

## State Churches through Incorporation and Taxation

*From whence deriveth the church her authority?  
IRS 501(c)(3) or Matthew 28:18?*

By Dr. Greg Dixon

A part of the following was given by Dr. Dixon as testimony before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. in 1983. The chairman was Senator Robert A. Dole (R) of Kansas. Even though Ronald Reagan had been swept into office along with a large number of Republican Senators and Representatives, which allowed the Republicans to control both houses of Congress for the first time in many decades, it obviously meant nothing to the insiders who had only used the Christian Right to get elected because their agenda was still being implemented. This legislation that was at issue here would eventually make the churches, as well as all non-profit organizations, for the first time in the history of America, responsible for the collection and payment of Social Security taxes on those who served in their ministries with the exception of those who are licensed, commissioned or ordained and do sacerdotal duties. It should be noted that this definition does not include New Testament churches including Baptists and other non conformist churches because sacerdotal refers to churches that believe that the ordinances such as baptism and communion are sacraments (saving elements) rather than ceremo-

nial (in memoriam of Christ's death).

Senator Dole asked Dr. Dixon to serve on a committee to see if a compromise could be found that would satisfy the unregistered church pastors, and to meet back in Washington at a later date to give a report. In a few weeks, Pastors Robert McCurry, Everette Sileven Ramsey, Greg Dixon and a few others of the unregistered church leaders met along with many other Fundamental and Evangelical church, denomination and ministry leaders at the Senate office building appointed to give their report. A Dole aide named Carolyn walked into the room and said, "Gentlemen, what have you come to Washington to give us?" There was total silence. Then Bro. Dixon stood and said, "Carolyn, we've not come to Washington to give you anything because the church of the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't belong to us; it belongs to the Him who purchased it with His own precious blood on the cross of Calvary." At that moment, almost instantaneously with one loud crescendo, the entire other side of the room erupted with one voice, "He's not talking for us, he's not talking for us." And obviously he wasn't, because Attorney David Gibbs, Jr. of the Christian Law Association, according to his own testimony, and some other attorneys had worked feverishly behind the scenes and hammered out the plan that a church could have a one-time opt-out opportunity.

But there are two problems with this. The law can be changed in the future, and

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## Toleration Act - License, not Liberty

By Dr. Greg Dixon

In 1983, the Congress amended HR 1900 to exempt churches who were not paying FICA taxes at the time. However, they would have to file Form 8274 with the Federal Government. Thousands of churches did so. However, because to file Form 8274 would be an admission of jurisdiction (Lordship) of the State over the church, the unregistered churches refused to file the form. Not only that, it would be a clear violation of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

But the problem is, Congress can make laws for religious organizations and churches that have given up their God given rights of liberty and are operating as religious organizations (non-profit business organizations) under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Churches that have not specifically filed for the 501 status are also considered exempt at 508(c) under the same code section. If the church is not incorporated, it is considered an unincorporated association by the IRS, and is still subject to all rules and regulations of the IRC. There has to be a clear and definite severing of this umbilical cord, and since the Indianapolis Baptist Temple had severed that cord in 1986 by becoming unincorporated or operating as an unincorporated association, they refused to sign Exemption Form 8274 for the following eleven reasons:

1. It would deny the Lordship of Christ over His church (Ephesians 5:23-24).
2. The IRS has no right to tell a New Testament church its definition of a minister. (Rev. 2:6)
3. The IRS definition of a minister is a

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# 18 Reasons Why I Will Vote for Ron Paul

By Dr. Greg Dixon

He is a Statesman, and not just a politician. He is honest. He believes that life begins at conception. He is a Constitutionalist. He was the only one in Congress to speak up for the Indianapolis Baptist Temple when we were attacked by the IRS. He wants to eliminate the Federal Reserve and return to an honest monetary system. He wants to eliminate the IRS. He wants to reduce government spending and balance the federal budget. He opposes the Iraq War. He opposes President Bush's scheme to merge the United States into a North American Union (NAU) with Mexico and Canada. He will fight the Bush administration efforts to make illegal aliens who have returned to Mexico eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits and oppose amnesty. He opposes the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty (UNLOST). He is a medical doctor and opposes socialized medicine. He is not a member of the Council on Foreign Relations or the Trilateral Commission. He is a proven money raiser at over \$20 Million. He has a clear testimony as a born again believer and has lived a life of Christian service to exemplify his faith. He doesn't insult us by using his religious faith to pander for votes. Ron Paul would be the first to tell you that he is not some miracle worker and that he can only do so much even if elected, and we all know that it will be a miracle if some one with his convictions would win in the present political climate. But folks, this may be the only chance in our life time for a candidate like this, so let's give it all we've got. We owe it to our families, neighbors, friends, churches, and nation. Go Ron Paul!

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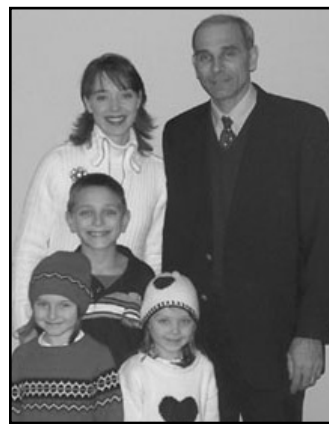
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## Crown of Life Baptist Church Breaks All Records

The old saying, "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform," was never more apparent than on December 2nd when the Crown of Life Baptist Church in Indianapolis set a record with 158 in Sunday School. A six-year-old satellite of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, Crown of Life was started on December 20, 2001, just 8 months after federal marshals seized the Temple property on February 13.



Greg Dzula (47), founder and pastor of Crown of Life, was one of the first graduates of IBT's now-defunct Temple Baptist College, which is also a casualty of its wars for religious liberty. The church started with ten people from IBT in the inner-city East Central area of Indianapolis, which is a high transient, drug infested, poverty stricken, depressed area where hopelessness abounds at every turn. "But God hath chosen through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and the Lord

Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto myself." The approximate forty precious souls that have been baptized is evidence that the old-time saving gospel of Christ still works.

Bro. Dzula, a graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, was 30 years old and starting on his career in a science laboratory when he became convicted of his sin and need of Christ. After listening to Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse and other programs like *Unshackled* over Christian Radio, he got down on his knees in his room and called on the Lord, confessed his sins, and received Christ. Through an uncle in the Patriot movement, he got hold of a *Justice Times*, published by Ajay Lowery, and learned about the unregistered church movement and the Indianapolis Baptist Temple. He came to Indianapolis in 1992, was baptized, and enrolled in Temple Baptist College that fall. After graduation, he married Kim Martin, who had grown up at the Temple, and together they began the inner city ministry. The Dzulas have three children: Isaac 10, Joanna 8, and Alexandra 7.

