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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”

Recently in our readings we have listened to Jesus’ words to His apostles:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”  
John 14:1.

Trouble involves a stirring up, a roiling or agitation. The heart beats regularly when it is not troubled, but when trouble comes, it can beat irregularly, and we feel its agitation.

Why did Jesus instruct His brethren: “Let not your heart be troubled”? Peter had just said to Jesus:

“... Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.”  
John 13:37.

Knowing Peter’s mind, Jesus answered him:

“... Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.”  
John 13:38.

Peter was determined to give his life for Jesus’ sake, but his flesh was weak. We can understand his heart becoming troubled as Jesus spoke. He must have felt: I would never do that! He did deny Jesus three times, and as the cock crew, he would remember Jesus’ words as:

“... the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.”  
Luke 22:61-62.

Truly Peter’s spirit was willing, but his flesh was weak; his heart was troubled, agitated, no doubt feeling: How could I have done this to Jesus?

Jesus Himself at times was troubled:

“... he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.”  
John 13:21.

His apostles' hearts were troubled as they:

"... looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake."

John 13:22.

John, troubled in heart, asked Jesus:

"... Lord, who is it?

Jesus answered, He it is to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.

And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

... Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

He then having received the sop went immediately out; and it was night."

John 13:25-27,30.

A sop is a bribe, a sign of money given to one for doing evil. Judas left immediately, having received this symbol, not being able to face Jesus and His apostles. He was not worthy to keep the feast of the Passover with Jesus. Judas no doubt was troubled, not because he had betrayed Jesus, but that Jesus knew what he had treacherously done. The apostles would be greatly troubled at the treachery of one of them. Can we, Brethren and Sisters, fully perceive Jesus' words?

"Let not your heart be troubled..."

John 14:1.

As Jesus realized their agitation, He sought to strengthen their hearts, and so continued:

"... ye believe in God, believe also in me."

John 14:1.

With their troubled hearts, how would these words of Jesus help His apostles? His work was to teach them from God's word. He was to give His life as a means of redemption for them, and for all who have believed in Jesus as the Messiah, the Victor over His fleshly nature (as we have remembered here this morning). Jesus spoke of this work:

"In my Father's house are many mansions (abiding places): if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,

and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”  
John 14:2-3.

Jesus was soon to die upon the cross, yielding up His life of righteousness to his Father, as He cried out: “It is finished.” Jesus spoke further to His apostles to believe in Him, and His need to leave them:

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter (the Holy Spirit which was granted at Pentecost), that he may abide with you for ever.

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”  
John 14:16-20,27.

“My peace I give unto you.” This is the antidote for a troubled, agitated, and roiled heart. This peace which is promised to those who do what He has said. “... Believe also in me” - involves a trust, a relying upon God and His Son. In love for those who have believed in Him, Jesus gave His life in obedience to His Father’s purpose. God’s word is unailing, and surely will come to pass in His appointed time.

We have examples of those who have believed in God and in Jesus. Peter, who denied Jesus and knew His forgiveness, helps us from his experiences:

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

But and if ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready

always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

I Peter 3:12-15.

How can one sanctify God in his heart? Jesus, in time of trouble, is an example for us:

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

Jesus answered and said, This Voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

This he said, signifying what death he should die."

John 12:27,28,30-33.

Jesus sanctified God by his perfect obedience to His Father's will, even to His death on the cross. His work to sanctify God was concluded as He wounded the serpent in the head, and cried out in triumph: "It is finished." He was indeed going to prepare a place for those who would strive to walk in His way - the way of life - promised since the Creation. Through His love for His Father and for His followers, Jesus gave His life to God, unblemished, as the "... Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

In speaking to His apostles - "Let not your heart be troubled" - Jesus also reassured them:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:3-6.

Jesus, on another occasion, said to Peter and His disciples:

"... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.  
For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Matthew 16:24-25.

Brethren and Sisters, can we see why Jesus encouraged His disciples:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

John 14:1-2.

He added to their belief in Him, as he further spoke:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I."

John 14:27-28.

How blessed we are to know of that peace of heart, only possible through belief in Jesus Christ!

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## JOEL'S PROPHECY

We have recently read from God's word through the prophet Joel, a message sent to His people warning them of coming disaster by a nation likened as "palmerworms", brought to consume them for their waywardness:

"Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.  
That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten."  
Joel 1:3-4.

He was to bring this strong nation upon His people and thus remove the protection and care of His covering because of His displeasure with them:

"For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.  
Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."  
Joel 1:6,15.

When a farmer plants, he looks for his hard work at cultivation, watering and pruning to bring forth a fruitful harvest. God as the husbandman had been disappointed because His people were not spiritually fruitful and therefore He gave a warning through the prophet in a way the people could understand:

"The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.  
Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen, howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.  
The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men."  
Joel 1:10-12.

