The Depths of Satan - and Victory over Satan for our Church and Nation

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Writer's note: This study was written before Britain voted to leave the European Union¹. Such is the lingering effect of Britain's 43-year membership of the EU remarks made in this study on the EU and Britain are nevertheless still largely relevant.

Introduction

The devil is unquestionably the main instigator of the attacks on our church and nation. If we study the devil's attacks upon our church and nation from a spiritual and scriptural standpoint, the Lord's people can gain a better understanding of how to defeat our enemy and greater confidence in the weapons we have at our disposal with which to defeat him.

These are our WMD, 'Weapons of Mass Deliverance!'

Our reading* is as follows.

*This work is a transcript of a message given at a Christian meeting in Durham city on December 8th 2007. Therefore, [some] of the illustrations provided refer to northeast England. However, similar illustrations could doubtless be found anywhere in this country. Note that this transcript is also an expanded version of the message, which of necessity had to be contained within a one-hour presentation.

Reading, Genesis 3:1-7

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

"And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

"But of 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:

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

"And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

Satan the 'Spin Doctor'

Inspection of Genesis 3:1-7 shows that the devil's starting point was to question what God said, not 'the fundamentals of the faith,' but the actual words of God. The Christian should never forget that the devil seeks above all to loosen the Christian's grasp on *"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"* Ephesians 6:17.

As *"the author of confusion"* 1 Corinthians 14:33, the devil then revealed himself to be a 'spin doctor.' We all know about 'spin doctoring,' or making bad news seem good, or at least not so bad.

'Spin doctoring' is like saying that the sinking of the *Titanic* was "*a good day for icebergs*." It is a form of lying by covering up or glossing over the truth.

But 'spin doctoring' did not begin when the [Labour] government came to power in 1997. Ecclesiastes 1:9 states, *"There is no new thing under the sun."* 'Spin doctoring' is no exception. It is as old as Genesis 3. In Genesis 2:17, God had said simply, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

The devil put a different 'spin' on it, Genesis 3:4, 5.

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: that is, 'it's not as bad as all that and you would gain some advantages:'

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Adam and Eve believed the 'spin.' They fell and the fall was fatal.

They tried to hide the result of their sin with aprons but as Solomon said, Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Adam and Eve never confessed their sin but each tried to blame someone else. Today, sin is excused by blaming 'inequality' or as the result of a deprived* background - same as Adam and Eve. *Depraved background, really!

Note in passing the significance of the chapter and/or verse 13s in the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible, such as in Proverbs 28:13. They often address sinister subjects such as Satan, sin, death and hell.

The AV1611 is like what God said in Genesis 2:17. It is absolutely true.

The modern versions are like the satanic 'spin' in Genesis 3:4, 5. They make changes to 'improve' the AV1611. Eve did the same in Genesis 3:2, 3. She omitted *"freely"* as found in Genesis 2:16, added *"neither shall ye touch it"* and altered *"thou shalt surely die"* in Genesis 2:17 to *"lest ye die."* Modern versions make omissions and alterations in the AV1611 and the Catholic versions add the unscriptural Apocrypha as part of the Old Testament².

As a fundamentalist Bible critic said³ "Much progress has been made since 1611 and we can be profoundly grateful to Almighty God that we can now possess more accurate and readable translations than the KJV."

The truth is, the modern changes simply cover up for the devil. We'll consider a couple of passages to illustrate this and we'll look at the results for our church and nation.

The AV1611 versus a Premier Modern Counterfeit

We'll compare the AV1611 with the NKJV. This version is usually closer to the AV1611 than the other modern versions. That makes it all the more dangerous, like the person you least suspect in a crime drama, who turns out to be the murderer.

We'll ignore the Hebrew and Greek, so-called and compare "*spiritual things with spiritual*" 1 Corinthians 2:13, scripture with scripture, because the Bible is a spiritual Book, as Jesus Christ said in John 6:63. "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: <u>the words that I speak unto</u> <u>you</u>, they are <u>spirit</u>, and they are <u>life</u>."

Note in passing that 1 Corinthians 2:13, another 13, contains a reference to man's wisdom. Our first passage is:

Genesis 1:21

"And God created great <u>whales</u>, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

Instead of *"whales"* the NKJV has the obscure term *"sea creatures."* But this alteration becomes more damaging to the text when cross-references are studied.

Consider Matthew 12:40.

"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the <u>whale's</u> belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

By means of progressive revelation, Matthew 12:40 identifies the *"great fish"* of Jonah 1:17 as a whale. We will return to Jonah 1:17.

But the NKJV still has "great fish" instead of "whale." It has not been 'updated!' Moreover, the NKJV loses the progressive revelation.

Perhaps with the green agenda, it's not politically correct to be negative about whales, so you 'spin' the text in favour of the whales.

Consider Ezekiel 32:2a.

"Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a <u>whale</u> in the seas:"

In passing, note the use of the terms *"like"* and *"as."* The scriptures frequently use these terms to convey meaning.

But the NKJV has "monster" instead of "whale."

The NKJV has therefore substituted 3 different words in these verses for the word *"whale*," breaking the cross references and forestalling the progressive revelation, yet supposedly 'improving' the text. That's modern version 'spin.' The NIV, NRSV, NASV do the same.

