

# CHRISTIAN WATCH

A PROTESTANT BIBLICAL WITNESS

**"And what I say unto you**

**I say unto all, Watch"**

**Mark 13:37**

**NEWSLETTER**

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## To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

We again greet you in the blessed and worthy name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is our mercy that we are preserved by our kind and gracious Lord God, to whom we owe so much for all His favours to us. May we each be given faith to ask, and trust Him to supply, all we need for this life and - more importantly - for that which is to come. The Lord says, "*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness*". 2 Cor. 12:9.

There are many events and developments in the world which we should prayerfully monitor and particularly those which are recorded in Scripture as a warning for us. Many of the events now taking place in the Middle East are clearly prophesied in the Bible. For example, the book of the prophet Ezekiel provides us with comprehensive details of that which we are presently witnessing. How important it is, therefore, that we both read and search the Holy Word of God as it is provided for us in the Authorised Version of the Bible. We include an article that has been sent to us by our good friend, the Lord's servant, Shaun Willcock of Bible Based Ministries, South Africa, entitled, **The Authorised Version**, by the late J. C. Philpot. The article was written by Mr. Philpot, who was an Editor of the Gospel Standard magazine, in response to a request he had received from one of his readers. It is interesting to note that this same article was included by Mr B. A. Ramsbottom, the current Editor of the Gospel Standard, in the September edition of the magazine - although it was without the enquirer's letter and the additional comments and end-notes by Shaun Willcock.

The turmoil and confusion in the European Union continues and our rulers refuse to allow the promised referendum in spite of increasing requests by the general public, and more particularly by Conservative MP's, to hold one. The financial situation of the Euro continues to deteriorate which is having a costly effect upon the currencies of non-Euro EU Members, including the UK's pound sterling. However, what can we expect when our country becomes party to Satanic endeavours to destroy every aspect of true Christian life and conduct - as given by our God for both our personal and national benefit. We include an article entitled, **Parliament's Pact with the Devil**, by Bob Lomas of the Magna Carta Society, in which he identifies many of the solemn consequences presently being experienced by us, as a result of our national rejection of the laws of God and our involvement with the European Union.

Following on from the article we included in our September/October Newsletter, by Suzanne Fernandes, entitled **THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL**, we include a further article which she has prepared for us entitled, **CHRISTIAN WATCH IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL**. In this article many Scripture references are given which, we trust, will be of assistance to our members in relating present developments in the world to those which are prophesied in the Word of God - particularly relevant to Israel and the Jews. In Luke's Gospel chapter 21, we are clearly told by the Lord Jesus himself of the pattern of events preceding His second coming, and in verse 36 He says, "*Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*" We know not what the Lord has in store for us, but this we do know, we need a real God-given religion which will not fail us, even if we have to endure persecution.

We include an account of a young girl, under the title, **TAUGHT OF GOD**, who was so blessed with love to the Lord that she was prepared give her life for her Saviour.

As previously mentioned, developments in the Middle East continue to reveal the amazing fulfilment of events which were prophesied in Scripture thousands of years ago. We include a further article on the subject, by one of our Members, Michael Young (UK director of *Sounds of the Trumpet*), entitled, **ARE WE NEARING THE MAGOG INVASION?**

We are pleased and thankful that our CW Annual Meeting held at Crawley on the 7<sup>th</sup> October went well, with a good number of people attending. We include a report under the title, **CHRISTIAN WATCH ANNUAL MEETING**, and also an advert promoting the excellent address, **"Who is on the Lord's side?"** given by Rev. Stephen Holland. Members can order copies from Christian Watch (Resources) at the address given (Page 14).

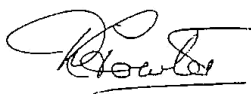
Progress is being made by our colleague, Michael Hobbis, in developing the campaign, **"Who is on the Lord's side?"** We include his first report and trust you will be prepared to join with him and support this important endeavour to more effectively convey the Word of God in your local area. We can all make a contribution. The most important one is prayer to the Lord that He will bless His Word and prosper the work, which is done for His honour and glory and for the good of our nation.

