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The First World Order

He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by his discretion (Jeremiah 10:10-12).

As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world'** (Hebrews 4:3).

Having established in the last article that the end of God's plan is to raise up a family for himself, I will now look at the period from Adam to Abraham. We will see how God's plan begins to unfold. In Creation, God showed his time table by working six days and resting on the seventh. On the sixth

All created for God's pleasure. day God had finished all his work and yet there was another day in the creation. The rest day was as important as the work day for it was a prophecy of the plan. God's work will last for six thousand years and for the seventh thousand God will stop working and rest, but he will have handed the kingdom to his son for this one thousand years. When the father is resting the son will be reigning. The son will then hand the kingdom back to the father and God will be all in all. God will create a new heaven and earth and his work will be finished. The plan will be complete and God will settle down with his family for eternity – not the absence of time, but endless time.

'Then comes the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power ... when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, **that God may be all in all'** (from 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

'God did rest the seventh day from all his works ... seeing therefore it remains that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: **There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.** For he that is entered into his rest, he

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also has ceased from his own works, as God did from his' (from Hebrews 4:3-10).

I am mentioning the fact that Jesus will finish the last thousand years of the work, to show that God already had Jesus and his bride in his



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plan before creation. The son of God and his bride were in God's mind before the man Israel was born, or his seed became a nation. The ultimate plan is about God's family, and this includes a bride for his Son. Everything else is a means to that end; including the law and the prophets and the nation of Israel. It is necessary to have a wife in order to have a family, and so it is with God – he needed a wife so that he could sire a son!

The Compassion of Adam

Adam and Eve speak of Christ and his bride. Adam was not deceived when he took the forbidden fruit. He ate it so that his wife would not be cut off from him. Eve, who was seduced, would have been cut off from the tree of life and Adam would still have had access to it. Eve would have been banished from the garden forever whilst Adam would still have had communion with God in the garden. So Adam, knowing what he was doing, willingly ate of the forbidden fruit for the love of his wife. Such is the power of a woman!

'... **Adam was not deceived**, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression' (1 Timothy 2:14).

This was all to prophesy that Christ, the second Adam, would willingly partake of the sin of the world to win his bride, so fulfilling the prophecy of the first few chapters of the plan.

Adam was put to sleep so that his bride could be taken out of his side and then be presented to him. So also Christ was buried (death being

The First
Kingdom
was Ruled
by Adam

only sleep to God), so that his bride could be formed and he is at this moment waiting for his bride to be presented to him. History is now in the process of finally bringing it all to pass. We are in momentous times in world history when the culmination of this plan will be unfolded. Christians, you are indeed a very blessed and privileged people.

The first world order was God's and he established it, but Adam was asked by God to rule over this kingdom. Adam was told to have dominion. That implied a kingdom – the king's domain. It was God's creation and God's earth but the kingdom, the system and order, was ruled by Adam.

'... and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and **have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth**' (Genesis 1:28).

'For God is the **King of all the earth**: sing praises with understanding' (Psalm 47:7).

When Adam sinned he still had the mandate to rule God's physical creation but he had now handed his right to govern 'The World' – that is all systems and order – to Satan. Satan now became the god of this world.

'In whom **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them' (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Satan, ever since that time, has been establishing his complete domination of this world's thinking and wisdom by means of fashion, music, culture, politics, finance, and all religions. God has held him back and confused Satan's plan many times from Babel onwards, but his order always starts again and one day soon it will succeed. Satan, through Antichrist, will be worshipped as God, and sit in the seat of God – the temple in Jerusalem – and prove that he is God.

'Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**' (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

He will be helped by the 'False Prophet' who will bring fire down from heaven and deceive the world by the miracles that he has power to do. This is all part of God's plan as we shall see as I progress through history.

'And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell

Satan Still
the God of
This World.

in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he does great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men' (Revelation 13:11-13).

God completely defaced his first creation by water because of the violence of man. The blood that was shed corrupted God's creation and it was purged by water – God started again, but not with a new creation. There was no new world order after the flood for Satan was still the god of this world. God made a covenant with Noah and his sons that they should have dominion over his creation, but not the world system. It was not a new covenant for it was the same wording that he made with Adam.

'And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moves upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; **into your hand are they delivered**' (Genesis 9:1-2).

God did make a new covenant with the earth, and one day all creation, including the animal

kingdom, will be redeemed.