Lessons from the Text

But what do these passages tell us by means of the word *"whale"*? And what does it mean for us? Let us consider the following verses.

- Pharaoh is *"king of Egypt"* in Ezekiel 32:2.
- Egypt is a type of the world, because God said, "Out of Egypt have I called my son" Matthew 2:15. God calls the Christian out of the world. "Wherefore <u>come out from among them</u>, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.
- Satan is *"the prince of this world"* John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11.
- Pharaoh being *"king of Egypt"* is therefore a type of the devil.
- Pharaoh is *"as a whale in the seas"* Ezekiel 32:2.
- *"The seas"* are nations. See Daniel 7:2, 17, 23, 24 for *"the great sea"* from which arise both kings and kingdoms.
- So the whale is a type of Satan *"prince of this world."*
- Moreover, Genesis 1:21 reveals that Adam did not name the *"great whales."* Adam doesn't name any creature until Genesis 2:19.
- The whale therefore refers to a being that pre-dated Adam; the devil.

Why is this important?

- Whales migrate thousands of miles each year⁴.
- Satan doesn't swim down here but, as indicated, "the seas" are nations.
- So the whale pictures the devil *"From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it"* Job 1:7, 2:2. Note that these passages confirm that Satan is not omnipresent, unlike the Lord Himself, Psalm 139:7-12.

- But Ezekiel 32:2 says that Pharaoh is *"like a young lion of the nations."* Note that this verse also equates *"the seas"* and *"the nations."*
- Lions and whales may seem a strange combination but remember, "your adversary the devil, <u>as</u> <u>a roaring lion</u>, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" 1 Peter 5:8.
- In scripture, the lion is mentioned many times, even in association with the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is *"the Lion of the tribe of Juda"* Revelation 5:5 or the King of beasts!
- But the lion is *"the eater"* in Judges 14:14, 18. This pictures the devil *"as a roaring lion...seeking whom he may devour."*
- That same characteristic applies to the whale in Jonah 1:17. That characteristic therefore provides the scriptural and spiritual link between the two creatures.
- And Jonah 1:17 therefore pictures the devil as a whale devouring a victim, *"the Lord had pre*pared a great fish to swallow up Jonah."
- Because as mentioned, the Lord Jesus Christ identifies the *"great fish"* as a whale in Matthew 12:40.
- So in type, the devil swallowed Jonah whole, or 'ate' him.

[Practical lessons] for the Christian [are as follows].

- Jonah disobeyed God and *"he fled from the presence of the Lord"* Jonah 1:10.
- God appointed the devil in type as a whale to swallow Jonah.
- Jonah actually died and his soul went to hell, because he cried to the Lord "*out of the belly of hell*" Jonah 2:2 and he pictures the Lord's descent into hell, foretold in Matthew 12:40.
- Jonah also typifies a lost man in hell. Many lost men and women will only cry to God when they go to hell, when it is too late. Tragically, unlike Jonah, their prayers will not be answered, as the experience of the rich man in hell reveals. See Luke 16:24-31. It should be remembered that *"behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* 2 Corinthians 6:2.
- With reference the Christian, God can tell the devil to swallow you whole, spiritually, or even kill you, literally, if you are disobedient to His Book, or dismissive of it.
- The Bible's term for such a calamity is *"the depths of Satan"* in Revelation 2:24.
- A whale can dive over a mile and half deep⁵, deeper than any other air-breathing creature. That is *"the depths of Satan"* in type.
- From the context of Revelation 2, to fall into *"the depths of Satan"* spiritually is simply to follow *"that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess"* Revelation 2:20.
- Jezebel was a queen, 1 Kings 16:31 and "*That woman Jezebel*" typifies "*the queen of heaven*" Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-19 because she promoted Phoenician Baal worship⁶.
- The present-day "queen of heaven" or modern "Jezebel" is of course "the Blessed Virgin Mary," so-called. It has been said that⁷, "millions of Eastern Orthodox and Anglicans venerate and esteem her. A growing number of Protestants pray to her and go on pilgrimages to her apparition sites ...millions of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, New Agers, and others revere and honour her...However, without doubt, her strongest allegiance and greatest following is among the over one billion members of the Roman Catholic Church. She is rightly titled the Queen and Mother of the Church of Rome." Note the reference to Muslims, who "pray and pay homage to the Queen of Heaven" at Fatima and other Marian shrines. 'Mary' is Queen of Islam as well as Queen of Rome.