Finally, we include an article taken from the Gospel Magazine 1876 entitled, **THE EAR OF THE KING AND THE FINGER OF GOD** in which we are encouraged to take all our burdens, cares and concerns to the Lord in prayer. If the Lord is on our side, we have the ear of One who is able to do for us more than we can ask or even think and One who has invited us to cast our burdens upon Him. He will either remove them or leave them, depending upon what He knows is best for us. We are told, *"For He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men"* (Lamentations 3:33). In other words, the Lord knows what is necessary and best for His people.

We are fast approaching the end of another year and continue to prove we are hastening on towards a never-ending eternity. May our priority ever be to follow the exhortation given in 2 Peter 1:10 *"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."*

May the Lord bless you richly.

Yours, in the Lord's service,



**David Crowter**

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# THE AUTHORISED VERSION

By J.C. Philpot

[*Introduction by Shaun Willcock, Bible Based Ministries:* This article was written by J.C. Philpot in 1857 in response to the request of a reader of the magazine he edited – decades before the ‘Revised Version’, the first major new Bible version in English, based upon a very corrupt Greek New Testament text, was produced in 1881. Prior to that date, virtually all English-speaking Christians the world over used only one version of the Scriptures: that known as the Authorised, or King James Version. But from 1881 until today, the English-speaking world has been *flooded* with modern versions, each one worse than the one before, so that the very situation which Philpot dreaded has indeed come to pass. The reasons, then, that Philpot gave for rejecting a revision of the Authorised version are even more applicable today than they were then. The King James Version is an utterly faithful and accurate version of the Holy Scriptures in English and there is no need to desire another. No version produced since 1611 has ever equalled it, and we firmly believe that none ever will, in the time left before the Lord’s second coming.]

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## Enquiry

Dear Sir, - Since the new translation of the Bible has been talked of, there has been much written on the subject. It has been taken up in almost every newspaper; and some are clamorous for a new version. I wish for your opinion on the subject, knowing that you have had as good an education as most men, and have read the Bible in different languages. Seeing such statements circulating throughout the Kingdom [the United Kingdom – Ed.], and thinking it might do much mischief, I feel induced to write to you. If you think it would not be a proper subject for the “Gospel Standard,” I would not for one moment wish you to notice it; but, if otherwise, I should feel thankful to see a few words from you.

Yours affectionately, for the gospel’s sake,  
OBSERVATOR

## Response

We have... an opportunity to... express our opinion upon a question of late much agitated, viz, whether it would be desirable to have a new, or at least a revised, translation of the Scriptures. We fully admit that there are here and there passages of which the translation might be improved; as, for instance, “love” for “charity” all through 1 Cor.13 <sup>1</sup> but we deprecate any alteration as a measure that, for the smallest sprinkling of good, would deluge us with a flood of evil. The following are our reasons:

1. Who is to undertake it? Into whose hands would the revision fall? What an opportunity for the enemies of the truth to give us a mutilated false Bible<sup>2</sup>! Of course, they must be learned men, great critics, scholars, and divines. But these are notoriously either Puseyites<sup>3</sup> or Neologians;<sup>4</sup> in other words, deeply tainted with either popery or infidelity. Where are there learned men sound in the truth, not to say alive unto God, who possess the necessary qualifications for so important a work? And can erroneous men, men dead in trespasses and sins, carnal, worldly, ungodly persons, spiritually translate a book written by the blessed Spirit? We have not the slightest ground for hope that they would be godly men, such as we have reason to believe translated the Scriptures into our present version.

