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"THE OXEN SHOOK IT"

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"And when they came to Nachan's threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God." (II Samuel 6:6,7) King David was moving the ark of the covenant. The oxen, which were used in the moving of the ark, shook it, therefore Uzzah put forth his hand to protect the ark. The Lord became angry with Uzzah and slew him there before the ark. What learning and admonition is there in this incident for us today?

The special covenant God made with the Isaacsons was in the ark of the covenant. In that covenant were things God had promised to do for His special, earthly kingdom people. When Uzzah put forth his hand to steady the ark because the oxen shook it, the Lord apparently considered that an act of unbelief and even an insult to the Lord, therefore the Lord slew him there at the ark.

There are some very timely and serious admonitions for us today in this strange incident recorded in the Word of God. This is especially true for Identity people who say they know and believe the Israel truth and the gospel of the kingdom. When Identity teachers put forth their hands and expect to accomplish the will of God by carnal and fleshly weapons, they are doing as Uzzah did. Some such Identity teachers are already dead and some are serving a life prison term. There is not one case in the Scriptures where either the prophets or the apostles took things into their own hands, using fleshly and carnal weapons to either protect or advance that which God promised to do.

In Ephesians chapter 6 the apostle Paul did not say, Finally, my brethren, arm yourselves with guns and ammunition, and learn how to use these weapons. Every piece of armor God has provided for the individual Christian is the Word of God. The breastplate of righteousness is the Word of God. Your feet shod with the gospel of peace is the Word of God. The shield of faith is the Word of God, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

II Corinthians 10, verses 3 through 5, states:

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." By using the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit as their weapon Christian workers, generation after generation, have cast out imaginations against God and brought the thoughts of human beings to the obedience of Christ. Such warfare has accomplished this in millions of people in every generation since the time of the apostle Paul.

God's will and order since the time of Abram is that God's earthly kingdom people, the Isaacsons now the Anglo-Saxons, should have the strongest military force in the world. And certainly police officers should be armed. Private citizens should have the right to have guns for sport and hunting. We are not considering these matters.

The difficulty in the Israel movement in recent years has been that some Identity teachers have substituted teaching the history of the Anglo-Saxon people rather than preaching the gospel of the kingdom. There is no gospel of the kingdom apart from blood atonement, the redemption of God's earthly, kingdom people and the new covenant.

The scribes and Pharisees were constantly trying to get Christ to say something so that they could accuse Him to the Roman government. They came to Him with a coin and asked if it is lawful to pay taxes. They hoped Christ would have said, No, don't pay taxes to this wicked Roman government. But Christ did not say that. He said, You hypocrites, show me the coin. "And Christ said, Give to Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's." Christ did not step into the trap they had set for Him.

Having considered what the apostle Paul wrote about the Christian's armor and his weapons, we shall consider what the prophet Daniel did and did not do. As a young man Daniel, as were many others, was taken by the Babylonians into the Babylonian captivity. Daniel saw the temple