- However, Islam is but one of the offspring⁸ of Rome who is described as *"the great whore...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"* in Revelation 17:1-5.
- Essentially, in Revelation 2 therefore, Jezebel is Roman Catholicism⁹. [They share the same attributes of Baal worship]
- The modern bible versions, including the NKJV, are mainly Roman Catholic in their departures from the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible¹⁰.
- Therefore, if you are following the modern versions, you are following *"that woman Jezebel"* into *"the depths of Satan."*
- If you're saved, you won't lose your salvation and you won't go to hell, because the Lord Jesus Christ went there on your behalf and deposited your sin there, Hebrews 9:28, *"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."* That's another verse that the NKJV corrupts. Instead of *"without sin,"* it has the obscure reading, *"apart from sin."*
- But you can lose almost everything else. Consider what King Darius said in Ezra 6:11. He was king of Persia and Persia in the scripture typifies England¹¹ because both nations allowed the Jews to return to their homeland, Persia according to Cyrus's decree, 2 Chronicles 36:23, England by the 1917 Balfour Declaration. Moreover, Darius's decree indicates that he could be a type of King James 1st, who commissioned the AV1611. *"Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this."*
- That pictures God and the Bible. Ecclesiastes 8:4 states, "Where the word of a king is: there is power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou?" The Lord's word is the word of the King, "who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords" 1 Timothy 6:15. The modern versions were not commissioned by a king and therefore have no power. By contrast, many kings participated in the compilation and distribution of the true scriptures, consisting of the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible and its faithful precursors¹². These kings include early Anglo-Saxon kings, from pre-700 AD and at least 5 notable British monarchs; Alfred the Great, Henry VIII off and on Edward VI, Elizabeth I, James I. Queen Victoria¹³ also stood firmly in support of the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible during her reign.
- And it is the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible together with its faithful precursors that brought revival to this nation. None of the modern versions have. P.G. Johnstone¹⁴ wrote of Great Britain in 1978, "The political and economic tensions have become so great that the disintegration of the whole country is not impossible*. In similar national crises in the past, God has graciously sent revival, as in the time of Wesley. There has been a national revival every century for the past 800 years, but the revival for this century is overdue. Pray for it." It never came in spite of the availability of the modern versions, including the NKJV. [*By the grace of God and His mercy as seen in Brexit, Britain will hopefully be spared this worst of judgments insofar as thanks to Brexit "Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped" Psalm 124:7 though as Paul states "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" 1 Corinthians 16:9]
- Note that alteration of the Lord's word is not restricted to altering the actual words of scripture, as the modern versions alter the words of the AV1611. Setting aside or scorning the Lord's word in favour of personal opinion will have the same effect, as in Job 21:13, 14. *"They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways."* Note that verse 13 in the passage and the reference to death.

- And Jeremiah 9:13 another 13 and 14 have a warning for those who "have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart." The judgment follows in verses 15, 16. "I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them."
- And the house that alters or scorns the King's word compiled by the King's men at the King's behest degenerates into a dunghill ruled by the television, the DVD player, the tabloids and the Internet.
- Observe that the hanging in Ezra 6:11 pictures a curse. Paul wrote in Galatians 3:13, "*Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree*." Note again that 13.
- Judas illustrates the curse of hanging. He was *"the son of perdition"* John 17:12, a type of the antichrist. *"He...went and hanged himself"* Matthew 27:5 and was cursed because he betrayed the Lord, *"The Word of God"* Revelation 19:13 note the reference to blood in this verse 13.
- Acts 1:20 describes the curse that befell Judas and will befall the antichrist, *"For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein..."*
- The antichrist will rule the whole world as *"his habitation"* Revelation 13, another 13, so the curse that befell Judas will befall the whole world. Zechariah 5:3 calls it *"the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth."*
- That curse is the result of treachery and/or rebellion against the Lord Jesus Christ but Psalm 138:2 says of the scriptures, *"Thou hast magnified thy word <u>above</u> all thy name."*
- So if you alter the King's word or dismiss it in favour of your own opinion, you betray the Lord worse than Judas did. And you're sure to bring down the curse on yourself.
- It will consume the individual, the household, the church and the nation and, under the antichrist, eventually the whole world. As John warns, especially about the end times, *"the whole world lieth in wickedness"* 1 John 5:19. To take just one recent local example¹⁵, nearly two thousand people from this region stripped naked to have their picture taken on the banks of the River Tyne. But who protested? Where was the huge public outcry against this abominable behaviour? It was surely accursed and satanic, Mark 5:15 but the lack of protest shows how far our nation has succumbed to God's curse.
- Isaiah 24:6 warns about the end result of the curse. "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: [like the antichrist's habitation] therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." That word "devoured" describes what happened to Jonah. He was devoured. He was being digested and decomposed, like our church and nation, under the devouring curse and it is like being burned. One day, the burning will be literal, when the Lord returns, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" 2 Thessalonians 1:8.
- Jezebel, mentioned earlier, also pictures the result of the curse, because like Jezebel, our church and nation are in danger of becoming *"as dung upon the face of the field"* 2 Kings 9:37. Remember Ezra 6:11 and the house *"a dunghill."*
- This very present danger confronts us because these days, there are "*few men left*" who serve the Lord Jesus Christ in order to preserve Britain. This is a great national tragedy because Britain wasn't always cursed in this way. Britain once had many men of whom even Pharaoh could have said "*go now ye that are men, and serve the Lord; for that ye did desire*" Exodus 10:11. This statement occurs in the hymn, *Stand Up for Jesus, Ye Soldiers of the Cross*. Our church and nation are in desperate need of such soldiers today.
- As the historian Green¹⁶ states, at the time of the 16th century English Reformation and afterwards, ""*The [English] Nation became the people of a Book and that Book the Bible.*""

