

CAN THE COVENANT NATIONS SURVIVE?

Trusting Spiritual Revival in Jesus' Redeeming Love

Yes, they can make it! The answer is in Holy Scripture where Almighty God gives it. I am constantly encouraged and thankful to Almighty God for the Holy Spirit's guidance of the discernment in each editorial. From the previous issue¹ I honour the insights quoting Dr. Coggan who argued: "Economic regeneration had to be accompanied by moral regeneration."

Before this liberal, post-modern existential neo-tolerant relativistic evil age, biblical truth was revered. I am reminded of some scriptural truths encouraging the spiritual welfare of a nation. "*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.*" (Proverbs 29:18).

Our Lord Jesus speaks of the truth of the end of the age: "*Jesus answered: Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many*" (Matthew 24:4-5).

Are covenant nations Britain (Ephraim) and America (Manasseh) going to **wake up and be strong and courageous as Churchill stood firm honouring Almighty God in 1939-1945?** Are we all becoming **worthless and soft?** The Apostle Paul recorded: "*As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God*" (Romans 3:10-11). Our forefathers were faithful to Almighty God and stood firm against all evil!

Further, quoted also in the Editorial, Dr. Coggan said: "Many are realizing that a materialistic answer is no real answer at all. There are moral and spiritual issues at stake. The truth is that we in Britain are without anchors. We are drifting towards chaos. A common enemy in two world wars drew us together in united action – and we defeated him. Another enemy is at the gates today, and we keep silence.... It is time we spoke plainly."

Marxist deconstructionism, discrimination and political correctness is silencing free speech. Remember what Churchill said in his book *The River War*². I pray that you may be able to find a copy of Volume II. Volumes I and II have been condensed into one book and the above reference has been deleted. Why?

The insights of that Editorial are dynamite! Hence the comment: "**Where are the shepherds to lead our national flock?**" I have preached on many occasions on what Almighty God said to Ezekiel: "*The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, will you judge her? Will you judge this city of bloodshed? Then confront her with all her detestable practices and say: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O city that brings on herself doom...*" (Ezekiel 22:1-3).

It is all about the 'shepherds': "*The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: This is what the Sovereign*

LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves!" (Ezekiel 34:1-2).

And: "*This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock.*" (Ezekiel 34:10).

When I remember the Seven Days of Prayer King George VI requested of the Empire during WW II I am amazed that the following comment has fallen on deaf ears: "The experience of the 2020 'pandemic' for the covenant nations has been one of severe testing as the economic effects have deepened. Repeated requests have been made to the Prime Minister for a **National Day of Prayer**, all of which failed."

Their ears are deaf! Jesus often taught about **listening and hearing**. On one occasion when He did, it involved all of our eternal futures – from *Luke*: "*There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side ... He said to him: **If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead***" (Luke 16:19-31).

They did not listen. Are our covenant nations listening? The Editorial, in another quote, has clearly defined the weakness: "...The Anglican hierarchy would rather talk progressive politics."

Over the past 400 years, until the 1950s, Britain was truly evangelically faithful to Almighty God; faithful to Jesus' call: "*Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*" (Matthew 28:18-19).

Britain was ordained by Almighty God **and put first** as Holy Scripture teaches: "*When Joseph saw his father placing his right hand on Ephraim's head he was displeased; so he took hold of his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. Joseph said to him, No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head. But his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations*" (Genesis 48:17-19).

I believe the "group of nations" above in this type/shadow comparison represents the current covenant nations, especially highlighting the FELEG³ group defined in an earlier issue. And we remember Moses receiving Almighty God's commands: "*Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ... So, Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, We*

will do everything the Lord has said..." (Exodus 19:3-8).