They wanted more but received less because their spiritual joy had been replaced with a love for the world around them and

its pursuits. However, God in mercy gives the remedy to this situation:

“Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:  
And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.”  
Joel 2:12-13.

How clearly the Lord revealed how Israel’s spirits should have been. They rent their garments as an outward display of despair, but God said instead, examine your hearts and change the inner man.

What a common failing of mankind it is to forget God and instead focus solely on what pleases self. In Noah’s day there were only eight souls who were spared from the flood because they had not forgotten Him. In the latter time of Solomon, a king who started out so faithfully in seeking to walk in the ways of David his father, forgot God and His word in seeking to enrich his own life with worldly pleasures.

Peter as an apostle of the Lord, overcame his own impulsive nature to grow in faith and stability and encouraged those undergoing difficulties to endure for the spiritual reward they could bring:

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:  
But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”  
I Peter 4:12-13.

The flesh’s control is subtle. As one seeks to follow God and experiences trial and testing, the flesh complains saying, “it is too difficult”. However, if we endeavor to suffer after Christ’s example, we can be helped by a loving Father to endure:

“Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”  
I Peter 4:19.

That enmity between the spirit and flesh has been present since

man's first act of disobedience, and at the time of Joel, they suffered because they had lost sight of the blessing that could be theirs through faithful obedience.

Through Joel, a prophecy was proclaimed that one day God's people will display His near presence in their midst through evidence of His Spirit poured upon them:

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:  
And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.” Joel 2:28-29.

In a partial fulfilment of this prophecy, the Spirit was poured upon the apostles at Pentecost where the multitude gathered were able to hear the teaching of the Gospel in their own various languages:

“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.  
And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?  
And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?” Acts 2:6-

Those who knew these were unlearned men, most of them fisherman from Galilee unable to speak in various languages, accused them of drunkenness:

“Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.” Acts 2:13.

Whereas Peter replied:

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:  
For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ..."

Acts 2:14-17.

Peter went on to use this opportunity to teach of the Lord Jesus recently crucified as the Saviour to all who would believe on Him in faith. Peter proclaimed Him as the greater Son of David who was resurrected from death and was the means of salvation and grace to those who believed. To those in that crowd whose hearts were touched and who cried out for help, Peter instructs:

"... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy (Spirit).

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Acts 2:38-39.

This was the same call made by Joel to those in his time - that they repent and seek the Lord to know His blessing and salvation. Speaking of the redemption to come for the faithful in the last days at Christ's return, Joel says:

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall he delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."

Joel 2:32.

What a help these words would be to those in Joel's day, as they are to us today. God gives His word as our guide, but only as we seek earnestly after the salvation He has promised and in the proscribed way. If we do not do so with all our heart, then the joy that it can bring will wither away within us, as it had to those in Joel's day.

A hope has been held out of a time of harvest and plenty in the kingdom age for those who endeavor to overcome and to follow after His word and the example of His Son during their time of probation, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:" (Joel 2:32).

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**A BIBLE CLASS**

**"I BEHELD SATAN ... FALL FROM HEAVEN"**

**Luke 10:18**

Our study has to do with the seventy disciples whom Jesus sent forth to spread the gospel. As He sent them, Jesus warned:

"Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves." Luke 10:3.

He continued, reassuring them:

"Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way." Luke 10:4.

As they went about this work of the Spirit, they would be provided for by the Almighty, so that they could concentrate on the important labor assigned to them. As they traveled and entered a house, they would say:

"... Peace be to this house.

And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give:

for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house." Luke 10:5-7.

As they continued in their work of witnessing to those who received them, they would not have to worry about their physical needs. Their needs would be met by those who welcomed them in peace. When the seventy returned to Jesus, with joy from doing this work, they exclaimed:

"...Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." Luke 10:17.

Jesus had given them the power to heal, to cast out devils. Having done so, they felt the power of the Spirit bestowed upon them by Jesus, and rejoiced in it. Jesus replied:

"... I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18.

Who or what was the Satan that fell from heaven, as they went about teaching the gospel - the good news of the kingdom of God

and the name of Jesus Christ? The word "Satan" is also used as adversary - coming from a root meaning to accuse. The serpent in the garden of Eden was an adversary who through a lie seduced Eve to disobey God's one law:

"... the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.  
And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die."  
Genesis 3:3-4.

Thus began an enmity, as God spoke to the serpent:

"... Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.  
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; and it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."  
Genesis 3:14-15.

From that day, there has been this enmity between the serpent, Satan, and the seed of the woman - a conflict between evil, sin in the flesh, and those who strive to obey God. This enmity will exist until the purpose of God is accomplished through His Son Jesus Christ, as John saw in the vision of Revelation:

"And there was war in heaven, Michael (Christ) and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,  
And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.  
And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.  
And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."  
Revelation 12:7-10.