- It was also true that "The homes of England literally became Bethels, for the editions of the Scriptures were multiplied and found their way to the establishment of family religion" according to J. A. Kensit in Our Protestant Throne and Constitution. Mr Kensit was the son of John Kensit, a Bible-believing preacher who was murdered¹⁷ by Roman Catholics in Birkenhead in September 1902.
- Sadly, many homes of England are now more like Babylon than Bethel, through the curse of altering or scorning the King's word.
- It is true that crime, squalor and depravity existed in the cities of Great Britain in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries but most British men and women learnt to read by means of the family 1611 Authorized Holy Bible even up until the 20th century¹⁸.
- That benefited both individual and national character. The Victorians, for example, like Booth, Barnardo, Wilberforce and others were great reformers who fought against the poverty and depravity of their time and achieved great victories.
- But after this nation and its church allowed the alteration of the King's word with the 1881 Revised Version, Britain has steadily been satanically devoured, digested and decomposed into a state where the Lord Jesus Christ could say of most of church and nation, *"My word hath no place in you"* John 8:37.
- Things may still look peaceful and prosperous in many parts of Britain apart from our high streets after closing time but this impression is a fool's paradise, as Solomon said, *"the prosperity of fools shall destroy them"* Proverbs 1:32b. No nation can long endure a state where the Lord Jesus Christ could say of it *"My word hath no place in you"* John 8:37.
- I have attended a local church sometimes, which would call itself 'fundamental.' Its ministry consists of altering this Book. No wonder that church has seen no revival in our area in nearly 30 years, in spite of believing the 'fundamentals.'
- In the wider, national context [as Britons who love Britain] we deplore the lack of revival, as indicated and the rampant evils that flourish in its place.
- We deplore unprecedented crime rates¹⁹ and the steady influx of foreign criminals²⁰ along with [evident media support for wrongdoers]^{21, 22}. An Asian Muslim gang murdered Staffordshire man Mr Keith Brown in July [2007], by stabbing him to death. [It is easy to see where the media sympathy lay]
- We deplore the repeated failure of the criminal justice system to punish atrocious crimes, such as assault, with 30,000 cases collapsing each year through witness intimidation, or 17%²³.
- We deplore the failure to deport foreign criminals²⁴ like the murderer of former head teacher Phillip Lawrence.
- We deplore the reluctance of the police to investigate Muslim paedophile gangs and Muslim violence against ordinary Britons^{25, 26} that is now endemic in many of our cities because such investigations might upset 'inter-community relations.'
- We deplore the menace of Islamic terror yet this blasphemous* belief system still enjoys the Government's blessing. [The then PM, July 2007] Gordon Brown²⁷ says, "Don't say terrorists are Muslims" [yet in 2007/2008 the Metropolitan Police are having to target Muslim males twice as often per head of population than Caucasian males in stop and search operations]²⁸.
 *The Qur'an denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God in no fewer than 20 verses²⁹.
- But Muslims and foreigners aren't the only problems. Within the host population of Great Britain, we deplore legalised pornography, perversion, gambling, worsening alcohol-related problems³⁰, widespread drug trafficking and the breakdown of marriage³¹ and the family.

- We also deplore foreign rule by the EU [still lingering in spite of Brexit] and its role in unrestricted immigration destroying British jobs via imported cheap labour^{32, 33} - an estimated [9] out of 10 jobs [in 2010] having gone to foreigners, and [more than half the jobs between 1997 and 2010]. [Half a million immigrants received social housing between 2001 and 2011 at a cost of £8,000,000,000]³⁴. It appears at least 5,000 illegal immigrants were not only allowed to remain in this country, but even given jobs³⁵ as *security workers!* The figure may be as high as 10,000³⁶.
- [The UK pays child benefit and child tax credits to almost 50,000 children who live in another EU country. The most common country of residence is Poland, where claims are made for almost 30,000 children. British rates are about four times those in Poland. The cost to the British taxpayer is just over £1 million per week]³⁷
- We lament the decline of farming and fishing and the new outbreak of foot and mouth disease³⁸ along with this 'bluetongue' disease³⁹. Another outbreak of avian flu⁴⁰ has occurred, necessitating the culling of thousands of poultry livestock. These calamities beg the question, what will be the next affliction for our beleaguered farmers?
- But we forget that all these calamities are but aspects of the curse for altering God's word, the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible.
- The scripture warns what would happen. Deuteronomy 28:43-44 describes what Israel would experience with respect to 'multiculturalism' *"if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God"* in verse 15. *"The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail."* [Britain's national debt now exceeds £1,600,000,000,000]⁴¹. In addition, [an Arab Muslim state, Qatar, is reported to be buying up all of London]⁴².
- Isaiah 3:1-5 also describes what Israel experienced for having refused to hear "the word of the Lord" that God proclaimed in Isaiah 1:10. "For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable."
- Remember, Israel suffered because *"their tongue and their doings are against the Lord"* Isaiah 3:8. It is the same for us. God's judgments have not totally destroyed our nation as yet but they are definitely in progress. In addition to the examples cited earlier, note the following fulfillments of Isaiah's warning as applied to Britain.
- God will take away "*the stay and the staff*." This judgment could apply to and strike at the very constitutional foundation of our nation. Our British Constitution is in imminent danger of being overridden by the EU Constitution when our Her Majesty⁴³ signs the EU's Reform Treaty in June 2008. Gordon Brown⁴⁴ will sign it on December 13th (!) 2007. [Gordon Brown did sign the treaty. Though Britain has now voted to leave the EU, the infestation of EU law persists]⁴⁵
- God will take away *"the <u>whole</u> stay of bread."* Bread is a staple food, so out goes your staple food reserves. The decline of farming means that more our food has to be imported from overseas, again thanks to the EU's destructive Common Agricultural Policy and the failure of our own government to support farming, compared with continental governments⁴⁶.

