clifford Hill, taking a new format but keeping the same vision. Our small but dedicated team is now led by Charles Gardner, a long-time contributor to Prophecy Today, and operates under the umbrella of Issachar Ministries, publishing fresh editions each Friday. You can sign up on our website to receive these straight to your inbox, for free!

At Prophecy Today UK, we believe that God is as involved in the world today as he was in biblical times. We also believe that he longs to give Christians understanding about the world and how he is working out his purposes in it.

These four pages contain excerpts from the contemporary ministry of Prophecy Today UK, which includes commentary on public affairs, teaching articles and book reviews.



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The Emerging Global Tyranny

A SINISTER PROPOSAL FOR WORLD GOVERNANCE

One vital feature of the Covid pandemic scenario was the fact that each national government notionally had the ability to decide for itself on courses of action. In the event, however, nearly every country slavishly submitted to a prescribed medical response by the WHO, which has now been proven to be based utterly on lies, skewed science, and the active generation of fear alongside the ruthless suppression of remedies and truth. Huge numbers locked their citizens down, with deeply damaging effects, and many coerced their populations into receiving risky, rapidly developed vaccinations. Notwithstanding, individual governments still had the power to decide on how to respond: at present they still do.

Yet in May 2021, the 74th World Health Assembly requested the Director-General to “convene a special session” dedicated solely to developing a WHO convention on ‘Pandemic Preparedness’.

By September 2021, The World Health Organization (WHO) had “released a proposal backed by two major globalist organizations” which serves as a blueprint for governments to implement a worldwide vaccine passport verification system.

The 82-page document, entitled ‘Digital Documentation of COVID-19 Certificates: Vaccination Status’ describes the technical guidance for governments to roll out the programme to usher in a global digital ID.

Yet in January 2022 the WHO held an emergency meeting in Geneva on expanding its powers to take over all member states in the event of a future pandemic. This unaccountable body now wants



member states to sign a new treaty to deal with future pandemics and during ‘any other form of threat or disaster’. (189 countries have signed the current 2005 treaty.) If once signed by the Ministers of Health, the WHO Constitution would then

trading, resource-intensive lifestyles and consumption, destruction of ecosystems, antimicrobial resistance and soaring figures of cancer” along with a range of other issues.

All countries which sign up to this proposed treaty would effectively

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take precedence over a country’s constitution during natural disasters or pandemics.

However, the agreement doesn’t stop with pandemics. The intergovernmental negotiating body is also instructed to address “the unsustainable food production and livestock breeding, wildlife

sacrifice sovereignty over their own national affairs and the people they represent.

But amongst the tragedies in all of this, it is (mainly) secular voices which are sounding the alarm. In stark contrast the vast majority of Christian leaders – both in denominations and organisations – are either unaware or complacent

regarding these moves towards global government and totalitarian control. There are other believers, mainly in the West, who dismiss any concerns regarding the looming oppression by suggesting that Christians will be snatched away before any serious trouble will come. Let’s hope they are right – but let us also be prepared if they are wrong.

If there is good news in the immediacy of all of this, it is the historical fact that the Christian church has grown most dynamically under fierce oppression. China’s Christian population is on target to be the largest in the world. However, the explosive growth only occurred after the church was massively whittled down under persecution. After all Jesus did say that the “love of the many (majority) would grow cold” (Matt 24:12) and that “many will fall away” (Matt 24:10).

The crises – current and emerging – are creating masses of people looking for answers and understanding. Massive numbers of those who may previously have given little space for God in their lives are now hungry to know what his Word says. In the midst of the current tragedy in Ukraine a report from the American Bible Society states, “We’ve been receiving and unprecedented number of requests from Ukrainian churches begging for Scriptures.”

In truth, it is only Jesus who is the true hope for our world. He can give us strength for today – and bright hope for the future. And he will return soon. Maranatha: come Lord Jesus.