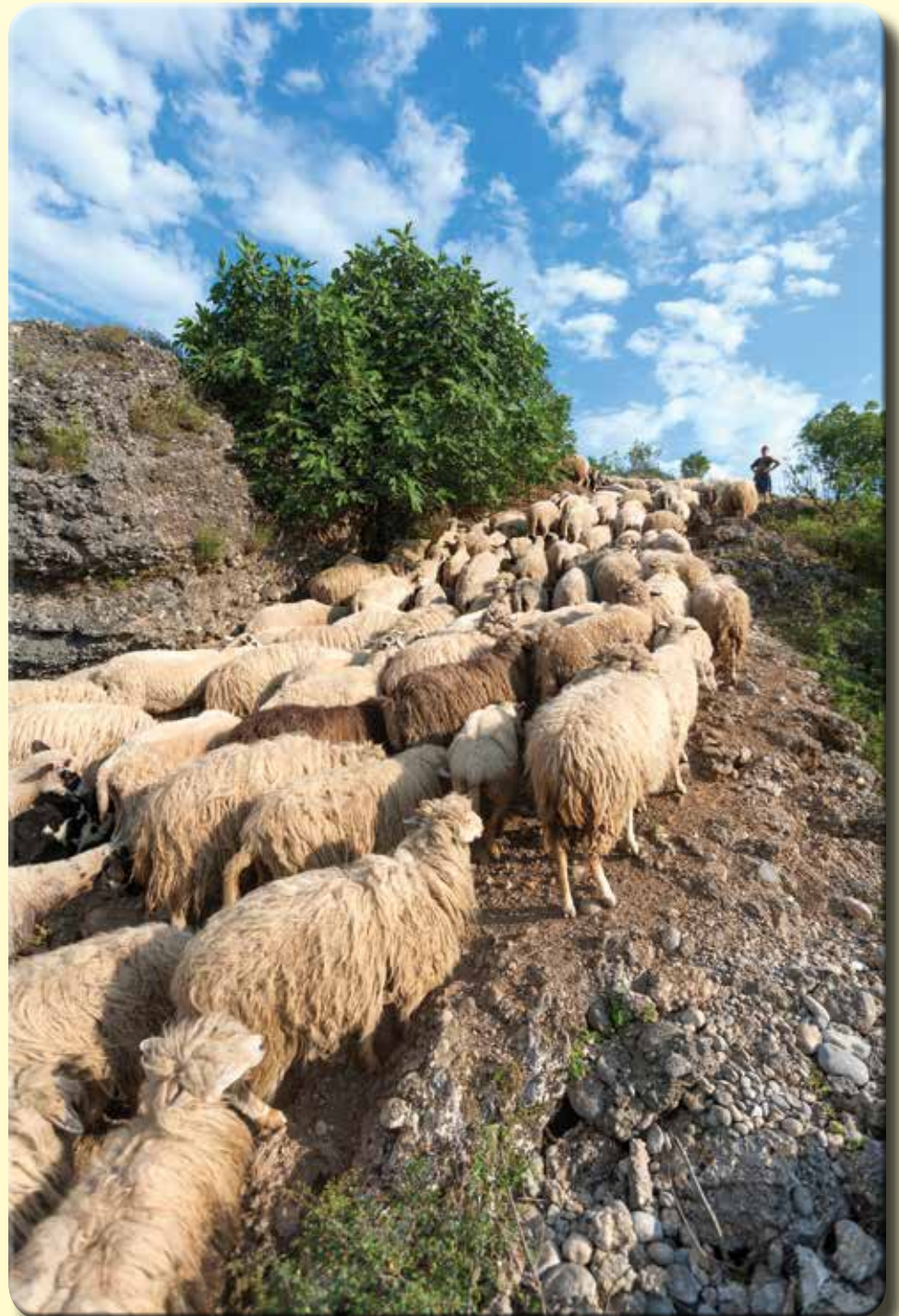
But as today, the people did not, and FELEG nations today **definitely are not obedient to Almighty God.** Psalm 130:7-8 is so encouraging: "*O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*"

However, Scripture reminds us of rebellion: "*Almighty God said: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has*

rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day" (Ezekiel 2:3).

In the New Covenant Almighty God would send another "Son of Man" – His Son Jesus as we will see. The people did not listen: "*But the children rebelled against me: They did not follow my decrees ... So I said I would pour out my wrath on them...*" (Ezekiel 20:21).

The Lord has mercy on the remnant, the truly faithful, giving them a greater knowledge of Him: "*I will give them a heart to know me, that*



I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart” (Jeremiah 24:7).

Also: *“I have surely heard Ephraim’s moaning: You disciplined me like an unruly calf, and I have been disciplined. Restore me, and I will return, because you are the Lord my God. After I strayed, I repented; after I came to understand, I beat my breast. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore the disgrace of my youth” (Jeremiah 31:18-19).*

From the truth in *Jeremiah* above, is this type/shadow comparison going to be taken on board today by Britain and America – indeed all covenant nations and territories? Jesus, the Son of Man, came *“to seek and save what was lost” (Luke 19:10)*. Concerning the truth and blessing of “knowing,” Jesus taught a wonderful truth on the day before Good Friday, as He was about to complete His mission of saving the elect: *“After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:*

Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him ... And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began” (John 17:1-5).

For all our covenant nations today, there is forgiveness. Jesus said: *“His sheep **listen to His voice.**”* Please read *John 10:3-4*. Jesus reminds us all: *“He told them, The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise, they might turn and be forgiven!” (Mark 4:11-12).*

The remnant of the Old Covenant and true believers of the New Covenant **are forgiven**. The Apostle Paul reveals our Covenant Nations eternal hope: *“Again, I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? ... But if their*

transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!” (Romans 11:11-12).

And: *“Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. ... Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so, all Israel will be saved, ...” (Romans 11:22-26).*

We continue to pray for spiritual revival for all covenant nations and territories.

Blessings

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1. *The Covenant Nations*, Vol 5 No 5, 2021, p. 5
2. *The River War*, Winston Churchill 1899 Vol II, p. 249
3. *The Covenant Nations* Vol 5 No 2, 2020, p. 4

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Fear fills our lands; seeping into our very hearts and minds, filling us with a nameless undercurrent of dread and apprehension.

Fear of an invisible disease striking at random and threatening to overwhelm us. **Fear** of death. **Fear** of illness and incapacity. **Fear** of the destruction of the way of life we lived before. **Fear** of each other. **Fear** of what might happen next.

How have the leaders in Church and State responded? Have we had a National Day of Prayer? – **No**. Are we encouraged to put our hope in Almighty God? – **No**. Are we reassured that the situation is under control? – **No**.

There are many, many words of comfort in the Scriptures which we can share amongst us but hear the words of our Lord:

“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).