- God will take away "*the <u>whole</u> stay of water*." [If this judgment may be extended to other public utilities we find that Germany's RWE consortium and France's EDF organization own much of our gas and electricity]⁴⁷. [Thames Water, owned for some years by an Australian company Kemble Water, is reported to be offered for sale to highest bidder including organizations from Abu Dhabi and China]⁴⁸. Here in the northeast⁴⁹ [the Chinese own Northumbrian Water].
- God will take away *"the cunning artificer*."

[MG ended UK car production at Longbridge and switched it to China]⁵⁰.

[GE Gas & Oil had plans for a £2,000,000,000 refinery on Teesside in 2011 which would create nearly 3000 jobs]⁵¹ but that project will not make up for the [4,000,000 manufacturing jobs lost from 1980 to 2008 even though the source of that figure is upbeat about British manufacturing]⁵².

Locally the French owners⁵³ of Pyrex closed the plant in Sunderland [in 2007 with the loss of 240 jobs].

The Americans closed the electronics firm Atmel⁵⁴ on Tyneside [with the loss of 600 jobs].

The Swedish owners of $Electrolux^{55}$ [closed the plant in County Durham with the loss of 500 jobs].

[Steel manufacture on Teesside closed with the loss of over 2000 jobs in late 2015]⁵⁶.

[On the credit side British manufacturing still employs over 5,000,000 workers but the above closures should be viewed with concern that]⁵⁷ God is steadily taking away [many of our best] artificers.

• God will take away "*The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, the captain of fifty.*" The breakdown of law enforcement has been highlighted. [As indicated, in spite of Brexit, efforts are being made to transpose 1000s of EU laws into British law thus subverting Brexit according to Psalm 94:20 "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?"]⁵⁸.

Our armed forces have suffered repeated cuts, including the reduction of [RAF trainee pilots] by 25%⁵⁹, even while our soldiers [were in 2011] heavily engaged in Afghanistan, where air-ground support is vital to their survival.

We have the fears expressed⁶⁰ about the safety of the RAF's Nimrod fleet, following the mid-air explosion in which 14 crewmen were killed.

Half the Navy's ships are to be mothballed⁶¹.

Other service chiefs⁶² have recently echoed his concerns that Britain's armed forces are "overstretched and under-funded."

The [Ministry of Defence] admits that our armed forces⁶³ "are a third below battlefield capacity" and the shortfall will not be made good for another ten years.

The dissatisfaction with the Government's criminal treatment of the armed forces has resulted in over 1,300 officers leaving the forces in the last six months [in 2007]⁶⁴, many of whom are from frontline units, with invaluable battle experience. [The situation had not improved by 2015, 8-9 years later]⁶⁵

• God will take away the *"the prudent...and the honourable man, and the counsellor...and the eloquent orator."* We have many individuals in government who are both imprudent and dishonourable, as their commitment to betraying Britain to the EU unequivocally demonstrates. They also concocted the spurious grounds for invading Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, [numerous] MPs and councillors have committed serious offences in recent years⁶⁶. Instead of ora-

tors like Winston Churchill, we have 'spin doctors.' In addition, many of our MPs are profligate spenders, amassing a total bill of $\pounds 87.6$ million⁶⁷ in 'expenses' [in 2007].

- We have also witnessed the recent shambles over the donations row⁶⁸, not to mention the Northern Rock fiasco⁶⁹ involving the Treasurer and the loss⁷⁰ of vital child benefits data from HMRC Department. What next, we wonder?
- God will take away *"the prophet"* and leave you with our current church leaders, [bishops who supported the EU and still do]⁷¹.
- God said that, "the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable" and in verse 12 "children are their oppressors and women rule over them." That includes women like Ruth Kelly. Her department⁷² allowed sex offenders to be teachers.

Often, grown-ups are fearful of local youths, who regard themselves as untouchable by the police. The problem is especially serious for the elderly. A typical example⁷³ describes the plight of an elderly man on a housing estate. "Over there is old Jack - a former paratrooper, a brave man who fought at Arnhem in the Second World War. Now elderly and frail, he is, regrettably, afraid to leave his home in the evenings. It's the young people...they don't know what he and his comrades went through to ensure them a future in a land flowing with lager and burgers. And they don't care, frankly." They would, if they had believed the family 1611 Holy Bible.

