

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matthew 10:42)

"A CUP OF COLD WATER"

ALTAR OF BAAL?

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God gave a promise to Abraham, *"I will bless those who bless you, and whosoever curses you I will curse; and all people on earth will be blessed through you."* Genesis 12:3. Pastor John Torell of the European-American Evangelistic Crusades does not believe this "blessing and cursing" of Israel is applicable in today's world. Somewhere in history the Jews were written off by God and now the church is the Israel of God. In his teaching, America is blessed because of its Christians, not due to its unending friendship with Israel.

Nowhere does the Bible tell you to "pray for the peace of Stockholm", but it does instruct you to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem". Unless there is peace in Jerusalem, there will be upheaval the world over.

No one comprehends or understands the Jew fully. He will not amalgamate with the other nations! They should challenge God's church to do likewise! *"Come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord!"* 2 Corinthians 6:17. But, gentile Christians are being wooed by "ecumenicalism".

Ezekiel 37:3, *"Son of man, can these bones live?"* God told Ezekiel to prophecy over those bones! Ezekiel did not know whether they could live. The vision was explained to him; *"Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel."* Ezekiel 37:11. For over 1,500 years Israel has been nothing but desert, but now, is *"blossoming as the rose"*, Isaiah 35:1. John Torell has Ezekiel's problem over "bones".

The Bible tells the story of a prophet, Balaam, who had the gift of "blessing and cursing". He was not a Jew, but grew up in Mesopotamia. A king, Balak, wanted Israel cursed. Balaam had to tell the king; *"How can I curse that which God has blessed?"* Numbers 23:8.

In 2 Peter 2:15, this prophet's sin is termed *"the way of Balaam who loved the wages of unrighteousness"*. Jude says they *"ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward."* What was "a way", then an "error", became a doctrine in Pergamos. Revelation 2:14. It reveals how false teaching seeps into the church and finally becomes a doctrine from the pulpit.

Balaam could not get his "gift" to curse Israel, but greedy of a reward from a king, gave counsel that would get Israel in trouble with God. *"Behold, those listening to his counsel at Baal-Peor caused the children of Israel to commit trespass against the LORD."* Numbers 31:16.

Spain was once the number one nation on the high seas. She began a persecution of Jews, even boiling them in oil. The defeat of the Spanish Armada by Captain Nelson, soon followed, and England took Spain's place on the seas.

Even when a Jew finds Jesus Christ, he has more brains than to join one of our Heinz 57 varieties of Pentecostalism screaming, "ecumenicalism!"

Diane Sawyer, newscaster, on her prime time television show, told Larry Lea, "There is your problem", pointing out the fact he had only a "three-director show" and no government. W.V. Grant or Larry Lea have not been seen on television since her frankness. She exposed four Dallas-based televangelists. Only Robert Tilton survived, whom she labeled an "ex-hippie". Admittedly, she also said that he was the hardest to convict since he never obtains money for a specific purpose.

Contending for the faith,
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