## Even So Come Lord Jesus

By Dr. Greg Dixon

At the end of the Apocalypse – the Revelation or unveiling of the Lord Jesus Christ – the only thing left for the Apostle John to say, Other than "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen," was "Even so come Lord Jesus." After reading about two events that have taken place since the end of November, I must shout forth the same words.

The first of those events was the joint declaration of eighty Evangelical leaders calling for the division of the land of Israel and a Palestinian State as a solution for a permanent peace solution for the Middle East; and the other was the prophetic bombshell that the European Union has now broken its own promise, and has agreed to have a President over the EU.

As shoppers began to prepare for Christmas during the week of November 27, President Bush called the leading players of the Middle East, including Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, to Annapolis, Maryland for a Middle East peace summit. According to several news sources, the summit will continue with "sustained and focused negotiations throughout 2008." The summit was a great success from the standpoint that the Bush state department had devoted its full diplomatic efforts over the past few months and had put on a full-court press to gather a broad representation of Arab world leaders to join Israeli and Palestinian negotiators for this historic meeting. Saudi Arabia sent its foreign minister along with 40 leaders, many from Islamic states without diplomatic ties with Israel.

The clear goal of the Bush Administration is toward bringing a two-state resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. This in itself is a betrayal of the Christian Right, without whom Bush would not have been elected, and who oppose this position. But even more, it is a betrayal of Israel on the part of the U.S. government, which due to oil interests has been playing both ends against the middle ever since they supported Israel's right to

become a nation in 1948. Various treaties throughout the years have committed the U.S. to the defense of Israel against invasion by enemy forces. In fact, Bush just recently restated his commitment to the defense of Israel in case of an invasion by any nation.

However, the biggest shocker of all is the fact that the Evangelical Christian community, which has been for the most part solidly behind the nation of Israel, is now beginning to turn toward a compromise position on the Middle East as a solution for a lasting peace in the region. The *Jerusalem Post* recognizes this as a "growing rift within the Evangelical Christian community over the degree of support for Israel's biblical right to the lands between the Jordan River and Mediterranean Sea." A day after the summit, the leaders of the three most prominent Jerusalem-based Evangelical ministries told *The Jerusalem Post* that the re-division of the holy city and the surrender of Israel's biblical heartland – an effective reversal of prophecy – are unacceptable concepts for Bible-believing Christians and Jews.

"The sanctity of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish State is something very sacred which has both historical and religious associations for the Jewish people going back thousands of years," said International Christian Embassy Jerusalem director Rev. Malcom Heading. "We view any attempt to divide the city as a tragic wedge that is unacceptable."

Ray Sanders, executive director of Christian Friends of Israel, called Muslim claims to sovereignty over these lands, and especially Jerusalem, "preposterous," and said Israel was doing itself a great disservice by failing to more aggressively counter such allegations.

Influential Evangelicals such as John Hagee and Pat Robertson vigorously oppose any surrender of Israel's biblical birthright to its Islamic foes.

But another group of lesser known American Evangelical leaders who have taken a position previously described as humanist, rather than biblical, are again urging US President George W. Bush to rapidly divide the Land of Israel. In a joint statement released this week, the over 80 Christian college and seminary presidents, denominational heads, and other ministry

leaders declared:

"We...resolve to work for a viable permanent, democratic Palestinian State... We believe that the way forward is for the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate a fair, two-state solution. ...We call on all evangelicals, all Christians, and everyone of good will to join us to work and pray faithfully in the coming months for a just, lasting two-state solution in the Holy Land."

### **Christianity Today Magazine**

*David Neff – posted 12/17/2007*

Evangelical Leaders reiterate a call for a Two-State Solution for Israel and Palestine

Over 80 educators and ministry heads affirm efforts to negotiate lasting peace, and warn of consequences of failure.

With these cautious but hopeful beginnings, over 80 evangelical leaders have signed a statement indicating their belief "that the way forward is for the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate a fair, two-state solution."

These leaders-including Christian college and seminary presidents, denominational heads, and other ministry leaders-pledge their "ongoing support for the security of Israel," and state that "unless the situation between Israel and Palestine improves quickly, the consequences will be devastating" for Israel. Palestinians with little economic opportunity "are increasingly sympathetic to radical solutions."

The full text of their statement and the list of signatories follow.

### **An Evangelical Statement on Israel/Palestine**

As evangelical Christians committed to the full authority of the Scriptures, we feel compelled to make a statement together at this historic moment in the life of the Holy Land.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is near a momentous turning point. The strife has continued-sometimes simmering, sometimes exploding in terrible conflict-for decades.

In the context of our ongoing support for the security of Israel, we believe that unless the situation between Israel and Palestine improves quickly, the consequences will be devastating. Palestinians-especially the youth who have no economic opportunity-are increasingly sympathetic to radical solutions and terrorism. As a result, the threat to Israel's security is now

# Parents Forced to Accept Mandatory Vaccinations

By Katie Riley

"Get your children vaccinated, get an exemption, or face jail time and fines," summed up a decree issued recently in Prince George's County, Maryland. A make-shift clinic at the courthouse gave forced immunizations on the spot, for parents accused of neglecting required school vaccinations. Exemption forms were not included in the "information packets" distributed to the involved parents; they were relegated a back table, and included only "valid" medical or "bona fide" religious immunity.

From their inception, vaccines have been both lauded and disdained. The charts showing disease reduction over the years give only mild credit to vaccination procedures. Although some post-infection vaccines – such as those given when a patient contracts rabies and other viruses – have lead to impressive recovery rates, pre-infection or preventative vaccines have not shown dramatic results in reducing deaths or infections. In fact, for many diseases, death rates were at record lows *before* the introduction of remedial vaccines.

Today our governments are trying to impose forced preventative immunization in some areas. Besides the Maryland incident, the states of New Jersey, New Mexico, California, and Texas have been in the recent news for attempting mandatory vaccination of children.

Prince George's County State's Attorney Glenn Ivey admitted on radio that there is no enforceable law making non-vaccination illegal. It is interesting to note Mr. Ivey has prevented his own children from receiving some of the "mandatory" vaccines. Fox News's report that "A new law was passed last year requiring children from 5th through to 10th grade to have the vaccine," has been contested based on inability to find that new vaccination law. Parents are generally charged with negligence or truancy when their children are refused admittance to public schools due to failure to have up-to-date vaccinations.

