

A review of Milestones 2020

THE VOICE OF MY BELOVED! BEHOLD HE COMETH

2020: the Covid year

At the end of the strangest year that can be remembered for a long time, Milestones 2020 has been written by Brother Don Pearce, reassuring us that God's purpose is still on course. Milestones comprises 100 pages and 16 chapters and is well produced with many maps, tables and illustrations. Coupled with up-to-date information on world events, Brother Don looks at many prophecies to help us understand where we can discern the Divine Hand at work today. It is a thrilling account, especially where the ramifications of COVID19 are concerned. God has used disease (plagues and pestilences) in judgements in the past. The plague on Israel in David's day, killing 70,000 (2 Samuel 24:15-21) was stopped precisely in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, telling us that our God has absolute control over the spread of the tiny virus afflicting the world at present. He has sent it where He wills. Covid has soured trade relations between Australia and China, revealing an aggressive side in China. Australia, America Britain, and India are all strengthening their military forces against China. The Arab Gulf States have seen a slump in the need for oil, due to Covid and other factors and this has caused some of them to make peace with Israel, thus starting to fulfil the prophecy that Israel will be dwelling safely when the Northern Russian Confederacy invades. Covid has, along with American sanctions, pushed Iran to befriend China. Covid has helped to show Britons the true character of the EU in its reaction to sending vaccines to Northern Ireland, and Britain's vaccine procurement, so much more speedy than the EU's, has again shown that Brexit is better for the UK.

Arabs being prepared for the Kingdom

It was good to read the application of the last parable in Matthew 25 to **nations** (though it will have a personal application too) and the concept of sheep and goat nations at the time of the end. In this chapter, Brother Don expounds several prophecies, including the latter-day prophecy of Balaam in Numbers 24. This and the next chapter on the Abraham Accords are excellent. Those Accords were developed during the Presidency of Mr. Trump with his Jewish son in law, and inform us, together with the removal of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, why this rather erratic man came to power. The prophecies concerning the latter-day Philistines are also considered and applied to the Palestinians, who maintain their hatred towards God's people.

Brexit at last

All through the twists and turns of over 5 years of Brexit negotiations, our conviction that Ezekiel 38:13, Isaiah 23:15-18 and Revelation 17:14 necessitated Britain to be apart from the European Union has sustained us. Brother Don looks back on those negotiations, commenting on the steadfastness with which Queen Elizabeth has supported the Commonwealth during her (nearly) 70-year reign. Now that Britain is independent of the EU, many Trade deals have and are being struck with nations all over the world by the energetic Trade Secretary, Liz Truss. Britain has applied to join the 11 nation Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) which includes Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Mexico and Peru. This partnership includes military cooperation as well as trade, to offset China's growing power. CANZUK is a proposed trading area between the old lion of Tarshish (UK) and three of her young lions -Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Britain is behaving like the harlot of Isaiah 23, plying her trading wares to whoever desires them.

Other developments

Israel faces new elections which Mr. Netanyahu hopes to win despite his forthcoming trial. Brother Don surveys how Israel has coped with rocket attacks and how she continues to develop new weapons. COVID hit Israel hard, but her vaccination programme has been the envy of the world, as over 50% of the population has now been immunised. A country still at war with enemies to the north, it is used to being rapidly mobilised for emergencies. **Russia** is to “think an evil thought” before the invasion, and Brother Don considers the ways Russia is being prepared to change its attitude towards Israel, from present co-existence, to being at enmity. **Turkey** and Russia seem to brother Don, to be set on a collision course, with Russia apparently playing a waiting game. The expectation is that Russia will invade Turkey and be in control of the Bosphorus and Istanbul and become the completed Eastern leg of Nebuchadnezzar's Image. There is a very good comment on Daniel 11:40 with a discussion on the 'him' in this verse. **Europe and the Vatican** form the substance of the closing chapters of this excellent Milestones. With Britain out of the EU, there will be changes especially in the sphere of military integration. A new leader of the CDU party in Germany has been elected, and it is likely he will become the Chancellor to replace Mrs. Merkel. The Pope has urged all Europe to stand together, and has issued a new encyclical Fratelli Tutti (All brothers) in which nationalism is decried and a globalist political system is proposed with a central authority. In this, the planning would be done by the Vatican!

An exhortation follows to conclude this wonderful summary of world events showing the guiding hand of our God and His son. It is heartily commended to all those who desire to understand the Prophets and who love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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