- Because Leviticus 19:32 says, "*Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.*" [Adult fear of teenagers is real in Britain today]⁷⁴. Whether or not their fears are justified is beside the point. Their fears are real and from time to time tragically justified. You may recall the murder of Kevin Johnson in Sunderland [in 2007] by drunken youths⁷⁵. They even boasted about the killing. The gang [were] sent down for murder but [displayed] no remorse. They may even serve only short sentences. Reported overcrowding in prisons may result in hundreds of dangerous prisoners receiving early release⁷⁶. One teenage gang member served only two years in gaol for his part in the murder⁷⁷ of 16 year-old Stephan Persaud. It is not surprising, therefore, to learn from a police officer of many years experience that when he started on the force, thieves would never rob pensioners or violently attempt to resist arrest with lethal weapons. Now they habitually do both.
- In another example of dishonour to the elderly⁷⁸, we find that the government values prisoners above pensioners. [The average cost of keeping a prisoner behind bars is over $\pounds 30,000$ per year, the value of the new state pension is just over $\pounds 8,000$ per year].
- With the disappearance of *"the honourable man, and the counsellor"* from education, we suffer the continued spread of the lie of evolution or *"science falsely so called"* as it is called in 1 Timothy 6:20. The media, the politicians and high-profile academics like Professor Richard Dawkins all combine to spread this lie. Many schoolteachers worship evolution and despise the AV1611, as I discovered in a web discussion on creation and evolution to which school teachers contributed [and in face-to-face discussions with local 6th Form students].
- And as indicated in the Isaiah 24:6 passage, there are *"few men left"* who could deliver Britain from the devouring curse.
- It will take a "cry mightily unto God" Jonah 3:8, before church and nation can say "yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God" Jonah 2:6. Because only God can deliver you from "the depths of Satan." Such a cry is one of our Weapons of Mass Deliverance, of which more later.

All this is obscured in the NKJV and the other modern versions because it isn't coming from our church leaders. They abandoned the AV1611 in favour of the modern versions and then became pro-EU. What is worse, the *Preface* to the NIV says that, "*There is a sense in which the work of translation is never finished.*"

Future bible translations will therefore continue to corrupt or 'spin' the Bible text in order to cover up for the devil until he is wholly *"transformed into an angel of light"* and *"his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness"* 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15.

The strategy is well advanced [as a recent publication has shown with respect to the worldwide popularity of the current Pope Francis]⁷⁹. [It should never be forgotten that one of his predecessors] Benedict XV blessed the Easter Rebellion⁸⁰ in Dublin in April 1916, when the IRA stabbed Britain in the back.

However, [Pope Benedict XVI in 2007] has even spoken out against abortion. He has said⁸¹ that *"Abortion cannot be a human right."* So he must be a great Christian leader, mustn't he?

Be careful. The Pope knows that abortion reduces his church membership. He wants us all in his $Church^{82}$.

"On July 10, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI released a new decree. In it the Pope has restated his conviction that the Roman Catholic Church is the one Church founded by Jesus Christ and that other churches are either defective or not true Churches at all. What is new in this document is the authoritative statement that "Christian Communities **born out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century**" cannot be "called 'Churches' in the proper sense." Emphases in original.

So the Pope is saying that if you aren't in his church*, you aren't in any church. *The one with the paedophile priests^{83, 84} like those at the St William's Care Home in East Yorkshire. 140 male victims [were] in the process of suing the owners, Middlesbrough Diocese [in 2006].

But the Pope has an ace up his sleeve to increase his church membership.

Benedict XVI aroused controversy last year when he spoke against Islam. He craftily said later⁸⁵ "I am deeply sorry for the reactions in some countries to a few passages of my address at the University of Regensburg, which were considered offensive to the sensibility of Muslims,"

Note, he was not sorry for what he said but for how the Muslims reacted. The Pope is arguably the shrewdest politician on the face of the earth. He will benefit in various respects from his stance.

He will be seen as a great moral crusader against abortion and he will be seen as compassionate towards Muslims but also as the bold Christian leader and protector of all those who fear Islam.

In sum, he will be seen as chief amongst those "transformed as the ministers of righteousness."

The Pope's message is this, "If you are afraid of Muslims and/or the moral breakdown of your nation, join my church. I will look after you – and improve the 'moral tone' of your nation. But you must join on my terms. None of this Sola fide, by faith alone, Sola gratia, by grace alone, Sola Scriptura, scripture alone⁸⁶. You'll do what my church tells you."

If enough folk in this country have *"hearts failing for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth"* Luke 21:26, Britain might well [be tempted to] turn to the Pope and finally forsake God and the Bible.

In that way, the devil via Rome, or "*That woman Jezebel*" will totally swallow up church and nation into "*the depths of Satan*." Just like the whale swallowed Jonah.

And as the devil, typified by Nebuchadnezzar, swallowed Jerusalem. The typology matches that applied to Pharaoh, who *"as a whale in the seas"* Ezekiel 32:2, is also *"the great dragon"* Ezekiel 29:3, Isaiah 27:1, Revelation 12:3.

"Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicacies, he hath cast me out" Jeremiah 51:34. However, it may not fully come to that for Britain as will be seen [later under Weapons of Mass Deliverance and Conclusion].

For now, our second passage is Genesis 1:28. Note that much of the material that follows has been drawn from an extensive study entitled *Genesis 1:1-3*, by Jeffrey A. Tibbetts.