'I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you **and every living creature of all flesh**; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh' (Genesis 9:15).

'For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has **subjected the same in hope**, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that **the whole creation** groans and travails in pain together until now' (Romans 8:20-22).

Only a few years after the flood Satan tried to establish his world order in the plain of Shinar. This was the beginning of the counterfeit worship system – Babylon. It does not matter where the physical Babylon is, for wherever there is alternative worship to God, then that is 'Spiritual Babylon'. Cain had left the presence of God and he created his own environment.

**Babylon is
Established**

Leaving the presence of God will always make us gravitate towards spiritual Babylon for we are compelled to worship by fact of our humanity. Everyone is made not only with the capacity to worship, but also with the compelling urge. If we take our spirit away we could be free from worship, but to do that would be to die. It is impossible to live without worship. We only have the choice of who or what it will be that we worship.

If we don't worship the creator then we will worship something created. If we leave God's presence we will worship another god – there is only one alternative and it is Satan.

'And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch' (Genesis 4:16).

From the seed of Cain we have the roots of all the tools Satan uses to seduce people into his one world order, spiritual Babylon. Culture, commerce, and music are the basic elements of this system.

'And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and **of such as have cattle**. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such **as handle the harp and organ**. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, **an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron**' (Genesis 4:20-22).

After the universal flood, God confused the languages and scattered the people throughout the world (see Genesis 11:1-9), and only in this period in history, almost six thousand years later, is the world almost able to universally converse with each other. The counterfeit religion had now been established and it has lasted until this present time. It will end only when the seventh angel sounds the last trump, and Jesus, the second

Adam, returns to set up his kingdom. Only then will the kingdoms of this world finally become the kingdoms of Christ.

'And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever' (Revelation 11:15).

**The Good
Seed
of Seth**

From the good seed of Seth, who was the replacement for Abel, men began to call on the name of the Lord; this is true worship. There were now two worship systems for man to choose from and this ended the first stage of God's plan.

'And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD**' (Genesis 4:25-26).

Now God could start the next stage of his plan and produce a remnant out of his people who would become a bride for his son and Abram (Abraham) was the first person to be called out of Babylon for this purpose.

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Project INDIA

Letter from Anurag Jaikumar

Dear and precious Brother Maurice and Sister Joanna,
Greetings in the precious name of Jesus from all of us here in
India.

As you must have heard or read in the news, there is a great persecution going on here in India against the Christians. Not far from where we are, the Hindu radical forces have overrun the Christian population of entire towns and villages. Almost 700 people have been killed so far. The radical groups have openly said that they will kill 200 Christians in the next 200 hours. The violence is slowly spreading our way. Please pray that the Lord sends his angels to protect us and the pastors and saints in different places of our state.

We love you and you are in our prayers.

Photos of the destruction caused by Hindu extremist attacks in India.



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Surakat has been on another trip to Kaduna to feed the children and encourage those who are looking after them. He also took medicines and gifts for the children. We are hoping

that this is the last trip he will go on before the orphanage is finished and we bring the children to Lagos and safety.

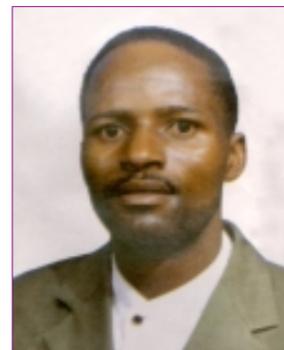
We are nearing the amount needed to finish the wiring and ceiling on the first floor and then we will raise the money to put the windows in and purchase the furnishings needed. If you can support us in this work, please send donations payable to Barratt Ministries (Nigeria). Address on page 8.



Surakat & Nike Nuradeen



The work on the orphanage is continuing to progress. We are now up to the roof level. Frank, Louise, and the children are waiting patiently to get into their new home. Next issue will feature photos of the orphanage.



Frank Musoke

Report from Rwanda

This Christmas we collected money to send to our friend, Pastor Moise Bukenya, who is working in difficult conditions. Rwanda is still feeling the effects of the genocide and there are tremendous needs. Please pray for Moise as he preaches the gospel and feeds the poor. We have just received these photos of the children he was able to feed because of the sacrifice of various people in England.