2. Again, it would unsettle the minds of thousands, as to which was the Word of God, the old translation or the new. What a door it would open for the workings of infidelity, or the temptations of Satan! What a gloom, too, it would cast over the minds of many of God's saints, to have those passages which had been applied to their souls translated in a different way, and how it would seem to shake all their experience of the power and preciousness of God's Word!
3. But, besides this, there would be two Bibles spread through the land, the old and the new, and what confusion would this create in almost every place! At present, all sects<sup>5</sup> and denominations<sup>6</sup> agree in acknowledging our present version as the standard of appeal. Nothing settles disputes so soon as when the contending parties have confidence in the same umpire and are willing to abide by his decision. But this judge of all disputes, this umpire of all controversy, would cease to be the looser of strife if the present acknowledged authority were put an end to by a rival.
4. Again, if the revision and re-translation were once to begin, where would it end? It is good to let well alone, as it is easier to mar than mend.<sup>7</sup> The Socianising<sup>8</sup> Neologian would blot out "God" in 1 Timothy 3:16, and strike out 1 John 5:7,8, as an interpolation. The Puseyite would amend it to suit Tractarian<sup>9</sup> views. He would read "priest" where we now read "elder," and put "penance" in the place of "repentance." Once set up a notice, "The old Bible to be mended," and there would be plenty of workmen, who, trying to mend the cover, would pull the pages to pieces. The Arminian would soften down the words "election" and "predestination" into some term less displeasing to Pharisaic ears. "Righteousness" would be turned into "justice," and "reprobate" into "undiscerning." All our good Bible terms would be so mutilated that they would cease to convey the Spirit's meaning, and instead of the noble simplicity, faithfulness, and truth of our present version, we should have a Bible that nobody could accept as the Word of God, to which none could safely appeal, and on which none could implicitly rely.
5. Instead of our good old Saxon Bible, simple and solid, with few words really obsolete, and alike majestic and beautiful, we should have a modern English translation in the pert and flippant language of the day<sup>10</sup>. Besides its authority as the Word of God, our present version is the great English classic – generally accepted as the standard of the English language. The great classics of a language cannot be modernised. What an outcry there would be against modernising Shakespeare, or making Hooker, Bacon, or Milton talk the English of the newspapers or of the House of Commons.
6. The present English Bible has been blessed to thousands of the saints of God; and not only so, it has become part of our national inheritance which we have received unimpaired from our fathers, and are bound to hand down unimpaired to our children. It is, we believe, the grand bulwark of Protestantism; the safeguard of the gospel, and the treasure of the Church; and we should be traitors in every sense of the word if we consented to give it up to be rifled by the sacrilegious hands of Puseyites, concealed Papists, German Neologians, infidel divines, Arminians, Socinians, and the whole tribe of enemies of God and godliness.

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Joseph Charles Philpot (1802 -1869) was an Anglican minister who came to see the errors of that institution. He seceded from it and became a Baptist pastor. This article was excerpted from the book, *Biblical Approach for Present Issues*, pgs. 119-123, by J.C. Philpot, Old Paths Gospel Press, Choteau, Montana, USA.

### ***End-notes:***

1. There are indeed passages where the translation could be improved; but this does not mean that the word used by the KJV translators is *incorrect*, merely that a *better* word could be used today. It is not a matter of an incorrect word (in the KJV) versus a correct word, but rather of a correct and *good* word versus a *better* word.
2. And this is exactly what happened! The enemies of the truth advanced their cause by the production of the Revised Version in 1881, and by the over 100 versions that followed that one.
3. Puseyites: supporters and promoters of the teachings of E.B. Pusey (1800-82), who along with others was at the heart of the so-called "Oxford Movement" which sought to establish Roman Catholic doctrine and observance in the Anglican institution.
4. Neologism is the tendency to, and adoption of, novel, rationalistic views in theological matters.
5. Although these days, the term "sect" is often used almost interchangeably with "cult," and therefore has a very negative connotation, in earlier times it was used as simply meaning a branch of the Christian faith.
6. It must be remembered that in Philpot's day, many denominations which today have departed from "the faith once delivered to the saints" were, in many respects, scripturally sound.
7. The passage of time has proved just how true this statement of his was. Once the door was opened just a crack, the enemies of the Gospel continued to push it open more and more, and the result is what we see today: a veritable flood of false versions, in which men falsely claiming to be the Lord's servants have "handled the Word of God deceitfully" (2 Cor. 4:2).
8. Socinianism: the denial of the divinity of Christ.
9. A Tractarian was one who held to the Anglo-Catholic doctrines and practices of the "Oxford Movement" as set forth in a series of pamphlets known as "Tracts for the Times."
10. Again, the passage of time has proved the truth of this statement. We have such versions as "Today's English Version," "The New Testament in Modern English," "The Contemporary English Version," and "The New International Version – Inclusive Language Edition," to name just a few.