Genesis 1:28

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and <u>replenish</u> the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Instead of "replenish" the NKJV has "fill."

Most creationists⁸⁷ like Henry Morris, Ken Ham, Kent Hovind, John Whitcomb etc., insist that *"fill"* is the correct word or that *"replenish"* means *"fill."*

The AV1611 contains the word *"fill"* or related words over 300 times. *"Replenish"* or related words occur 7 times. If *"fill"* was the correct word for Genesis 1:28 the King James translators would have used it. They used it in Genesis 1:22.

"And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and <u>fill</u> the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth."

Comparing scriptures Genesis 9:1 gives the meaning of "replenish."

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and <u>replenish</u> <i>the earth."

God is commanding Noah to *re*-fill or *re*-stock the earth with men in order to *replace* the men drowned in the worldwide flood of Genesis 7. Genesis 1:28 shows therefore that Adam had a similar commission.

Lessons from the Text

Why is this important?

- Adam is called "the son of God" in Luke 3:38. But he wasn't the very first son of God.
- At the original creation, God *"laid the foundations of the earth...the morning stars sang to-gether, and all the sons of God shouted for joy"* Job 38:4, 7.
- "Sons of God" were therefore present when "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" Genesis 1:1. They were not human but humanoid, or angelic "The sons of God" in Genesis 6:2 are called "the angels that sinned" in 2 Peter 2:4 and "the angels which kept not their first estate" in Jude 6.
- And "Sons of God" were on earth at the time of Adam and Eve. That is why Eve shows no surprise when Satan refers to "gods" in Genesis 3:5. These "gods" are called "children of the most High" in Psalm 82:6 and are "sons of God" by creation.
- The NKJV has "God" in Genesis 3:5. This is more modern 'spin,' in order to cover up the biblical facts we are addressing.
- But following the original creation, Genesis 1:2 shows that universal chaos ensued. "And the earth was <u>without form</u>, and <u>void</u>; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Why is this a description of universal chaos?
- Isaiah 45:18 provides the explanation. *"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."*

- Yet Genesis 1:2 states that *"the earth was <u>without form</u>, and <u>void</u>" so the original creation must have suffered chaos.*
- That chaos was the fall of Satan. Ezekiel 28:14-19 describes Satan's fall with reference to Satan as "the king of Tyrus" verse 12. "Thou art the anointed cherub [Satan is not a fallen angel, he is a fallen cherub] that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created [Satan is a created being], till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness..."
- The expression "By the multitude of thy <u>merchandise</u> they have filled the midst of thee with violence" is striking. It clearly describes satanic criminal enterprise in the original creation. This in turn appears to have led to massive 'turf wars' (or 'star wars') in the cosmos in which Satan became embroiled with some of "the sons of God." This is indicated by both Ezekiel 27 and Revelation 18, which describe a "multitude of thy merchandise" in the context of Satan's fall and his future ultimate defeat.
- And any violence in Satan explains why human beings have always been interested in crime and violence. *"Ye are of your father the devil,"* the Lord said in John 8:44.
- This satanic violence had universal effects. Ezekiel 28:18 states "*Thou hast defiled <u>thy sanc-</u> <u>tuaries</u> by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the <u>iniquity of thy traffick</u>..." "Iniquity of thy traffick" must also refer to satanic criminal enterprise, insofar as the term "traffick" in the Bible refers to trading between merchants, 1 Kings 10:15. The term "<u>thy sanctuaries</u>" is likewise highly significant.*
- Note that Psalm 102:19 describes heaven as God's sanctuary. *"For he hath looked down from the height of <u>his sanctuary; from heaven</u> did the LORD behold the earth."*
- Satan's *"sanctuaries"* must therefore refer to the original creation that was overwhelmed by God's judgment. In Ezekiel 26:4, 5, God vows of Tyrus, *"I will...scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock...for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea."* This passage pictures Genesis 1:2.
- So Genesis 1:3-31 describes a *re*-creation, where God repairs the devastation. As in any disaster where darkness closes in, like the Underground on July 7th 2005⁸⁸, you need light, so in Genesis 1:3, "God said, Let there be light: and there was light."
- Interpretation of Genesis 1:3-31 as a recreation explains Genesis 1:7, 8. "And God made the firmament...And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."
- Note that missing from Genesis 1:7, 8 is any mention of "*God saw that it was good*." Compare Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31.
- The explanation is that *"the firmament of the heaven"* Genesis 1:17 is now occupied by what is not *"good."*
- Ephesians 6:12 identifies the occupants. *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* These would include former *"sons of God"* who fell with Satan.

- Some of these former "sons of God" would have occupied the original earth because God "formed it to be inhabited" Isaiah 45:18. Many must have died in the chaos of Genesis 1:2 because God said "Ye shall die like men and fall like one of the princes" Psalm 82:7.
- But some survived, which is why Adam and Eve were familiar with "gods" in Genesis 3:5.
- However, God's will was to replace all the "*gods*" who had rebelled against Him along with Satan in Ezekiel 28.
- God therefore commands this new *"son of God"* Luke 3:38, Adam, to *"<u>replenish</u> the earth"* with sinless human beings.
- That is why God gave Adam and Eve *"dominion...over all the earth"* Genesis 1:26, also because Satan forfeited this dominion when he sinned and defiled his sanctuaries.