Disaster or Destiny

There once was a wealthy Lord who owned a very large piece of land. As this man looked out over the beautiful meadows watching the rabbits hopping through the luscious grass, bees and butterflies flitting amongst the buttercups and daisies, and admiring the birds and squirrels playing in vast trees, he had a vision ... A vision of a magnificent estate comprising a mansion which housed stables and garages, set in acres of cultivated gardens filled with orchards, exotic trees and plants, rock gardens, brooks and bridges. He began to make sketches of his vision and showed them to an architect and landscape



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gardener who made blueprints to enable his vision to become a reality. Once the Lord had agreed their plans he contacted surveyors and builders who named their price and gave dates when they could commence the work he had commissioned them to do.

At last the day dawned when the work would begin. The Lord arrived on the scene late in the day to find heavy machinery and equipment already installed and operative, and the ground swarming with men hard at work. In only a few hours they had completely devastated the former peace and tranquility of his land. All wild life had fled in terror as bulldozers had ripped through the fields digging up all the grass and flowers, and tearing out the trees. The place was a mess. These workmen seemed bent on destruction and did not care in the slightest for anything which he had once considered beautiful in its natural state.

Day after day the land became more ravaged. Instead of dew and rain filled grassland, the ground was a muddy bog, stripped of colour. Had the Lord made a costly mistake? Could anything good come out of this devastation? Of course! With time things changed. After the tearing down, came the building up. The work was intense and thorough, but after months of hard labour the work force produced the desired result and the Lord was well satisfied. The wild life returned to the area to

enjoy more pleasures than they had ever experienced before, as there were now streams and ponds to splash about in. The Lord was able to live in the mansion and enjoy his dream. Yes, it was well worth all his effort.

I find it heartbreaking to read the story of Joseph in the Bible. His crime was that he was the longed for son of his father's favourite wife. Although Jacob had other wives, Rachel was his true love. For 14 long years he had worked for her father, Laban, who was the most cunning, greedy man he had ever had the misfortune to know, to purchase the right to marry this woman. Yet, when she finally became his, it seemed as nothing for his love for her was so great. Rachel watched in agony as her older sister, who was also Jacob's wife, produced 6 sons for Jacob, whilst she was barren. After many years God finally blessed her and she gave Jacob Joseph. Jacob didn't hide his feelings for this long awaited son, he couldn't help loving this child because he came from his beloved Rachel.

You would think that the 10 grown up brothers would have doted on this little boy who was the son of their father's old age. But they were peevish, and hated the fact that their father showed him such favour. The Bible records that the problem the Pharisees had with Jesus was envy. They couldn't stand the fact that he was more popular than they were, so they delivered him up to be crucified. These brothers envied Joseph so much that they wanted to kill him, and would have done so whilst out on the hills tending their father's sheep if traders hadn't been passing by. They reasoned they wouldn't have gained anything

materially from his death so decided to sell him as a slave for 20 pieces of silver, and watched without an ounce of pity as he was dragged away screaming for mercy. They were completely deaf to their brothers cries.

I think you have to experience the rejection of your family first hand to ever appreciate the pain Joseph went through. There is nothing so crushing as this type of persecution.

Joseph was God fearing and blessed with a godly disposition. Everywhere he went, and whoever he worked for, he was singled out as a skilled, hard worker who got results. He earned the trust and respect of Potiphar, his first employer who was an Egyptian ruler, and was put in charge of all his estate. He was in a tremendous position of authority yet didn't get conceited and allow his climb up the ladder to go to his head. When Potiphar's wife tried to proposition him he made it very plain to her that she was the only thing he was not allowed to touch and he would not abuse the trust his employer had placed in him. Potiphar's wife, on the other hand, was furious when she experienced his rejection. Her ardent desire for him turned swiftly to anger, then to hatred - in fact she hated him so much that she declared he had raped her and his boss had him flung into prison.

Joseph must have been searching his soul day and night wondering what he had done to offend God. Why was it that no matter how hard he tried to honour God and serve those in authority over him, people always ended up both misinterpreting and misrepresenting him? And why was it people were so extreme in the way they dealt with him? They weren't content to just hurt or punish him, they wanted to completely annihilate him. Why? Joseph must have been so utterly lonely, away from family, away from friends, thrown into prison for something he hadn't done. How low can you go? How crushed can you be?