Various states have prescribed, or are currently trying to prescribe, a vaccine intended to protect young women against only four of the more than 30 types of HPV, a sexually transmitted disease which can lead to cervical cancer later in life. The targeted age group begins with 9-year-old girls entering the sixth grade. Gardasil, Merck Co.'s brand name of the drug, is the first on the market, claiming it could prevent up to 70% of cervical cancer. Reported side effects include sudden collapse, nausea, seizures, facial paralysis, arthritis, and blood clots.

The edict in Texas to have all girls vaccinated with the HPV drug (deceptively called an anti-cervical cancer drug) was done via the governor's executive order power, although due to public outrage, the legislature later postponed the mandate. The Virginia legislature has passed a law, to be implemented in 2009, mandating the drug for sixth grade girls.

New Jersey, which is now the first state to require flu shots for children as young as preschool, enacted their requirement through a "health advisory board" with approval of the health secretary. It seems that the waters are being tested to find out which route works best to make the "laws" appear legally binding to the public.

The subject of mandatory immunization demands the question, "Could the government legally force you or your child to accept a medical practice to which you do not consent?" The great majority of American families don't have a religious doctrine that forbids injections. Few have court-approved medical reasons to avoid vaccination. Some states do currently allow conscientious objections.

The website *ForcedVaccination.com* tells one Christian family's story of how their newborn had a court-ordered vaccine at a Colorado hospital against their wishes, based on an incorrect medical test, without proper legal or medical representation, in the presence of armed guards to prevent the parents' interference, and under threat of having their child put in state custody.

Some of the required vaccinations, especially those for newborns, reflect the promotion and acceptance of an immoral society. Silver nitrate drops in a newborn's eyes (now replaced by antibiotics) were originated to prevent blindness from gon-

orrhoea; Hepatitis B, like HPV, is primarily a sexually transmitted disease. For a Christian who has remained pure, these vaccinations are simply not needed; there is virtually no chance of contracting the disease unless there has been intimate contact with an infected person, sharing dirty syringes during drug use, or contaminated blood transfusions. In fact, the earliest epidemic of Hepatitis B resulted from *vaccines* which contained contaminated lymph fluids.

China's government routinely performs forced abortions, and our government rewards that country through trade programs. It's obvious the U.S. government isn't outraged at aggressive medical intrusion.

Vaccines often include quantities of potentially toxic methyl mercury, aluminum, phenol, formaldehyde, latex, tissue from aborted babies, glutaraldehyde and/or foreign DNA. All of these have the proclivity to produce adverse reactions. Thimerosal, another vaccine additive, has been accredited by doctors and parents for causing autism in children. All agencies influenced by pharmaceutical money declare it is safe and that no "studies" have proven a connection. Other long-term risks of vaccines can include diabetes, asthma, or sudden infant death syndrome, in addition to autism.

A Chicago toddler acquired a terrible, deeply scarring rash all over his body, requiring a 48-day hospital stay, when his soldier father received a smallpox vaccine prior to deployment, and the family's apartment and belongings had to be completely sanitized.

Mr. Louis Pasteur, the great vaccine pioneer also known for his method of "pasteurization," began human injections with much trepidation. He preferred to be absolutely certain of a vaccine's effects on animals before considering it for people. Big pharmaceutical companies of today appear to prefer doing almost the opposite of that practice. Gardasil, the HPV drug, was FDA approved only 8 months before the executive order regarding its mandatory use. Numerous women have died within hours of being injected.

One State Department of Health declared, "Immunization laws protect everyone." Except, perhaps, the person being vaccinated.

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*filing for the exemption is licensure, plain and simple, which is license-- not liberty -- under the First Amendment, and simply put, an Act of Toleration, which is a violation of the fundamental law of the land, the First Amendment. In other words, it's giving to Caesar His "pinch of incense" and causing the churches to deny that Jesus is Lord. The following is what Dr. Dixon said before the committee.*

Make no mistake about it: "D" day for churches of America is January 1, 1984. Maybe Orwell had the right date after all. On this date, every church in America must register and pay taxes to the Federal Government. Please remember that this has never happened since the founding of our nation more than two hundred years ago.

Starting January 1, 1984, all churches and schools, which are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will be required to pay FICA (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) taxes for each employee who is paid \$100.00 or more in a calendar year.

Be assured, regardless of what it is called, this is a tax. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that it was a tax when it was presented to Congress originally in 1934. Congress admitted that it was a tax when it was passed. The Supreme Court since has declared it to be a tax, and two of the most well known constitutional attorneys of our times in the area of religious liberty have said that this is a tax. David Gibbs has said it over and over again on the Accelerated Christian Education fall tour. Mr. William Ball has said essentially the same thing in a memorandum from his office.

Mr. Ball says, "The principle involved is plainly a tax on religion. Churches and religious schools are not afforded an option to pay, or not to pay, for an insurance program for their employees. The relatively small size of the tax is irrelevant (though to some the burden may be substantial). If religion may be taxed a little, why not greatly? The tax imposes obligations upon religious bodies in respect to the use and management of their own resources and with respect to the personnel of their ministries."

This position paper should not be interpreted as advising anyone as to what he should do in regard to this tax. This paper is for the purpose of clarifying the issues and suggesting some alternatives. It also

explains what some churches are doing in regard to this problem.

To get a proper perspective, let us review the social security issue. Mr. Ball writes:

"In January, 1984, non-profit organizations, including churches and Christian schools, will be swept into social security. Early this year (1983), Congress passed HR1900 which was heralded as the 75-year cure of the nation's sagging social security program. President Reagan has signed the bill into law. Beginning January 1, Christian schools will be required to withhold 6.7% from each employee's salary for social security payments. The Christian school and/or church will, in addition, pay 7% of each employee's salary to social security as well. Understandably, this will have a significant financial impact on many Christian schools that have not participated in the government's social security program."

Of course, many churches would have to borrow money to pay these taxes since most of them do not have it in their budget.

Originally when this issue arose in Congress in 1934, the legislators suggested that it be voluntary for everyone. President Roosevelt said, "No!" In fact, he said that it was to be an involuntary coercive tax. Many of the old line churches asked to be included. Congress was very emphatic. They said, "No, we can't tax God." So they didn't.

