

## BREXIT 1620

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Most things will be seen to have been less than nothing (to say it mildly!) when we stand in front of God to give an account. In Heb. 11:8-10, it says that Abraham left home and family to obey God, "For he looked forward for the City that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

After the Faith Chapter mentions Abraham and his wife, it refers to the countless unnamed descendants as follows: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth**. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had cherished the memory of that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their

God, for He has prepared a City for them" (Heb. 11: 13-16).

Whether or not we have moved countries even once, or have lived in numerous countries, one day we will all **Brexit** this world. Apparently, the **Pilgrim** ship, the **Mayflower**, set off with another ship, the **Speedwell**. They returned after having gone 200 miles due to a leak in the Speedwell. Some Speedwell passengers then boarded the Mayflower. The Speedwell had a good name, but failed the journey. For many of my readers, "it is high time" to change ships. The journey of the **Pilgrims** wasn't easy. Life in the new world was hard, especially at first. It is time to **Brexit** the life of sin. It is time to **Brexit** the good-sounding Speedwell. If you do, you will have plenty to have **Thanksgiving** about!



Thank God,  
Jesus came!  
Now, let us  
come to Him!



**GLOBAL BREXIT:** Let's leave the **BIGGER EU**— the **Earth Union!** What is **THAT?! The Bible says: "Why do THE NATIONS rage, and THE PEOPLE plot a useless thing? THE KINGS OF THE EARTH set themselves, and THE RULERS take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed Messiah Christ, saying, 'Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.'** (Psalm 2:1-3, Acts 4:25). **THAT** is the **EARTH Union "EU!"** Jesus said that the world, in general, hates Him...the Divine Son of God. "We will not have this man to reign over us!" the citizens protested (Luke 19:14). Man refuses to be governed by Jesus Christ. Psalm 2 (above) continued, telling us that global refusal to submit to God and Christ will not succeed. Our global chaos is due to rejection of the government of God and of Christ. This can be reversed... quickly...and it can start right now in Britain...in London. **BREXIT!**

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1970 stamp "1/6"— 1s 6d (1 shilling, 6 "denarius") or 1 shilling, sixpence.

In four years, 2020, the event commemorated by the above stamp will have happened 400 years ago.

Many of you have heard of **American Thanksgiving Day**, held on the fourth Thursday of November. When I write to American friends at this time of year, I sometimes sign with: "From the land the Pilgrims left!" Seeking religious freedom, the "Pilgrims" left England. **Brexit 1620!**



**BREXIT...2016 YEARS AGO!!** The Wise Men knew it was time to **BREXIT!** They **HAD** to find this new King that had been born! (Matt. 2). They travelled 1000 miles "the hard way," overcame obstacles and danger, yet were so glad they found Him. You can find Him, too!

About 130 people were on board.

Earlier this year...**2016, not 1620...** Britain voted to leave the EU. This was termed **Brexit**. The finalising of Britain's full and actual **Brexit** from the EU seems uncertain. God knows why. Likely, some politicians and others know why, too, but never mind.

Of my many Bible translations, I mostly use the King James Version (KJV); also called The Authorised Version. It was published in 1611, only nine years before the **Pilgrims** left England. The KJV was "authorised" by the king. Translation began in 1604; the year before **Guy Fawkes** tried to blow up Westminster Palace (the Houses of Parliament). "**Remember, remember, the 5th of November. Gunpowder, treason and plot!**"

In the old KJV Bible, there are only two times the word, "**pilgrims**," is used. It is first used in that part called "The Book of Hebrews." In that "Book," it is located in chapter 11; well-named "**The Faith Chapter**."

The "**Faith Chapter pilgrims**"  
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will come later in this article. Here and now, I will simply say that true faith “rescues” (“saves”) a person in the greatest way possible to man.

The **rescue**, just mentioned above, is why Jesus came to this world. We *should especially* be reminded of this at “**Christmas.**” The angel, Gabriel, told Mary’s husband: “*You shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins*” (Matt. 1:21). “Jesus” means “Saviour;” one who saves. “Oh, what a Saviour is mine!”

So, true faith is a “saving faith.” It is also a faith you can know about by personal experience. Inwardly, you will know that you have met God’s clearly stated conditions. God’s Holy Spirit will confirm it, saying “Yes, you are right! You are saved!” Assurance! (1 Thess. 1:5). Such faith rests on a solid foundation, as these lyrics describe:

*“How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word? What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?”*

**And again:**

*“On Christ, the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.”*

Read what Jesus said about the two houses; one built upon the **sand**, the other upon **rock** (Matt. 7: 24-27).