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If the Scriptures are divinely inspired, the whole foundation of the Popish religion is rotten. Our [Protestant] religion is bottomed upon the Scriptures, which having been given by inspiration of God, cannot deceive us. The Scriptures, which came from God, and were drawn up under His conduct and influence, as a directory to His Church and people in all ages, are with us a thousand times more venerable, and unspeakably more sacred, and of greater authority, than the doctrines, or sentiments of any creatures whatsoever. One little sentence of those divine books; that sentence in particular which declares, that *God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life* [John 3:16], with us deserves incomparably more respect and regard, than all the definitions or determinations, resolutions or decrees of princes or doctors, popes or councils, men or angels. We keep so close to those Scriptures, being satisfied of their heavenly original, that our pastors and teachers can safely join in with the great Apostle, and say, *Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed* [Galatians 1:8]. And this is our glory. Herein lies the peculiar firmness of our religion, and that which distinguishes it from all others, that it came entirely from those Scriptures that were divinely inspired.

**Dr Edmund Calamy (1671-1732)**

# PARLIAMENT'S PACT WITH THE DEVIL

Is the European Union "his" Work?

- Judging by the evidence available, it would seem so.

**Author:** Bob Lomas (Founder of The Magna Carta Society)

The European Union is based on the Soviet collectivist totalitarian principle, the origins of which reach back to the doctrine of Adam Weishaupt, who was the founder of the "Illuminati", which openly denied the existence of God. Weishaupt's theorem, postulated in 1782 and repeated by Marx in the Communist Manifesto, reads as follows:

1. Abolish all monarchies and all ordered government.
2. Abolish private property and the right of inheritance.
3. Abolish patriotism and nationalism.
4. Abolish the family unit, marriage, and the establishment of communal education.
5. Abolish all organised religion.

What have *we* experienced, since the United Kingdom joined what is, by now, called the European Union? Have not we witnessed the erosion of our Christian standards, whilst the insidious and menacing ideology of 'Weishaupt's' doctrine has been spreading its cancerous tentacles through every facet of our nation's society? For the answer compare the following developments with the above list of totalitarian aims:

1. Our Queen has been reduced to a suzerain Monarch **and denied her lawful office as Governor of the nation**, in accordance with the Constitution and her Coronation Oath. Parliament has surrendered, to a foreign power, its lawful and sovereign authority as supreme legislature, and successive Governments since 1972 have suborned to the European Union their own authority to govern the nation.
2. **The people's inheritance of property** has been taken from them by the increasing of inheritance tax and death duties.
3. The nation's unity has been eroded by unconstitutional and unlawful devolution, **and the nation has become a vassal state**, subject to a political empire of regions.
4. There is a steadily growing number of *unmarried* parents, encouraged by state support, while state support for *married* parents decreases; also large numbers of our local schools have been closed down and their children taken out of the community to be educated in centralised communal institutions. There, political doctrine such as EU propaganda can be fed to them, whilst the Christian religion, our history and our nationhood are put to question.
5. The Church has arranged its own gradual demise by driving away its supporters through its introduction of political doctrines repugnant to all who believe in Christian moral standards.

The United Kingdom was taken into the European Union by Edward Heath, believed by many to be a covert communist. By his action, *Heath betrayed his oath of allegiance to the Queen and to the British people, and so denounced the Monarch as lawful head of the Church and defender of the faith.*

Today's pensioners who have made great sacrifices in carrying out their Christian duty to defend their country and free the oppressed in Europe, have now been reduced to penury – whilst millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is **transferred to the EU every hour of every day**. Much of this is squandered on decadence in high places – and lost **in fraud and legalised theft**. In our own Courts, British citizens have been denied the protection of British law and made criminals for not obeying the dictate of the EU that they must use **metric measurements**. END

# CHRISTIAN WATCH IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

*“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”* Genesis 12:3.

The Word of God clearly informs us that the Holy Scripture is inseparable from Israel and Jerusalem. It clearly states that the Lord will one day re-gather the Jews, who have been scattered all over the world, back to their Promised Land, Israel, as detailed in Ezekiel 36:17-23. The Jews are God’s chosen people as promised to Abraham. All nations of the world will turn against Israel. The Holy Bible warns us that ‘*Gaza will be forsaken*’ and of the emergence of a World Leader/Apocalypse.