In 1951, however, Congress decided that God could be taxed voluntarily. Many churches since then have "opted in" and some who did participate have opted out, and many never were included. Now in 1984, fifty years later, Congress has decided that God can be taxed involuntarily.

Make no mistake about it, the penalties are unbelievably stiff. The pastor or responsible officer could receive a five year prison term or a \$10,000 fine or both, and this is just on one count.

According to Dr. David Gibbs, Esq., there are three principles involved in this matter of taxation. First, the power to tax is the power to control. Secondly, this tax (FICA) is the means by which government provided benefits (subsidy or welfare) and thirdly, a tax is a test of sovereignty.

One state cannot tax another because each is sovereign. God is sovereign; He cannot be taxed.

Many pastors are asking if a church has the scriptural right to refuse to pay taxes. This issue strikes at the very core of the separation of church and State. What can join the church and State more than coercive taxes?

The principle of this division is found in the dawn of history as it is recorded in Genesis chapter 14. Abram paid tithes of all to Melchizedek, King of Salem, and refused the spoils he was offered (though legally) from the King of Sodom.

It is clear that it was the result of a solemn oath that Abram had made to God.

"Abram said to the King of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich." Genesis 14:23,23

Maybe the church of the Lord Jesus Christ should restate this vow again.

The church is not to finance the government, neither is the government to finance the church. A State-financed church is a State controlled church. The pulpit must ever be free to cry out against the king. Nathan said to King David, "Thou art the man" (2 Samuel 12:7). Later, as religious freedom began to die in Israel, prophets were imprisoned or killed for such boldness.

We also see that the Levites were not taxed or conscripted for military purpose (Numbers 1:45-54; Number 18. Note especially verse 24). The tithe was to go to the Levites (Deuteronomy 14:27-29; Joshua 21).

However, I think Ezra 7:24 is as clear as crystal: "*Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom upon them.*"

The New Testament is equally clear in Matthew 28:18-20 and Ephesians 5:21-33. Let's look at some principles in these verses.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the sole authority over the church (Matthew 26:18)
2. The church is under orders from Him alone to disciple, baptize, and teach all things that He has commanded them. (vs. 19,20)
3. If the church will do this, then He promises to be with her to the end (vs. 20)

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4. Paul compares the special relationship of Christ and His church to a man and his wife. What can be closer? (Ephesians 5:21-33)
5. Christ is the Savior of our body (the church), not the State (vs. 23).
6. The church is subject unto Christ, not to the State (vs.24).
7. Christ purchased the church with His own blood (vs. 25). The State can give nothing for the church and should give nothing to the church.
8. The Lord nourishes and cherishes the church. Through the centuries, the State has tried to destroy the church.
9. The church is a living organism with a living head and body. Therefore the church is not a religious organization. It is possible to be a religious or charitable organization without being a church.
10. The church is to be joined unto Christ (vs. 31). The Lord Jesus uses the word cleave in Matthew 19:5.
11. Admittedly, this is a great mystery (vs 32), and in this post-Christian era, it should not surprise us if a world who hated our Lord Jesus Christ should also hate His church (John 16:18-21).

The following is taken from *Baptists and the American Tradition* by Robert C Newman, Regular Baptist Press, Des Plaines, Illinois.

"Pressures upon the New England Bible commonwealth forced gradual changes in their peculiar form of church-State union. Civil magistrates continued to enforce both tables of the law, which meant the regulations of the religious as well as the civil life of the populace. The magistrates were considered the 'nursing fathers to the church,' and as such, they could pass and enforce legislation for tax support of Congregationalism. They could not alter the church's beliefs and worship, a hated memory of the old days in England. But taxation for church support and the trial of heretics were within their domain. Not until 1728 did Puritan New England exempt Baptists, Anglicans and Quakers from taxation for support of the Standing Order." Page 24, paragraph 1.

"Being a strong Baptist and an independent, he (Isaac Backus) took care to ascertain beforehand whether or not the Association would wield any control over his local congregation." Page 33, para. 3.

"Religious taxation was the main issue. Backus was the alert leader in this long con-

trovery. He resorted to newspaper attacks against the proposed Constitution for its failure to eliminate taxation to support congregationalism.

"Backus was a man of principle. He did not simply contest tax support for the established church, but tax support of any religious body." Page 32, paragraphs 1 and 2.

In the pamphlet, [Backus] describes punishments, imprisonments and other assorted persecutions directed at various Separates and Separate-Baptists on the part of the New England oligarchy." Page 36, paragraph 2.

"In 1783 [Backus] wrote A Door Opened for Christian Liberty. In it, he related the persecution of Richard Lee." Page 36, paragraph 3.

". . . [Backus] argues that the Head of the Church is Christ and, since there is no earthly head, then to impose one is unbiblical. . . since the above is true, then a government should not govern in religious affairs . . . [Backus] maintained that the 'end of civil government is the good of the governed.' Page 37, paragraph 1.

"The established clergy held sole right to perform marriages and bury the dead . . . Thus, while Anglican ministers were State supported, they were also State regulated. Beginning in 1662 and continuing for nearly a century afterward, Virginia's General Assembly required ministers to present evidence of ordination by an English bishop." Page 40, paragraph 2.

"The Baptists were the first to enter the war for religious liberty in Virginia." Page 42, last paragraph.

"[The New Light Baptists] were often without formal training and always without government sanction. . . Between 1768 and 1776, the colony imprisoned more than forty Baptist preachers. This was relatively easy since they had no State certification." Page 42, paragraph 3.

"In the Fundamentalist vs. Modernist controversy in the 1920's, the issue was 'Who is Jesus?' The controversy today is 'What is the Church?'"

The true church of the Lord Jesus Christ should not be surprised if one of its greatest antagonists in this struggle is the interdenominationalists and para-church organizations. They believe in a universal, invisible church while the Bible teaches that His

assembly is local and visible.

Who can deny that after January 1, 1984 every church in America will be required to become a State church? According to Dr. Robert McCurry in the August 14, 1983 issue of *The Temple Times*,

"A State church is a church that is recognized by the State, serves the State, provides revenue for the State, and serves a public purpose that is not contrary to established public policy. This is exactly what was decreed for churches of America.

Churches will be registered with the State by tax-identification numbers.

Churches will be producers of revenue for the State by paying taxes 'to assure the solvency of the Social Security Trust Funds.' Taxable organizations are answerable to the government - open to the inspection and dictates of the government.