Thus would end the enmity between the serpent and the seed of the woman through Jesus Christ.

Going back to Jesus' words as He spoke to His disciples, who had been teaching the gospel, we understand why He said to them:

"... I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

Luke 10:18.

Through their work, even the devils were subject to them, as they taught of God's purpose to be accomplished on this earth.

Jesus further spoke to the seventy:

"... in this rejoice not, that the spirits (evil spirits, devils) are subject to you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

... Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them: and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

Luke 10:20,23-24.

Those seventy sent with the power of the Spirit, were enabled to conquer the adversary - even devils and evil spirits belonging to the flesh - as they became "subject" to them. The ultimate rejoicing will be the blessing of eternal life in the kingdom of God, made possible by the conquering of the flesh nature by Jesus Christ as He died on the cross, in obedience to His Father's will. These words of Jesus - "...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" - were a forecast of what will soon come about when He returns to establish the kingdom of God. There will be a new heaven and a new earth; the old heaven and earth will pass away from their ruling power over this earth.

The seventy did go forth, as Jesus instructed them:

"... heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." Luke 10:9.

In so doing, the disciples beheld, in a measure, Satan falling from power over those who heard the gospel message, with the hope that their names might be written in heaven, in God's book of life.

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**“---THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE.---”**

The book of Genesis, speaking about the time of Noah, described the situation in the above words; but in addition said, “The earth also was corrupt before God.” (Genesis 6:11).

Reflecting upon the present time, elderly people, today, speaking of their younger days, say what an amazing difference there now is in the world, and in the behaviour of its peoples, to how it was in their former times.

News reports are thought provoking. At the beginning of 2006 the press made the following comments:-

“The skies above London were lit up by a dazzling array of fireworks as midnight arrived. But on the ground, emergency services were stretched as they dealt with a flood of attacks. Across the country, police were on high alert - - -. A senior officer said, ‘We’ve had officers shot at, bricks thrown at police vans and colleagues attacked by gangs of drunken youths - - - it’s one of the worst nights of violence I have ever seen - - -.’ The London Ambulance Service reported a ‘horrificing spate of stabbings’. A director of operations lamented ‘We are horrified that there have been so many stabbings on what is an evening of celebration for most people’.”

The younger generation have not the control over their behaviour as did their grandparents. Oh! what a deterioration it is!!

But what of the general behaviour of the young today. Consider this report in the media:-

“Almost half of the babies born in Britain today do not have married parents. - - - A director of Family and Youth Concern, said the trend is cause for concern. ‘Marriage is more than just a piece of paper. - - - children born single parents are a higher risk of mental and emotional problems and are more likely to have trouble in school.’ - - - few births occurred outside marriage in Britain during the early part of the last century.” (The twentieth century).

In considering this lamentable state of things, how helpful are the words of Christ:

“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered - - - as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”  
(Luke 17:20 & 26)

**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**  
**(Psalm 100:2)**

The title of this psalm is "A Psalm of praise" - a song of thanksgiving - giving praise and thanks to God for the wonderful blessing of calling a people to the hope of salvation He has offered. Looking forward in hope to that kingdom age at the end of God's purpose, David says:

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."  
Psalm 100:4.

These words give the thought of a dwelling place in the kingdom when the Lord Jesus' returns. Those who seek that kingdom, acknowledge the Father as the Creator and Provider of all they are granted - who in mercy bestows all that is good and provides this hope for all that seek Him:

"Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."  
Psalm 100:3.

The sheep follow the Shepherd, obeying only His voice and commands and so to be called, "the sheep of his pasture" is a fitting description of those seeking to serve Him. To serve acceptably, David writes, it must be done with joy and gladness:

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."  
Psalm 100:2.

"To serve" is to work as a bondsman or servant, as well as to worship. God looks for His people to serve Him faithfully, walking after His precepts and fulfil their part of the covenant relationship with Him. Gladness means to rejoice and is the response looked for by the Almighty - not a heaviness of spirit or a begrudging thanks, but a joy even in the face of trial and testing, knowing that God is near and will sustain.

Moses who was known as a servant of God, warned of the curses that would befall those who failed to serve God acceptably with joy and gladness:

“Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;” Deuteronomy 28:45-47.

David understood the importance of Moses’ message as he wrote in the Psalms to, “make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands” and to “Serve the LORD with gladness”. He was known as a man after God’s own heart because of his repentant and humble nature for he freely praised God in song and prayer for the hope offered of overcoming first his flesh nature and then finally the grave, at the end of God’s purpose.

Why is gladness so important? David’s son, Solomon, through the spirit’s wisdom, gives the answer:

“The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.” Proverbs 10:28.