All armies of the world will gather in and around Israel, and what are we seeing today at the United Nations? Many countries refuse to recognise the State of Israel and demand that Israel gives up her land for peace.

As the "Day of the Lord" draws near, we need to do as the Bible commands and support Israel who will have the blessing and protection of the Lord, according to His promise.

*‘Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem’* Zechariah 12:2.

*‘And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it’* Zechariah 12:3.

In Zephaniah, God warns that Gaza would one day ‘*be forsaken*’. Gaza is in the land which was given to the tribe of Judah (Joshua 15:1-12), “*The Lion of the Tribe of Judah.*” As we refer to Biblical prophecy we can see that we are approaching ‘*The Day of Wrath*’ and the ‘*Day of the Lord’s anger*’ Zephaniah 2:1-7.

*‘And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.*

*And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God’* Zechariah 13:8-9.

The current Israeli government is under world pressure from the US, EU, UN, and Russia - ‘*the Quartet*’ - to give more of the land away and make Jerusalem the capital of the Palestinian state. This is so contrary to what we observe in our Bible. Israel has had to compromise in so many ways, as recently was observed with the freeing of one thousand Palestinian prisoners in exchange for one Jewish prisoner who had been held in captivity underground by Hamas for five years, Gilad Shali. Israel has had to bow down to Hamas and meet their demands. Israel does not belong to man, it belongs to God. Hebron was given to Caleb - Joshua 14:13-14 and Judges 1:20. Hebron is *also* where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are buried ... and where King David ruled before Jerusalem.

There was no ‘*Palestine*’ in the Bible. The Romans called it ‘*Judea*’ (Judah). It was after the *second* Jewish revolt against the Romans (over 100 years *after* Jesus was crucified and resurrected that the Romans changed the name *from* Judea (Judah) *to* ‘*Palestina*’ (Palestine). The Roman rulers *re-named* it after Israel’s ancient enemy the *Philistines* in



order to try to break the Jews away from their relationship and bond to their land of Israel.

*'And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it' Zechariah 12:3.*

*'Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man' Luke 21:36.*

*'So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors' Matt. 24:33.*

*'And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch' Mark 13:37.*

For this purpose, and in obedience to God's Word, Christian Watch intends to support Israel and will alert others of the importance of doing the same. We desire to be that 'Salt' and 'Light' in a Nation where darkness prevails. By enabling our Members to keep updated on current political and news events, we are in a position to stand as '*watchman on the walls*' and intercede and pray for Israel, and, as our Lord leads, campaign with our Government and church leaders that they must defend Israel and warn of the consequences of the judgments that come to nations that reject and persecute Israel.

Our stand is Biblical and we desire to obey the Word of God and apply it.

**Suzanne Fernandes**

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## **TAUGHT OF GOD**

"I will never forget the story John MacArthur told us, at one of his conferences, about a young girl from a Muslim country who was attending the Master's College. She had come to faith in Christ by listening to a broadcast of MacArthur's sermons, read by a man in her own language. She was from a Muslim family in a Muslim country, but she came to faith by listening to a radio broadcast sermon.

Her father was a mid-level official in government. He loved his daughter so much that he allowed her to pursue her dream of going to the Master's College in California. She majored in computers and technology because her country would not allow her to study anything that included Christianity or the Bible. But along with her studies in computers, she began to study Greek, Hebrew, and related languages because she wanted to translate the Scriptures into the language of her people.

When she flew home, she was met at the airport by secret service agents of her country, who interrogated her for two hours, then released her. When she got home, her uncle was waiting for her. He asked "Are you a Christian?"

She said, "Yes, I am." He said, "You have shamed our family and you will pay the price."

He picked up a chair, broke it over her back, then took a leg and began beating her. When she feared for her life, her father walked in and rescued her. He drove her to the

airport, put her on a plane, and told her not to come back. She arrived back in California at the Master's College, and just a few days later met with MacArthur.

MacArthur asked the young woman, "What were you thinking as your uncle was trying to beat you to death?" She responded, "I was thinking that this man has a religion that he would kill for, but I have a Saviour that I would die for."

I was humbled to the dust that this young woman knew so much of the glory of God's grace, the power of the Saviour, and the sovereignty of God, that she was willing to lay down her life for her Saviour.