Churches will be agents of the State by confiscating and remitting to the State taxes that the State has ordered the church to confiscate from the remuneration of church employees.

Churches will be servants of the State by keeping records for and remitting records to the State.

Of course, this is just the beginning. The full impact of what will be imposed on the churches is yet to be seen. Once a state church has been decreed, the door is open to an endless number of impositions."

A Christian attorney in Indianapolis has compiled a list of forty-one different areas of conflict between the church and State today. (Ed. These are listed on page 50 in *The Trail of Blood Revisited* and is available through *The Trumpet*). No wonder over 8,000 Christians and churches are currently on trial in America.

In a recent court trial, a pastor was asked by a prosecutor if his church used toilet paper. When the obvious had been established, the State tried to enforce interstate commerce laws against the church when it was showed that they had brought the paper over State lines.

Dr. McCurry also relates the following in the December 12, 1982 issue of *The Temple Times*:

"Several years before his death in 1976, which would be the early 70's, and long

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Roman Catholic definition. (Rev. 2:16)

4. We would have to admit that a religious organization and a church are the same thing. (Eph. 4:4)

5. We must admit that we are a not-for-profit business organization. (1 Cor. 12-14)

6. We must say that we have employees, not ministers. (Eph. 4:12)

7. We must admit that we are not opposed to taxing the church. (Eph. 5:23, Mt. 22:21)

8. It automatically makes the church an agent of the State. (2 Cor. 6:14)

9. It opens the church records automatically to the State. (Eph. 5:22)

10. There are no regulations written, which means that we would be signing a blank check. (John 7:24)

11. The Blood-bought Church of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot participate in a tax scheme that is a hoax and a fraud. (Ex. 20:15)

The proof that the IBT case was not a tax case is the fact that on November 13, 2000 – which was just one day before the deadline that Judge Sarah Evans Barker had given the congregation to vacate the church property – Federal Prosecutor Doug Snoyenbos called IBT Attorney, Al Cunningham, and told him that if the church would only sign Form 8274, Judge Barker would vacate the order. In essence, Al told the same thing our brave troops told the German commander at the Battle of the Bulge: "Nuts!", and the 92-day siege was on. Why should our church settle for toleration when our Baptist forefathers had paid the price for liberty, and the First Amendment had never been rescinded? We were not the lawbreakers; the Judge that gave the order was. We must ever remember that when Patrick Henry saw the Baptist preachers of Virginia's bleeding backs simply because they refused to preach without a license he didn't say, give me TOLERATION or give me death.

One of the criticisms of IBT has been that the tax we were protesting was not the same as our colonial forebears because theirs was a "religious tax." The fact is, it was the same identical issue that the Baptists and other non-conformist churches faced in the colonial days of our nation. They were forced to pay taxes for the upkeep of the state churches and clergy, which were called "religious" taxes. However, just because the tax was being used for religion didn't make it right; it was still a tax. And regardless of what the tax would be used for, it is still unbiblical,

unconstitutional and immoral for the United States of America to tax a church for any reason. The preachers and church people who took the side of government on this issue and have not repented will have to face Christ and our congregation at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

It is also important to remember that even the states at that time didn't have the audacity to send a tax bill to an individual church for the payment of these taxes, but rather to individuals. Now no one questions, for the most part, the individual tax for the indirect upkeep of the churches and clergy in the form of tax-exemption. But now we have the direct subsidy in the billions that is going into the Faith Based program, which is not only unconstitutional but totally unbiblical and too beyond grossly immoral, and is nothing more than Republican welfare for the Christian Right.

### **The History of the Toleration Act**

During the nightmare of the Dark Ages, approximately a million Ana-Baptist martyrs had gone to their deaths down the Trail of Blood carved out by the "Holy" Roman Empire, as represented by the Papal Church (Catholic). The Ana-Baptists, Quakers, and other non-conformists still had to endure more bloodthirsty torture from the followers of Zwingli in Switzerland, Luther in Germany, Calvin's Presbyterians, and the Anglicans in England. Finally came some respite from the English Parliament on May 24, 1689 when they passed what would be known as "An Act for Exempting their Majestyes Protestant Subjects dissenting from the Church of England from the Penalties of certaine Lawes." The Act granted freedom of worship to Nonconformists, which included Protestants who dissented from the Church of England such as Baptists, Congregationalists and Quakers, but not to Catholics. It allowed Nonconformists "their own places of worship and their own teachers and preachers, subject to acceptance of certain oaths of allegiance, etc..."

In other words, Baptists and others could worship God – if they obtained an "exemption" by proving that they were worthy by meeting certain conditions and taking certain oaths of loyalty, etc. This is what the Lord Jesus commanded against in the matter of taking oaths at Matthew 5:24.

What Congress has done in the case of this Form 8274 is the same thing that all exemption schemes are, and that is an Act of

Toleration or Licensure – but not Liberty. This is what our founding fathers delivered us from when they gave us that Baptist amendment, the First Amendment. It then became the model for each of the states that later followed suit by throwing off their State Church system, except Rhode Island. Rhode Island was the freest state at the time of the founding of the nation and had to make very few changes in their state constitution, which already reflected the Baptist model.

Even though the pastors and congregation of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple have been vilified by secularists and religionists of all stripes, including our own fundamental Baptist brethren, there is an abundance of evidence that we have stood in the tradition of the scriptures and history of our Baptist forebears. Following are a few from the pages of the past.

### **Accounts From the Diaries of Isaac Backus**

In the 1700 pages of the Diaries of Isaac Backus, there are many examples explaining the illegal taxation of Baptists as they were forced to support the various state churches in the colonies. In the entry of January 31, 1796, the man of God penned these words: "Elder Abner Lewis and Wm. Eldridge came here from Harwich last night, and informed me, that about eight men in the south parish in Harwich, voted a large tax for their minister, and taxed all the Baptists to pay it even 175 men: and the first day of last December they seized six men for it, and carried five of them to prison." While pastoring in Harwich, Elder Abner Lewis was often in prison for refusing to pay the church tax for the support of the Congregational pastor.

An account in Backus's hand writing entitled "Harwich oppression, 1795," lists the names of 18 persons whom, on December 1, 1795, were carried to Barnstable Jail for a parish tax."

### **Accounts of Persecution of Baptists in Colonial Virginia**

In 1774 in Virginia, James Madison declared, "That diabolical, hell-conceived principle of persecution rages among some. . . . There are at this time in the adjacent county not less than five or six well-meaning men in close jail for publishing their religious sentiments, which in the main are very orthodox. . . . So I must beg you to . . . pray for liberty of conscience for all."