The righteous must live now in gladness, appreciative of the hope of salvation made possible to them through God’s word and belief in His Son. Looking forward in faith to the kingdom age, they yearn to know that future joy to come upon those approved at Christ’s judgment seat. That throng from all ages, granted the gift of immortality, will gather around Christ’s throne, singing praise and thanks to Him for His great gift as their Redeemer. This picture Paul could see in faith as he wrote:

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”  
Hebrews 12:1-3.

To be “wearied and faint” is not conducive to joy and gladness. We also do not sing and rejoice if we feel down or depressed or lack confidence in our present circumstances. It’s also not easy to give praise and thanksgiving when enduring tribulation, sorrow or illness. Yet to do so elevates the spirit man within by refusing to give in to the flesh nature which all have inherited:

“Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.  
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.” Psalm 32:10-11.

As he died on the cross, the Lord Jesus’ last words were not ones of despair but rather a cry of joy and triumph - “It is finished”! As his life was ebbing, yet overwhelmed by great pain and suffering, He could rejoice in that His flesh was defeated in offering up His life as a perfect sacrifice to God. A life committed to perfect obedience accomplished in joy and gladness of heart.

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## SIGNS OF HIS COMING

"All our enemies have opened their mouths against us."  
(Lamentations 3:46)

"O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.  
Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their  
IMAGINATIONS AGAINST ME; ---  
The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device  
against me all the day." (verses 59-60 & 62)

Recently a so-called scholastic historian gained considerable prominence when there was much reporting of what he has been lecturing about over the years. He had been excusing Hitler and the Nazis. He declared that the report of six million Jews being deliberately destroyed by the German forces in the Second World War was false. He said that there had been no gas chambers at Auschwitz, and that Hitler had not been responsible for the death of Jews. He talked about ASSHOLS (Auschwitz Survivors, Survivors of the Holocaust and Other Liars). Travelling to various places, over the years, he delighted in addressing crowds of extreme young political thinkers. He has been a prominent spokesman for anti-semitism, and there are still many of this inclination, however unreasonable it is, for all that disgraceful past history of its viciousness. One of his ridiculous statements was that there were "more women who died on the back of Edward Kennedy's car at Chappaquiddick than ever died in a gas chamber at Auschwitz." Over the years he has ridiculed the testimony of thousands of survivors from that horrible time. His bias has been seen in a considerable research into Third Reich documents, and turning his findings into a propaganda of excuse for the Nazis. This had been going on for three or four decades, a kind of glorifying of terrorism, which is still such a curse in the world to the present time. But how painful this all has been to the survivors of the Nazi persecution, especially when coming into contact with this anti-Jewish historian's book "Hitler's War" which challenges the extent of the murders perpetrated by Hitler's supporters. One Holocaust survivor, living now in Israel spoke up to say, "What is important, is to send out the message while we, the Holocaust survivors, are still alive, (about what happened.)" He shows to people the tattoo given to him by concentration camp guards. He was born in France, and ended up

in Auschwitz in 1943, aged 16, and was released when the camp was liberated at the end of the war.

The chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust has pointedly emphasised " - - - we must not tolerate the denial of the mass murders of the Holocaust. - - - The Nazis tried to wipe out an entire people. They murdered every one of my family on the Continent, except those who lived in Denmark."

This pseudo historian, though now being forced to alter his assertions, claimed Hitler knew little, if anything, about the Holocaust and (it is reported) that he said, there was "not one shred of evidence" that the Nazis carried out their Final Solution. He contended that most of those who died at Auschwitz and other concentration camps succumbed to typhoid fever and other maladies, rather than execution. The potential influence of this opposer of the Jewish position is indicated by his being the author of about thirty books.

Oh! how scripture echoes the pain of the Jews of these last days. Jeremiah the prophet laments:-

" - - - LORD, thou has seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.  
Thou hast seen - - - all their IMAGINATION AGAINST ME."

What a sign of these times is the survival of the Jews and the uprise of Israel, which has been heavenly over ruled to take place. The Arabs have not been allowed to thwart it. After the First World War, Palestine began to rise up and Jews were again in that land. But the second world conflict with all that great suffering to Jewish people, greatly urged their return. Today there are 5.1 million Jews in Israel and only 1.1 million Arabs with 2.3 million Jews in the West Bank, but only 350,000 Arabs. Only in Gaza are Arabs in preponderance, from which Israel has pulled out. The anguish that prompted Jews to return to the home of their ancestors was foretold all those years ago by the prophet Jeremiah. His words, it must be admitted, relate a painful event of that time, and also of a happening at the time of Jesus, but indeed also have a prophetic application of the happenings of these last days:-

"Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her

children refused to be comforted for her children, because they are not.

Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border."

(Jeremiah 31:15-17).

What a great sign, and what a fulfilment it is, that the Jews have returned to their land, and Israel again exists in name, amongst the nations! It indicates that Christ (their King) is near!!

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