(From '*Calvin for Today*' published by Reformation Heritage Books  
[www.heritagebooks.org](http://www.heritagebooks.org))

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## **ARE WE NEARING THE MAGOG INVASION?**

**By Michael Young, Director, Sounds of the Trumpet: UK**

Suzanne Fernandes' excellent summary (CW Newsletter September/October 2011) of the amazing manoeuvring against Israel in the United Nations and at the Durban III conference leaves me with no doubt that we are fast approaching the Magog invasion of Israel, prophesied particularly in Ezekiel 37 and 38. This invasion, which attacks Israel from all four quarters, has long been the subject of sermons for many generations. But, only in recent years, and indeed in the last few months, have all the pieces of the very detailed prophecy actually fallen into place!

Perhaps because of diverse opinions among Bible students and speakers the very details of this invasion may have seemed somewhat confusing, causing many believers to have decided that it was just a bit too out of reach for them to study closely. Certainly some of the names Ezekiel gives of the countries listed as Israel's enemies in this ungodly coalition are hard to pinpoint because they are no longer in current use. However, with closer investigation and a look back in history, their identities can be determined. And most of them are precisely the countries who today are speaking so vitriolically against even the existence of a Jewish state!

Many Israel-watchers have commented on the amazing speed with which events are taking place in the Middle East. Writing in September, David Parsons, Media Director of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, sums them up with these succinct remarks:

"The month of September, 2011 may well go down as one of the most pivotal moments in Israel's modern history, as the entire Middle East is convulsing before our eyes. September was already earmarked as a key date on the regional calendar due to the diplomatic conformation over Palestinian statehood at the United Nations. The Palestinian Authority refused to back down from its reckless unilateral push for a state along the pre-1967 lines, and thus decided to take a very dangerous path - given the volatile political climate in the region. The PA's official calls for mass marches on Israeli towns and checkpoints in the wake of the UN decision were already inviting chaos and bloodshed.

“Then suddenly last month, Israel’s ambassadors in both Egypt and Turkey were unceremoniously chased from Cairo and Ankara within days of each other. Each nation is a regional power with long-standing security ties and shared concerns with Israel. Yet decades of prodigious effort to forge close relations, often against the popular will of their peoples, may now be down the drain. Only time will tell if this is indeed a Rubicon moment for Israel, as the Palestinians sow the seeds of another intifada, and strategic ties built up over many years with Egypt and Turkey now face the risk of being irreversibly severed. **Even worse, the region could be slipping towards an unthinkable war.**”

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### **Christian Watch Note:**

If you wish to gain a more in-depth background on this fascinating topic the following DVDs - which are available from Michael Young - are extremely interesting:

1. **“Magog Invasion: An Alternative View”** by Chuck Missler. Well researched, excellent in-depth backgrounding to all the major players, their ancient culture and how this plays out even today on the political level, together with insightful comments on the war’s probable nuclear implications affecting not only the Middle East but also more distant nations such as Western Europe and possibly even the United States, from the Bible record (Ez. 37/38).

2. **“Turkey: Turn Ye Back”** by Avi Lipkin, an Israeli intelligence professional who speaks from a lifetime’s involvement in his country’s intelligence activities, allied with a personal faith and confidence in the Bible. Having been recorded a couple of years ago, it is very prophetic as he predicts from the Scriptures that Turkey would switch from its pro-Western stance to a pro-Iranian and thus anti-Israel alignment – something we have seen happen in just the last few weeks! This overview of likely developments in the region is still up-to-date.

3. **“Islamic Uprising”** by Avi Lipkin. Recorded this spring at the beginning of the so-called ‘Arab Spring’, the speaker anticipates the resurgence of the fundamentalist Moslem Brotherhood in all these Arab nations, with their consequent aligning against Israel – which we have indeed witnessed just a few months later. In the last few days we understand a large demonstration was organised by the Moslem Brotherhood in Amman to protest against the peace agreement signed with Israel!

All these presentations are 2 hours long and cost £12.50 each.

**They may be obtained from:** Michael Young, Sounds of the Trumpet: UK,  
9 Station Road, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, SG8 6JP.