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The fight for religious liberty in America extended from the early 17th century to the early 19th century. Of the various religious sects in America, Baptists were the most persecuted, and thus became the most vocal advocates of religious liberty, taking the lead in the establishment of religious liberty first in Virginia, and then at the federal level.

Persecutions included (actual quotes from various court records): "pelted with apples and stone; ducked and nearly drowned by 20 men; commanded to take a dram, or be whipped; jailed for permitting a man to pray; meeting broken up by a mob; arrested as a vagabond and schismatic; down and hauled about by hair; tried to suffocate him with smoke; tried to blow him up with gun powder; drunken rowdies put in same cell with him; horses ridden over his hearers at jail; dragged off stage, kicked, and cuffed about; shot with a shot-gun; ruffians armed with bludgeons beat him; severely beaten with a whip; whipped severely by the Sheriff; hands slashed while preaching."

### **Culpeper Persecution**

The minister Samuel Harriss encountered most of his opposition in Culpeper County, Virginia. The state-supported church of Virginia angrily persecuted any opposition in that area. Harriss was the victim of violence on more than one occasion in Culpeper. Once as Harriss attempted to preach, he was told by the leader of a gang that he could not hold a meeting. When the congregation objected to this interruption, a fight broke out. Fearing that Harriss might be injured in the melee, his friends spirited him away to a house and posted a guard at the door. Supporters of the state church followed, however, battered down the door, and would have beaten the Baptist preacher if he had not been rescued.

On another occasion when Harriss was conducting a meeting, a mob appeared carrying sticks, whips, and clubs. To avoid a brawl with state church followers, Harriss moved his meeting to another place. Harriss was opposed by both the lawless and the law for preaching the Baptist gospel in Virginia. He was arrested for disturbing the peace and was charged with being "a vagabond, a heretic, a schismatic, and a mover of sedition everywhere." "Disturbing the peace" was the usual charge made against Baptist preachers in Virginia for preaching without

a license from the state church.

### **Jailed for Preaching, Baptist Survived Two Attempts on Life**

Of all the cases of religious persecution in colonial Virginia, none was more violent than that involving James Ireland, a Baptist preacher.

While Ireland, a fearless crusader against the state church of Virginia, was held for five months in jail, two attempts were made on his life. Once his cell was blown up with gunpowder. On another occasion, the jailer attempted to poison the Baptist. Both times Ireland escaped unharmed.

While Ireland was in Culpeper County jail, crowds gathered outside his cell window to hear the Baptist gospel. Once, authorities rode horses into the crowd, trampling, beating, and threatening Ireland's listeners. Ireland was arrested by sheriff's deputies while preaching from a tabletop in an outdoor service. The meeting was being held at the home of a Baptist layman, who warned Ireland that authorities might try to break up the meeting. To protect the layman Ireland asked to be shown his property line. There Ireland set up a table straddling the property line and preached from the tabletop, so that he was no more on the layman's property than anyone else's. "Before the service," Ireland said later, "I sat down and counted the cost of liberty or prison. Having ventured all on Christ, I determined to suffer all for him."

Ireland was accused of preaching without authority from the state church of Virginia. He was released after a lawyer pointed out that he was charged with violating laws that had been repealed seventy years before. In spite of torture, abuse, and insults during his unlawful imprisonment, Ireland's spirit was unbroken. In addition to preaching from his cell window, he wrote letters of encouragement to friends addressed "From My Palace in Culpeper." (The source for these accounts came from the internet at Google - Persecution of Baptists during Colonial America.)

### **The Stafford Case**

(Backus Diary)

The Rev. Noah Alden was a third generation descendent of the venerable John Alden of Mayflower Pilgrims, and was a part of the Mayflower Compact. By the time of this account in 1765, he had become a Baptist and was pastor of the Separate

Baptist Church in Stafford, Connecticut. Alden was a great Revivalist and reached a frivolous young man named Beil Ledoyt for Christ who also became an outstanding preacher of the gospel. In 1766 fifteen were baptized and formed a Baptist church at Woodstock, CT which was presided over by Ledoyt. These Baptists met with much opposition from the authorities for refusing to pay "religious taxes;" that is for refusing to pay into the common state treasury for the upkeep of the Congregational church and the salary of the Congregational minister. The case became known as the "Stafford Case." Many were imprisoned. In early times a law was made, which subjected all to parish taxes who could not show certificates of their being in connection with some dissenting party. This law remained in force for, with little variation, over sixty years. The Baptists and Quakers were the only denominations exempted until 1756, when the same privileges were granted to other dissenters provided that they attended church and paid their due proportion or they would be taxed.

A number of Baptists in Stafford had united with a church in Wellington, under the care of Elder Lillibridge from Rhode Island. It was a great distance and the road was rugged, so they didn't meet as often as they would like or the law required. The Presbyterians in Stafford, to pay the expense of a new meeting house, taxed them all - seized their goods, and disposed them at public sale. The brethren then set about seeking redress; commenced an action against the distrainers for their goods, damages, &c. The affair went through two courts: In the second, the counsel for our brethren plead, that they were Baptist sentimentally, practically and legally. The Judge, who was an Episcopalian, and not too inclined toward the predominant party in power, asked how long a man who was a Baptist sentimentally, practically and legally had to stay home to become a Presbyterian. The Judge's logic had the same effect on the whole court, as it must have upon we who are reading the case and the Baptists won."

This is but one example of how the Baptists, up and down the Eastern seaboard and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico carried the day for religious liberty until they hammered out the First Amendment in the federal constitution, and finally saw the

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state churches dismantled in all of the states of the Union and saw religious liberty clauses imbedded in every state constitution.

However, approximately four or five generations ago, our preacher fathers gave up the liberty that they enjoyed that was guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, and began to operate their churches through the exemption system -- which is licensure, not liberty. What began as a trickle has now reached flood tide. Property tax exemption, personal property tax exemptions, zoning variances, and the beat goes on. This is not liberty; it is toleration. Toleration is nothing more than government saying that God's representatives have the right to ask for a privilege and government has the right to say no if they so desire. And quite often a big NO is their desire.

There is only one hope and that is for pastors and congregations to have a new birth of liberty in the heart and begin saying NO to Caesar when he comes calling. We must always remember that liberty dies in the heart before it dies in the head. We need a new burst of freedom in our hearts.