But God was still working in his life. This was all part of the process. God couldn't achieve his dream without putting Joseph through all this crushing, the pain was actually making Joseph the person God had intended him to become. Here was a man utterly alone, with no friends, yet even here the keeper of the prison recognised God's favour upon him and put him in charge of all the prisoners. He didn't concern himself with anything Joseph did because the Lord was with Joseph.

Joseph must have felt completely abandoned and forgotten. What a shock when he was bathed and clothed and brought before Pharaoh, the most powerful man in the then known world! God gave Joseph the interpretation of the dream which had troubled Pharaoh, and in the matter of a few minutes his station in life changed from prisoner to Prime Minister! This is one of the most amazing stories in the Bible. God elevated this Jew, this nobody, so highly that he was actually running the whole country for Pharaoh! Not only that, under his direction

he made the Pharaoh the most wealthy man on the planet, using the famine to buy land, live stock and people in exchange for grain.

But notice Joseph's attitude when faced with his brothers. He could have done so much damage to them. Next to the Pharaoh, Joseph was the most powerful man in the whole of Egypt, he could have completely destroyed his enemies. But God had done such a work in Joseph that he couldn't hold grudges. Although it had not yet been written, he could have quoted the scripture ... "All things work together for good, for those who love God, the called according to his purpose." He even said to his brothers, "You meant it for harm, but God meant it for good." Because Joseph had not fought or resisted against the pressure, God had been able to perfect him so that not only his family had been saved from certain death, but the whole of Egypt and many other nations round about.

The Bible is full of stories showing how people experienced devastating trials only to find themselves in glorious situations later on because they allowed God to smash them and mould them as he wanted to. We must always remember that God is the Master Potter and we are just lumps of clay which need to be shaped, fired, and glazed. Stay on the wheel and allow the Lord to stretch, pull and pummel. He knows what he is doing. Our problem is that we do not see the blue print, nor do we have the vision, of what our lives were destined to become. Only God knows that. But I am absolutely certain that, if we allow God to have his perfect way in our lives without complaint or resistance, God will not be the only one pleased with the result ... I'm sure that we also will be delighted with what we have become by God's grace.

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EVENTS DIARY

Maurice Barratt's Regular Teaching:

Mon	Eagley Bank, Shawforth, Rochdale, 8.00pm (Geoff Bates every other week)	☎ Gail Barrett	0161 224 2620
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Wed:	3 Pavillion Court, Earlstown WA12 9GD, 8.00pm	☎ Steve Pilkington	0194 267 4519
Thu:	66 Hartwell Road, Stoke on Trent ST3 7BD, 7.45 pm	☎ Mark & Ilsa Jordan	0178 233 0309

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Sun 18th January	M : Teaching at 18 Stour Lodge Fullwood, Preston PR2 3EY	☎ Solomon	0177 276 1055
Thu 29th January/ Thu 26th February	M : Teaching at the Methodist Church Main Street, Dorrington, Lincs	☎ John Parks	0152 683 0737
Sat 31st January	Barratt Ministries Joint Fellowship The Disbury, 825 Wimslow Road, Manchester M20 2SG	☎ Barratt Ministries	0161 224 2620
Sat 14th February	M & J : At IMF. Unit 5-6 Mulberry Business Centre Quebec Way, Surrey Quays SE16 7LB	☎ Leonard Amechi	0794 701 4969
Fri 21st/ Sat 22nd February	M & J : Teaching at Kennoway, Fife.	☎ Tom Hunter	0133 325 2640

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3rd "Israel, the Church & the Kingdom of God" conference

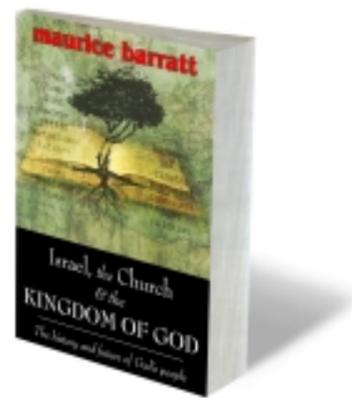
Maurice Barratt will continue teaching on the subject of "Israel, the Church & the Kingdom of God" at the 3rd Barratt Ministries conference. He will be looking at how the early church, with the fire of the "Kingdom within", were quickly seduced by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, and God's people once again, fell away into spiritual Babylon. The dates are:

Friday, 3rd April: 7:00pm
Saturday, 4th: 10:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday, 5th: 10:00am - 12:00 noon

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