**Brexit 1620 and 2016** brought people *out* and *away* from something, but also *toward* and *into* something. **The 1620 Pilgrims** were not satisfied to remain indefinitely on board the Mayflower ship somewhere out in the Atlantic Ocean. God told the ancient Hebrews (Israel/Jews): “*I brought you*

*out that I might bring you in!*” God *promised*, and then *performed*, their rescue from slavery in Egypt.

Yet, God’s Plan was not complete until the people entered the land He gave to **Abraham 400 years** before. **The Pilgrims 400 year** commemoration is an interesting coincidence!

Israel needlessly wandered in the wilderness for forty years before going into The Promised Land. Imagine the **Pilgrims** sailing the Atlantic Ocean for that long! It would have been both sad and stupid. The cause of Israel’s delay was stubborn refusal to believe God (Heb. 3:19; 4:6). Their unbelief resulted in most of the rescued people never entering The Promised Land. So, it was sad, stupid...and suicidal.

Did you know that Jesus did a **Brexit**? Remember, **Brexits** bring people *out* and *away* from something, but also *toward* and *into* something else. Another song says of Christ:

*“He left the splendour of heaven,  
knowing His destiny  
was the lonely hill of Golgotha,  
there to lay down His life for me.”*

**Or, as another song put it:**

*“Out of the ivory palaces, into a world  
of woe. Only His great eternal love,  
made our Saviour go.”*

Not only did Jesus **Brexit**, He **Brexit-Invaded**, as well!! (Make up your own word.) **Christmas** is really supposed to emphasize and centre around this supreme, one-off **Brexit** of Jesus.

I have already stated that Christ’s only reason for coming to this world was to “purchase our rescue.” St. Peter said “*You were not redeemed with perishable things, like silver or gold, from your vain conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with*

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*the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

The word, “**vain**,” above, means empty, aimless, fruitless, self-deceiving, unreal, unprofitable. Their “**conduct**” was vain because it grew out of life in sin and without God.

The word, “**redeemed**,” above, refers to the price paid to set a slave free (usually paid with silver or gold). One may deny such slavery, like those Jews in Jesus’ day, who said to Him— “*We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in slavery to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be made free?’*” (Jn. 8:33). His reply (the whole story!) is interesting and powerful.

Usually, a door is associated with an **Entrance** or a **Brexit**; some passage-way that leads you somewhere. Jesus said, “*I am the Door!*”- (Jn. 10: 1-18, especially verses 7, 9). **An old Sunday School chorus says:**

“One Door and only One, and yet its sides are two. I’m on the inside.

On which side are you?”

That little song speaks of assurance based on a solid Foundation, as we saw in the songs quoted earlier.

Perhaps Britain’s full **Brexit** from the EU will *some day* be complete. In contrast, when God’s timing arrived, Jesus **Brexit**ed heaven, *immediately and completely*, to come to this world for our rescue (Gal. 4: 4, 5). He was determined to achieve the goal. Nothing could deter or detour Him. He saw the horrible Cross “*on the lonely hill of Golgotha*” for what it was. Yet, He never turned from His purpose, passion and pleasure to glorify the Father by purchasing our freedom from sin there. (Heb. 10:5-10; 12:2).

Being set free from slavery to sin is

a greater gift than we realise. Only sin separates man from God. Only sin can send a person to hell. Therefore, to be released from the guilt, power and penalty of sin is worth more than the richest persons, organisations or nations on earth could buy. **The trinkets and treasures of a trillion Trumps** cannot purchase salvation...*nor can we!* Yet, whether a person is a **Trump** or a “**tramp**,” **ANYONE** can be saved if they will simply come to God on His terms.

**Brexit** is no halfway thing. It was not a halfway thing for Jesus when He **Brexit**ed heaven to come and die for man. It is never a halfway thing when we **Brexit** sin (*and whatever else the Holy Spirit shows us!*) to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is *all or nothing*.

For various reasons, many people emigrated to Britain or gone to the USA. They have done a **Brexit** of sorts. Many of them lost much in leaving their country, such as family, property and possessions. The trauma is hard to imagine. Yet, no other earthly **Brexits** can compare with the **Brexit** from sin that brings a person truly to God.

One day, all the “camps” that house the ever-moving mass of humanity that is travelling non-stop to eternity will be broken up; destroyed. There will be no more place to shelter from what is coming; no place to rest or to hide.

Earlier, I mentioned Old Testament “**pilgrims**” in Hebrews 11: “The Faith Chapter.” Some more well-known persons, like Abraham, are mentioned by name. It tells us that Abraham had personally experienced a **Brexit** that was both *geographical* and *spiritual*. The *spiritual* aspect was foundational. The *geographical* aspect grew out of and was subservient to the *spiritual*.

Oh, that we could only realise how much in our lives is secondary, at best!

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