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greater.

Likewise, the threat to America's national security is greater. Because so many of the world's 1.3 billion Muslims see America through the prism of Israel-Palestine, the longer the current situation continues, the more likely it is that anti-American attitudes, policies, and terrorist activities will increase dramatically among Muslims worldwide.

As evangelical Christians, we believe our faith compels us to speak a word together at this crucial moment.

The Bible clearly teaches that God longs for justice and peace for all people. We believe that the principles about justice taught so powerfully by the Hebrew prophets apply to all nations, including the United States, Israel, and the Palestinians. Therefore we are compelled to work for a fair, negotiated solution for both Israelis and Palestinians. We resolve to work diligently for a secure, enduring peace and a flourishing economy for the democratic State of Israel. We also resolve to work for a viable permanent, democratic Palestinian State with a flourishing economy that offers economic opportunity to all its people. We

believe that the way forward is for the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate a fair, two-state solution.

We are encouraged that the Israeli and Palestinian governments have officially endorsed a two-state solution and that polls demonstrate that solid majorities in both Israel and Palestine embrace this path.

We call on all evangelicals, all Christians, and everyone of good will to join us to work and pray faithfully in the coming months for a just, lasting two-state solution in the Holy Land. We call on all involved governments to work diligently toward this goal. And we covenant to pray for the leaders of all the nations engaged in this effort, hoping for them the blessing of our Lord, who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

As we work and pray, we are strengthened by the truth that Christ will return some day to complete his victory over sin and injustice, and we are empowered by the knowledge that until He comes again, He summons us to support the things that promote peace and justice for everyone in the Holy Land.

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Wiley Drake, formerly 2nd Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Convention and Senior Pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park, California, issued a statement immediately saying, "These so called Evangelical leaders have proven in the past that they are not really evangelicals. They are ungodly wolves in sheep clothing. They are not Biblical evangelicals as this anti-

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God anti bible stand so indicates. May God still their lying tongues."

There is no question that the surge of history is for the parting of the land and the establishing of this Muslim Arab state within this 4000 year old land of Israel where there has never been one before. Virtually the entire international community met Monday December 17, which included 90 nations and global organizations, for a post-Annapolis 'donors' conference garnering \$7.4 billion -- which was \$2b over their goal, they were so enthusiastic over the idea of a Palestinian State. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner exulted at the "massive" monetary response, saying it could only take place at Israel's expense. George W. Bush and his secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, who have made birthing Palestine the top foreign-policy goal of Bush's final year in the White House, unashamedly pressured the conference attendees to give big. Rice said their financial support "literally" amounted to the Palestinian Arabs' "last hope." The U.S. contribution was \$555 million of taxpayer's money. (Source: *Jerusalem News Wire* - Dec. 22)

While not sharing with some the erroneous doctrinal positions espoused by some pro-Israel supporters – that Jews are under special covenantal relationship with God and do not have to be saved by the blood of Jesus, or replacement theology that the church is Israel, or John Hagee's new erroneous teaching that Jews are not to be targeted for evangelism nor his mission of raising millions of dollars to bring Jews to Israel – I do believe for many reasons that Israel has a right Biblically and legally to a national homeland without being harassed by the nations around them. I might add to this list the silly idea that speaking out against Jewish sin or the false doctrines of Judaism is Anti-Semitism. The church of Christ must keep a balanced position on the Jews as was taught by the Apostle Paul. They are our enemies for the Gospel's sake, but beloved for the Father's sake (Rom 11:28). I also believe that once the U.S. entered voluntarily into treaties with Israel that they are honor bound to keep those treaties regardless of the shifting winds of economic and social forces. The Abrahamic Covenant is still in effect in this regard, and God will hold America accountable, as He has held

other nations accountable in the past. I also believe that the following scriptures not only show that the events that are swirling around us show the dramatic fulfillment of prophecy, but also spell the death knell of our beloved land if we continue to pursue the course that we are on.

When Israel became a Nation in 1948 it was the budding of the fig tree (Matt. 24:32) and the beginning of the end of the times of the Gentiles (Lk. 21:24) that began in 606 B.C. when Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and carried the Jews into Babylon. It was also clearly the fulfillment of the Nation born in a day prophecy of Isaiah 66:8. Jerusalem will continue to be trodden down of the Gentiles until the end of their time. That time is coming to a close, but will not come until the last Roman ruler, the Anti-Christ comes to rule (Rev. 13:1-8) and persecutes Israel, of whom a remnant will be back in the land, along with Christian believers (Rev. 7:13-17). The final end of the Gentiles will take place when the Beast (Anti-Christ) and his armies gather all nations for the battle of all battles which is to destroy the last pocket of resistance to his reign over the whole earth and that is the land of Israel and Jerusalem which he aims to make the capitol of the world when Christ returns in glory with his saints from heaven which is called Armageddon to thwart his grandiose plans. (Matt. 24:29, 30; Rev. 16:12-16; 19:11-21).

After that, His feet will once again touch the Mt. of Olives from where He ascended into heaven and a great earthquake will split the Mount. There will be a Judgment of Nations, in which Christ will bring the heads of the nations to the Valley of Jehoshaphat to judge them as to their treatment of the nation of Israel (Joel 3:2, 12) (Matt. 25:31- 46).

These so-called Evangelical leaders, and others who will follow will, no doubt, have great influence on this and future administrations, as the nation of Israel will become more and more isolated over the price of oil. Remember those poignant words, "...and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine" (Rev. 6:6d). The Arab nations will continue to use oil as a bargaining chip for our support for them against Israel. The American people, including the best church members in most Fundamentalist churches, will dump

Israel so quick when their jobs and gasoline is at stake that it will make them but a distant memory. The scriptures are clear: the Anglo Nations do not come to the aid of Israel when attacked by Russia and her Allies; they merely lodge a protest with the United Nations (Ezek. 38:13). This means that America is either weakened militarily or economically, or possibly both; we are rendered a paper tiger when it comes to keeping our military alliances with Israel.

All of this simply means as a nation we have played the fool. Zechariah the prophet said that God will make Jerusalem a "cup of trembling" for all people that burden themselves with it and that they will be "cut to pieces." In context it refers to those nations that come against Israel in the siege when all the nations come against them; but in essence the siege has already begun. Our President is leading the way in the effort to get Israel to compromise by dividing of the land into the two-State model, which will not work, but will only lead to the seven year peace Covenant that the Anti-Christ will confirm when he comes into power at the beginning of the Week (Tribulation Period of seven years) (Dan. 7:27).