We now have [further] serious practical [lessons] for the child of God.

Ezekiel 28:17 says of Satan, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness."

Remember that Satan was originally *"Lucifer, son of the morning"* Isaiah 14:12. With his brightness, he was the light bearer, bearing the light of the glory of God. But he sought to project his own glory and fell, having incurred God's judgment.

After Satan's fall, God intended Adam and Eve to show forth the glory of God because "God created man, in the likeness of God made he him" Genesis 5:1.

But after Adam's fall, *"sin entered into the world, and death by sin"* Romans 5:12. Responsibility to glorify God as His *"sons and daughters"* 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 therefore passed from Adam's fallen descendants to the Christian. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 3:18.

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

And in 2 Corinthians 4:6.

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

You and I are meant to be the Lord's image. You and I are supposed to reflect, glorify and give the Lord Jesus Christ to others. That is how Solomon prophetically describes the Church in Song of Solomon 6:10.

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, <u>fair as the moon</u>, <u>clear as the sun</u>, and terrible as an army with banners?"

She is "*clear as the sun*" because she reflects the light of the sun, which typifies the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is "*the Sun of righteousness... with healing in his wings*" Malachi 4:2.

The Christian is also a son of God by adoption, Romans 8:14, 15.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

As a rebuke to the rebellious sons of God and Adam's sinful descendants, God intends that the Christian be the loyal subject of the Lord Jesus Christ Who *"shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one"* Zechariah 14:9 and *"who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords"* 1 Timothy 6:15b.

And God intends that His adopted and loval sons and daughters share in universal dominion. Peter declares to the Christian who is prepared to "be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye" 1 Peter 4:14, because as Paul promises in 2 Timothy 2:12, "if we suffer, we shall also reign with

So the mere sight of even one faithful Christian Bible believer reminds the devil and all the principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and the spiritual wickedness in high places of their threefold loss:

- Loss of glory in the presence of God
- Loss of sonship from the Fatherhood of God •
- Loss of universal dominion from the throne of God. •

That is why Satan would swallow you whole, if he could and get you under "the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth" Zechariah 5:3.

But as indicated, that doesn't have to come to pass.

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him."

Not if you and I consistently "take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" Ephesians 6:17, namely this Book, the King's word, prepared by the King's men at the King's behest.

Remember Nebuchadnezzar, who typified the devil in Jeremiah 51:34.

God's word, Daniel 4:17 "This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" prevailed against Nebuchadnezzar's.

"The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee" Daniel 4:30, 31.

And the case of the earthly ruler Nebuchadnezzar, even resulted in his conversion.

"Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase" Daniel 4:37.

The sword of the Spirit can prevail against the devil, Ephesians 6:17.

As Mr Valiant-for-Truth⁸⁹, Jeremiah 9:3, has said,

"It is so. Let a man have one of these blades, with a Hand to wield it and Skill to use it, and he may venture upon an Angel with it. He need not fear its holding, if he can but tell how to lay on. Its edges will never blunt. It will cut flesh and bones and soul and spirit and all."

And by it, practically speaking, church and nation can cut their way even out of "the belly of hell" Jonah 2:2, Jeremiah 51:34 as it refers spiritually to "the depths of Satan" and the curse on our church and nation.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" Hebrews 4:12.

That is the weapon to defeat Satan, along with the weapon of "all prayer" Ephesians 6:18. It is the means of setting forth the "cry mightily unto God" Jonah 3:8.

"Ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth" Isaiah 62:6b, 7.

But the two weapons go together. *"He that turneth away hi sear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination"* Proverbs 28:9.

But when wielded together, these are our 'Weapons of Mass Deliverance!' For church and nation.

However you and I "take heed to the ministry which thou hast received from the Lord, that thou fulfil it" Colossians 4:17 these are the means by which you and I "Submit yourselves therefore to God" in order to "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" James 4:7.

Conclusion

I close with a statement to illustrate the effectiveness of these weapons, from one of England's mighty men and faithful Bible believers of the past, addressed in a letter to the martyrologist, John Foxe⁹⁰.

"To my very loving friend <u>John Foxe</u>...continue a faithful remembrance of us in your prayers that our present service may take that good effect as God may be glorified, His Church, our Queen and country preserved and the enemy of truth ["thy word is truth" John 17:17] utterly vanquished, that we may have continued peace in Israel* - our enemies are many, but our Protector commandeth the whole world, let us pray continually, and our Lord Jesus will help in good time mercifully - <u>Francis</u> <u>Drake</u>" *England.

Drake wrote to Foxe in about 1587, not long before Foxe died.

The great victory over Spain - and Rome - was achieved the following year, when⁹¹ 'God blew with *His winds and they were scattered.*' The prayers of John Foxe and Francis Drake were stunningly answered [as with the result of Brexit].

With faithfulness to "*the sword of the Spirit*" Ephesians 6:17, the King's word, prepared by the King's men at the King's behest, and the weapon of "*all prayer*" Ephesians 6:18, such prayers can be answered again, for ourselves, our church and nation.

Amen.

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