

## FROM OUR PASTOR

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Sabbath Greetings to Everyone!

It began a few years ago with the removal of Ten Commandment monuments on public properties. This summer many government officials have called for the removal of statues, markers and other monuments that celebrate controversial Civil War era figures from public grounds. Most of the memorials and statues concerned are of Confederate generals and leaders such as Robert E. Lee or Jefferson Davis. There are likely hundreds of such monuments in the United States. The list of such monuments removed is growing daily. Our history and heritage, of which most Americans are woefully ignorant, is rapidly disappearing. In fact it is being intentionally destroyed. Why?

After the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588 the English speaking nations began to spread across the globe and dominate the world such as had not been known since the days of Rome. By the 1800's the sun never set on the British empire. The Anglo Saxon people became established prosperous and powerful nations in North America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and other smaller places. Even though they had faults and weaknesses, the leaders of the Anglo Saxon nations proved to be far superior in character and governing ability than leaders of the vast majority of other nations. As we read their writings it is obvious that they were guided by the Judeo-Christian principles found in the 1611 Bible translated by King James I. For 240 years that power has been used to defeat tyranny and bring peace to the world and freedom for much of mankind.

There is an effort today to evaluate our ancestors based on the "political correct" ideas of 21st century liberalism, as if somehow our modern day culture is superior and we are in a position to disdain those who did not live up to them. As one example, Thomas Jefferson is reviled because he owned slaves who worked on his plantation. When his memory is erased, who will remember that he penned the thirty-six most important and consequential words ever written by the hand of man?

The recent effort to remove statues is only the beginning. Those who want to destroy Western Civilization are gaining steam and will not stop until the entire past of the Anglo Saxon peoples is forgotten. The truth is that much of our heritage has already been lost to memory.

The Anglo Saxons, along with other peoples of Scandinavia and northern Europe, are the descendents of the tribes of Israel. History records their migration from the Middle East to Northern Europe after the fall of Babylon. We have been the recipients of the blessings promised by our Creator to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 15, 26, 28)

and the condition of the tribes of Israel in the end days was foretold in Genesis 49. The British and American peoples have received the promises given to Jacob's son Joseph.

British monarchs have often acknowledged their heritage. Queen Victoria published her ancestry back to King David. King James I even had a coin minted depicting Ezekiel 37:22 and freely referred to himself as "king of Israel." The coronation ceremony of English kings is in almost every detail from the pages of the Bible.

The God of the Bible predicted thousands of years ago that the people of Israel would forget who they are. "Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you." In modern times the "forgetting" of God and His laws has seen terrible results. As the prophet Ezekiel says, "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, therefore you shall bear the penalty of your lewdness and your harlotry. "(Ezekiel 23:35).

Some writers refer to the US, Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and much of Europe as "post-Christian" societies. We see the results. In a few weeks God's people around the world will observe the Feast of Tabernacles. These seven days portray the time when Jesus Christ will rule, all the earth will be at peace, and the nations of Israel will remember their heritage and history. Everything will be so different than what it is today!

"So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel." Ezekiel 39:7.

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