Now let's look at the scriptures in reference to what's taking place right before our eyes. Please note clearly this plan will be initiated with the Jewish Temple being rebuilt on the Temple Mount, with the Mosque of Omar and the Golden Dome (Moslem) possibly still in place. *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months* (Rev 11:1).

I don't think there is any question that Jerusalem will be divided into a Moslem sector, a "Christian" (Catholic) sector giving them access to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and a Jewish sector. However, God is not pleased because the prophet Joel said, "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among

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the nations, and parted my land. (Joel 3:2).

Even though the leadership of our nation may play the fool in the way they treat God's earthly people, the Jews – and by this term I include all the tribes of Israel – individuals are still responsible for their own acts, as in the case of Corrie Ten Boom in the Netherlands and many others who have been persecuted by oppressive regimes for aiding not only unbelieving Jews and but also believers. Even though Jews are sinners and must come to Christ in order to be saved in this present dispensation, as a race of people they are still under a special covenant of protection according to Moses as recorded at Leviticus 26:44,45 - "And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD" (26:44,45) "I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:" (Ps 89:20) "His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever; and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." Ps. 89:29-37)

God is not obligated to save the Jew because he is a Jew, but He is obligated to preserve the Jewish race as He said He would. The promise He made to them through the prophet Jeremiah has never been abrogated, and never will be – any more than his promise of eternal security through the blood of Christ to the believer. *Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,*

*which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD (Jer 31:35-37).*

*And when He returns, He will gather them from the four corners of the earth and bring them back to their land (Matt. 24:31). Paul said that those He preserves who are still living when He returns, He will save them every one (Rom. 11:26a).*

*And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends (Zec 13:6)*

*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful (Re 17:1-14).*

Will this new President be the man that will make the covenant that the Anti-Christ will confirm for one week (seven years) when he comes into power? We don't know, but we do know that the scriptures are true that say: "For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly saying peace when there is no peace" (Jer 8:11).

*"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1Th 5:3).*

**Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. (Mt 24:44)**

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before, there emerged the type of persecution of the church and its ministries in America by the government as is now so visible, Baptist evangelist B.B. Caldwell made the following prediction in a sermon entitled, 'Seven World-Shaking Events Soon to Come to Pass.'

"I predict that the final oppression of Christianity will start with taxation. . . there will be universal taxation. This will start with a series of independent churches and missionary associations, thereby casting a shadow upon their integrity and raising doubts in the minds of their contributors as to the validity of their ministry.

"The government will haul ministers of the Gospel into court on alleged tax irregularities and challenge ministerial authority of independent ministers of the Gospel. The government will get rid of independent ministers, churches, and associations, and a State church will be set up."

Notice in this amazing prediction the connection between taxation and a State church. The danger of such a State church may be more real because many preachers and laymen in the United States either do not know what a State church is, or do not care. Christian Law Association attorney David Gibbs stated that there is probably a widespread feeling that State church implies uniformed guards conducting the church services. And because that seems so unlikely, the fear of a State church is often minimized.

Exactly eighteen years later after HR 1900 was passed, federal marshals seized the church property and turned it over to a receiver, and it was sold to the Cristel House Foundation, which established a Charter School on the property. Please see also the article entitled "Toleration Act – License, not Liberty" on page 1 of this issue of *The Trumpet*.

### Dr. Dixon at Freedom's Phoenix

Dr. Greg Dixon now has another outlet to inform the public about the church incorporation issue, and other issues important to the unregistered church.

He has been invited to submit editorial columns to one of the most successful online publications, Freedom's Phoenix.

Go to [www.freedomspheenix.com](http://www.freedomspheenix.com), then click on the "Editorials" button across the top, then scroll down to find his most recent column. All previous columns can also be accessed by clicking on his name.

## UPDATES

**Mrs. Wanda Dixon** is enjoying better health than in several years after spending nearly the entire month of November at the Naples Florida Central Hospital for atrial fibrillation and congestive heart problems. She and Dr. Dixon are spending Christmas in Phoenix with their youngest daughter Jennifer and husband Eric and four grandchildren. They wish to thank all who prayed for her during those trying days.

**Sam Adams** asks for prayer for 19-year-old daughter Angela, who has undergone spinal fusion surgery for scoliosis. Due to problems with previous attempts, this is her seventh surgery since age 15. Due to after-effects of the drastic surgery, she is currently suffering severe asthma attacks, weight loss, and pain in her left leg.

**Robert & June Patenaude**, missionaries to China, report that infant granddaughter Annabeth Pranger is home from the hospital in Cleveland, although she requires ongoing medical treatment for a rare muscle condition that continues to baffle doctors. Annabeth's parents Amos and Liberty are on deputation for a mission to Russia, following in the footsteps of Amos' parents Jim and Laura, who served many years there. They plan to take Annabeth with them. The Prangers may be contacted through Cleveland Baptist Temple, 4431 Tiedman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44144.

**Prison evangelist Ken Barber** is planning a trip to Kenya, Africa as soon as he raises the necessary funds. He will be ministering in 6 prisons during the 9-day trip. Contact him at Grace Outreach, 6120 7th Street, Bay City, Texas 77414 or valient4truth@graceoutreach.net.

## UBF MEETING

### Spring Regional Meeting

**Monday & Tuesday - May 5 & 6**

Host Church: **Heritage Baptist Church**

Host Pastor: **Jim Grove**

Loganville, Pennsylvania

717-428-1765 or email: [Impgo@nfcd.net](mailto:Impgo@nfcd.net)

Tickets are available for a live production of "Daniel" at the renowned Sight & Sound theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, May 7. Notify Pastor Grove ASAP if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

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**Indianapolis Baptist Temple**

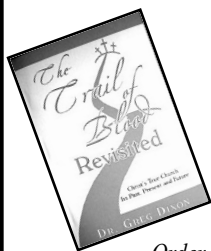
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### And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears by Dr. Bill Hathaway

Dr. Bill Hathaway started the Precious Memories Support Ministry after his dear wife Dixie went to be with the Lord. He then wrote this book to help, encourage and comfort those who are or have experienced the deep valley of the departure of their spouse. The book attempts to answer all questions people ask such as "The Why Question," "In Light of Romans 8:28, What Good Can Come Out of This?" "Will We Know Each Other in Heaven?" "Have All My Friends Forgotten?" and more.

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