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## **CHRISTIAN WATCH ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Public Meeting of Christian Watch was held this year on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Europa Gatwick Hotel on the outskirts of Crawley. A spokesman for the organisation explained that the Annual Meeting is held in different locations each year for the purpose of supporting Christian Watch Members in their endeavours to promote the Word of God in their own areas.

In welcoming the good number attending, the Chairman, Mr David Crowter, emphasised the importance of those who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ sowing the seed of His Holy Word when and wherever possible – but, at the same time, knowing that it is the Lord alone who can give the increase. Having explained the importance of having the Lord’s presence at the meeting, he introduced

Mr. Patrick Baker of Walthamstow Free Presbyterian Church, a Minister of the Gospel, who had kindly agreed to open the meeting with Scripture Reading and Prayer. Mr. Baker read from II Chronicles 20 and commented on the verses, before asking the Lord's blessing upon the meeting.

After a short interval for refreshments and to visit the book tables, the meeting resumed for the main address. The Chairman opened the session by introducing Mr. Stephen Holland, the pastor of Westhoughton Evangelical Church and also a Wycliffe preacher for the Protestant Truth Society. The Chairman stated that the address, '*Who is on the Lord's Side?*' was also the title of Christian Watch's new project, which aimed to establish and encourage true Christians, who were prepared to stand firm and witness for the Lord.

Mr. Holland read from Psalm 24 and highlighted from verses 3-6 five points – one who considers, one who is clean, one who is converted, one who is in Christ and one who calls upon God. This was a very solemn and searching address and it exhorted those in attendance to examine themselves to determine if they possessed that which the Scriptures identify as essential God-given qualifications to enable them to rightly claim to be '*On the Lord's Side*'.

The meeting was closed after the singing of the hymn '*I'm not ashamed to own my Lord*' followed by a final prayer by Mr. Michael Hobbis of Christian Watch.

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## The first update on the Campaign:

# “Who is on the Lord's side?”

It has been truly said that the Lord is honoured and glorified when men take a decided stand in His name on the side of righteousness. There is nothing that Satan hates more than when we take that faithful stand on the Lord's side.

It is a call to stand for truth in the earth that is the clarion cry of this campaign. We live in a land where there are many princes on the side of transgression, but few even in the churches with an understanding of the times in which we live. Prov. 28:2.

Therefore this campaign is being planned, under God, as a twofold challenge against these evil days.

### Reparation and Restoration

Namely: to follow two Scriptural precepts and encourage the professing Christian churches to be "*repairers of the breach, and restorers of paths to dwell in*" Isaiah 58:12. Every honest Christian would hopefully agree that, if ever the churches needed restoration and the way of salvation needed to be proclaimed biblically, in clarity and truth, it is surely in these times in which we live.

Before even Christian men can begin to perform this noble task, this same Scripture teaches us that God requires a turning away from mere religiosity and all forms of loose profession, to the keeping and practise of Christ's own commandments.

The Jewish Targum interprets this Scripture in Isaiah as: *'They shall call thee as one that confirms the right way, and converts the ungodly to the law.'*

Whatever we may think of the Targum, this surely is what all they that love God and the way of righteousness seek after.

Therefore, this is a campaign which, not only draws attention to the sad decline of true religion in this land, but will endeavour by the sufficiency of God's grace to encourage others to 'repair the breach.' Also to proclaim the gospel message of a full and free pardon through Christ Jesus to all that believe in Him, and so clear away the briars and nettles of error and uncover the old paths for men to walk in.

Not by legislation or statute will this nation recover its discarded heritage. Only by the power of the Holy Ghost in the foolishness of preaching will men once more be brought to turn from their sins and love holiness.

### **Progress so far**

To this end the Christian Watch campaign has been commenced in the south of England. This has already taken the form of speaking with pastors, existing members and visiting churches and making plain our campaign intentions and inviting as many as possible to join with Christian Watch and, where godly men are willing, to enlist their help and advice.

I hope, by the Lord's grace and will, to hold open air gospel preaching meetings in central towns/cities very soon, while speaking engagements have already been arranged at church meetings. I am also endeavouring where possible to make contact with schools and colleges etc. - culminating in public meetings in convenient locations.