■ Colin Wilson



Anti-Semitism

— A SPIRITUAL PHENOMENON

The first recorded attempt to wipe out the nation of Israel resulted in one of the most remarkable events in history as God delivered them from the armies of Egypt who sought to annihilate them on the shores of the Red Sea. The next recorded attempt at genocide of the Jewish people is written in the Book of Esther. The Nazis carried out the most recent attempt, and even today the ayatollahs of Iran continually threaten to wipe the Jewish State off the face of the earth. We also currently see a disturbing rise in Judeophobia in the form of neo-Marxism in the West, and through radical, fundamentalist Islam.

The greatest persecutor of the Jews through history has been Christendom – even though the New Testament is clear that there is no basis for this. Jews were not ‘Christ-killers’: Jesus voluntarily went to the cross (Jn 10:17-18) and forgave those who crucified him (Lk 23:34).

Why? What is behind the centuries of hatred, vilification, blood-libels, persecution, pogroms, theft of property, murder and even genocide? Undoubtedly envy and fear play a part – coupled with

falsehood and lies. But could their God-given destiny have something to do with it?

After delivering Israel through the Red Sea, the Lord gave them the Torah – the moral building block for society. The Lord also declared that Israel would be “a special treasure to me above all people, for all the earth is mine. And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Ex 19:5-6). And the Apostle Paul, writing specifically about Israel, affirmed: “The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.” (Rom 11:29)

As Hitler set out to eradicate the Jews of both Europe and the Middle East, the restoration of the nation of Israel, as prophesied in the Bible, was already in the pipeline, following international decisions. I believe that Satan, the archenemy of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was absolutely determined this would not happen. So, primarily, this was a spiritual battle.

Now the promise of God which the angel gave to Mary has yet to be visibly fulfilled: “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1: 32-33)

Many Christians believe that the return of Jesus to take up the throne of David is imminent. The rebirth of Israel in its Promised Land is a vital stepping-stone to that happening.

Yet, today the nations are in uproar over the existence of the Jewish state. Through the deliberate distortion and misrepresentation of international law, and the rewriting of history to suit the BDS agenda, many, including those in the UN and EU, are trying to disinherit the Jewish people of their land and de-legitimise their existence as a nation. But their assault is not just against Israel but against God himself, even if they are blind to it. As Psalm 2 tells us: “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his Anointed.”

This hatred of Israel and the Jewish people is also a hatred of the Godhead, and it is surely satanically inspired. But the outcome will result in the triumph

‘OUTSIDE IN’ - SEEKING TO SERVE ‘OUT OF CHURCH’ BELIEVERS



In recent years, a growing number of faithful Christians in the UK have become disillusioned with current expressions of Sunday church available to them, or have left altogether.

They are not falling away from the faith, but rather acting in line with their consciences. Unable to find or attend a congregation that affirms the authority of the Bible, they are searching for fellowship in other ways, as they go through a ‘wilderness’ season with the Lord.

For Christians in this position, **Prophecy Today UK** is pleased to commend ‘Outside In’, a new area of ministry supporting and connecting believers who are on the ‘outside’ of current ‘church’ life but still very much ‘in’ the Body of Christ.

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of good over evil, the kingdom of Israel being restored, and the banishment of Satan from the face of the earth. Satan knows this, which is why he is so furiously trying to prevent it from happening.

So how is it that the Jewish people have beaten all odds by surviving the longest hatred, and thrive today in their own land? Undoubtedly, one reason is that they have observed their religious traditions faithfully, despite being scattered across the world. But beyond that is one key point: quite simply, God is true to his promises. He said, “If those ordinances depart from before me...

Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before me forever.” (Jer 31:35-36)

If ever there was proof that God exists, it is the existence of the Jewish people today, and the State of Israel.

Will this onslaught of Judeophobia ever end? Indeed, for “he will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken”. (Isa 25:8)

■ **Hugh Kitson** – maker of the documentary ‘Whose Land’ among others.



COMING SOON

“a masterpiece that unravels much that can now be faced to help bring freedom to those devastated by the historic effects of racism.”

Alison Smith, prison chaplain

“a detailed historical and intimate insight into links between empire, commonwealth, and race relations and how this has influenced the growth and normalisation of colour consciousness in everyday life.”

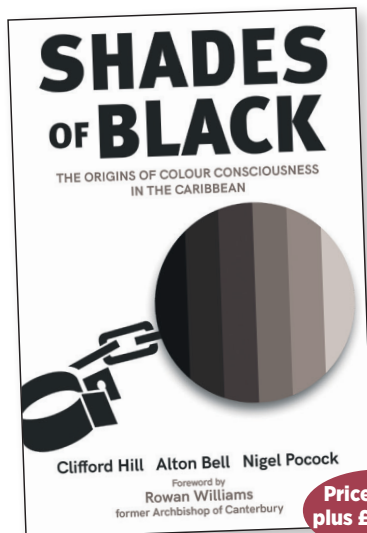
Dr Sunita Abraham, Lancaster University

THIS timely and immensely powerful book deals with one of the most intractable problems in race relations – colour consciousness. Its combination of factual research together with first-

hand knowledge of the subject presented by black and white authors provides a fresh approach that is helpful and sympathetic.

In his forward, Dr Rowan Williams says of this “well-researched, honest and deeply challenging” book that it “charts in detail not only the complex story of the internal colour prejudice generated by slavery, but also the legacy of family disruption that narrowed the possibilities of so many Caribbean migrants to the UK ... and has increasingly damaged the lives and chances of so many younger people from these communities... It is appropriate that we recognise just why the Atlantic trade is so distinctive an evil – just as our forebears who fought the trade in the eighteenth century did.”

(Hansel Press, 2022, 188pp)



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How to Hear God: A Simple Guide for Normal People

Pete Greig

Hodder & Stoughton, 2022, 258pp

“Hearing his voice is not so much a skill we must master, as a master we must meet”, writes Greig, the founder of the 24-7 prayer movement.

Using throughout the story of Christ’s encounter with the couple on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) as a model for the various ways in which God speaks, Greig also makes it quite clear that the Bible is the language of God’s heart, and so to hear what he is saying, we have to be immersed in the Scriptures.

The book encompasses hearing God through religious practices such as solitude, Sabbath and communion, and also in everyday life – community, creation and culture. Greig looks at dreams and prophecy, and advocates the practice of lectio divina. He shares listening exercises, and questions for reflection.

Some of this may well be very familiar – it is, after all, a ‘simple guide’. Nonetheless, the book is packed with helpful advice and interesting stories written by a first-class writer and a brilliant story-teller. No matter how mature we are in the faith, there’s ample for all of us to learn here. I certainly found it deeply inspiring.

■ **Tom Lennie**



Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say

Adam Hamilton

Abingdon Press, 2016, 174pp

This author, a senior pastor at a United Methodist Church in America, takes a look at statements that Christians often make, and which are assumed to be in the Bible when they are not.

Hamilton believes these statements must be carefully examined and compared with biblical texts, as he has clearly seen the harm done to people when they believe in half truths. He is not suggesting that they “are entirely untrue, merely that they are half true”.

Questionable statements include, ‘Everything happens for a reason’, ‘God won’t give you more than you can handle’, ‘Love the sinner, hate the sin.’, and ‘God said it, I believe it, that settles it’. Hamilton tackles these thoughtfully and in sufficient detail to make a good case. For instance, the conclusion in the first example is that the problem is in the word ‘everything’. Many things may happen for a purpose, within God’s will, but can we extend this to absolutely everything?

Even if you don’t always agree with Hamilton’s conclusions, it is intriguing to find where such ideas come from and how they square up with biblical teaching. You can decide the rest for yourself, or even in group discussions.

■ **Paul Luckraft**