### **Public meeting arrangements**

The first public meeting has been planned for Chichester at the Assembly Rooms, North Street, on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 7pm, to cover the BN and PO postcode areas, followed by another public meeting at Horsham (Convention Hall) on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm, to further our efforts in the RH postcode area.

These are to be followed, in the will of God, with the same campaign methods in Hampshire, Dorset, and, in the New Year, Devon and Cornwall and later moving north.

**N.B. Local Group leaders/organisers are greatly needed to allow the 'follow through' of this work. If able and willing, please contact me on 07702 431 584 or by email at [mjhobbis@christianwatch.net](mailto:mjhobbis@christianwatch.net)**

The aim of this campaign, as has been stated, is to be concerned with the salvation of lost souls, as well as to encourage many in the churches to return to the 'old paths'.

Yes the churches should be doing this themselves, and some faithful few are, but many dear believers have either become entrenched in a 'laager' type mentality, or else have embraced modern methods, false versions of the Scripture, vacuous hymns, the Alpha Course, or worse - having itching ears for novelty - have turned to charismatic false teachers. Bible versions in their confusing profusion are now suffocating the church like the quail around the camp of Israel, and many a man and woman gives that Cain-type formal worship which they consider right in their own eyes.

I recently listened to a pastor in a 'thriving' church preaching a sermon on Nehemiah's prayer in Neh 2:4; which had as its main theme the building of a new extension for the church! To those who cannot see the sadness in this; I can only say that this does but show how far we have fallen.

Brethren, does not the zeal for the Lord eat you up? Will you not join with us in being valiant for truth in the earth? Yes, we do take a lot upon ourselves, in this campaign work: but the alternative is to sit at the gates of the besieged and famished city until we die (2 Kings 7:4).

Truly, God's judgments are abroad in the earth, and the situation would seem more desperate with each passing year; but let us not be found when our Lord returns, like him who despairingly declared: "*Behold this evil is of the Lord: what should I wait for the Lord any longer?*" 2 Kings 6:33.

Michael Hobbis

National Co-ordinator for Christian Watch.

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## THE EAR OF THE KING AND THE FINGER OF GOD

(Gospel Magazine 1876)

If I can but get the ear of the King, I am fully assured "all is well". No matter what the difficulty, trial, care or perplexity, the true breathing God-ward of prayer in the heart is sure evidence of success in the court of heaven. We can set our seal that the testimony given by the Apostle John is true: "*If we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desire of Him*".

Brethren in the Lord, is it not so? Does not experience testify that there are times when by the savour upon our spirit in the act of asking, we know, we become assured, that we have indeed obtained a hearing – that the Lord is bowing down His ear to us? (Psalm 86:1) Boldness and access with confidence ensues, and we are as sure of the answer as if we had it already in our possession. Faith realises a God at hand, and not afar off; so nigh unto us in all that we call upon Him for, that we can bless Him for the very trials that send us so near unto Him. And so sweetly does some word of His living testimony fit in, as it drops into the mind for the occasion, that it seems as if it had been written for that special need of ours, its suitability is so wonderful!

To doubt the issue is impossible; as when the angel did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on (Judges 13:19), so may we, for the Lord will work for us, and we shall hold our peace. Thus, at the time of trial, when all human help seemed to fail, the special rendering of Psalm 18:6, as is found in 2 Samuel 22:7, came with power upon the mind, and the reason why the Holy Spirit suffered the two renderings of the passage to remain was explained by the double force of the expression, "*Did hear my voice; my cry did enter into His ears,*" for the result proved that it "*did*".

Then, while we rejoice at the “*ear of the King*”, we shall stand amazed at “*the Finger of God*” (Luke 11:20). If but the finger be so omnipotent, what is the arm of the Lord? The finger casts out devils; it touches lepers and heals them; it enters deaf ears and loosens dumb tongues – yea, even when about to be led to prison and the cross, touches the ear cut off by the disciple’s sword, and restores it. Let us dwell on these marvellous records, that we may have high views of our God incarnate, having parts like ourselves – an ear! a finger! but both almighty!

“*Bow down thine ear, O LORD!*” Put forth “*the finger of God*” on our behalf and of those dear to us in the flesh and in the Lord.

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