

Through Men on horseback, armed with bayonets, God set Israel free.  
Men from Australia, a country discovered in only 1778, only 139 years earlier.

The **Battle of Beersheba** was fought on 31 October 1917.

In the afternoon, the Australian Mounted Division's 4th and 12th Light Horse Regiments (4th Light Horse Brigade) conducted a mounted infantry charge with bayonets in their hands, their only weapon for mounted attack, as their rifles were slung across their backs. While part of the two regiments dismounted to attack s entrenchments on Tel es Saba defending Beersheba, the remainder of the light horsemen continued their charge into the town, capturing the place and part of the garrison as it was withdrawing. This enabled the EEF to capture Jerusalem, six weeks later.

The **Balfour Declaration** was a letter dated 2 November 1917, confirming support from the British Government for the establishment in Palestine, of a 'national home' for the Jewish People.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May 1948, Israel was pronounced an independent state.

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**Pedro Fernandez de Quiros**

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**Pedro Fernandez de Quiros**, a sailor and a very zealous Portuguese Roman Catholic, managed to get sponsorship from Pope Clement VIII and King Philip III of Spain to explore the Pacific Ocean in hope of discovering the unknown, but believed in, southern continent - Terra Australis Incognita - the Unknown South Land. With three ships and some 300 crew and soldiers he left South America in December 1605. After visiting a number of Pacific Islands Quiros believed he had found the Great South Land in May 1606, landed, turned his men into a Holy Religious Catholic Order: - The Knights of the Holy Ghost (which came as a surprise to them!); claimed the land where he had landed for God, the Pope and King Philip of Spain 'all this part of the South as far as the pole' and called it the **Great South Land of the Holy Spirit**; he began a small colony, which he called the 'New Jerusalem'.

**Unfortunately for Quiros, he had NOT landed on the great southern continent** which much later became known as Australia, but on one of the northern islands of what is now **Vanuatu** - the Island is still called 'Espiritu Santo' - a long, long way from Australia.

Nevertheless.....

Early on Pentecost morning of **14<sup>th</sup> May 1606**, the priests, and some crew, went ashore and constructed a crude hut or booth to serve as the first [Roman Catholic] church in the newly discovered land, and Quiros named it, '**Our Lady of Loreto.**' Then the Captain and the rest of the ship's company all came ashore.

**'Presently the Captain came out and went down on his knees, saying: "To God alone be the honour and glory." Then, putting his hand on the ground, he kissed it, and said: "O Land! sought for so long, intended to be found by many, and so desired by me!"'**

Not long after this came Quiros' proclamation of possession:

**'Be witnesses the heavens and the earth, and the sea with all its inhabitants, and those who are present, that I, the Captain Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, in these parts which up to the present time have been unknown, raise and plant in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the eternal Father, and of the Holy Virgin Mary, true God and man, this sign of the Holy Cross, on which His most holy body was crucified, and where He gave His life as a ransom for the whole human race.**

In the same place, and at the same time the six following possessions were read, which our people heard with joy and gladness, the eyes of many filling with tears.

#### ACTS OF POSSESSION

Possession in the name of the most Holy Trinity

**In these parts of the South, until now unknown, where I am, and have come with authority from the Supreme Roman Pontiff, Clement VIII, and by order of the King, Don Philip III, King of Spain, despatched by his Council of State, I, Captain Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, in the name of the most Holy Trinity, take possession of all the islands and lands that I have newly discovered, and desire to discover, as far as the South Pole.**

Possession in the name of the Catholic Church

**I take possession of all these, the said lands, in the name of Jesus Christ, saviour of all men, how unknown soever they may be, and in the name of His mother the most Holy Virgin Mother of Loreto, and in the name of St. Peter and St. Paul, and of all the holy apostles and disciples, and in the name of the universal Vicar of Christ, the Roman Pontiff, and in the name of the whole Catholic Church, and of all those pious, just, and holy things that have a right in such possession; which I do with joy and to the end that to all the natives, in all the said lands, the holy and sacred evangel may be preached zealously and openly.**

Possession in the name of St. Francis and his Order

**I take possession of all the said lands in the name of my father, St. Francis, and of all his religion and professors of it, and being present, in the name of the Father Commissary, Friar Martin de Monilla, Friar Mateo de Vascones, Friar Antonio Quintero, and Friar Juan de Marlo, all four priests; and in the names of Fray Juan de Santa Maria and Fray Francisco Lopez, both lay brethren, come here, all six, at my request by order of His Holiness and of His Majesty, and of their Commissary General and Provincial of the province of the Twelve Apostles of Peru: from whose order I desire that all the workers sent to tend this vineyard may come, and the labourers who have to show His holy word and doctrine, and to gather in**

the fruits.

Possession in the name of John of God and his Order

**I take possession of all the said lands in the name of John of God, and of all the professed brothers of his Order, and being present, in the name of Lazaro de Santa Maria, who came here in compliance with a brief of His Holiness, given to me for that end, that the same Brotherhood might found, administer, and maintain by their professed charity all the hospitals there may be in those parts, so necessary that the natives may learn all our methods, and hold us in the love and veneration which the sight of our curing the native sick, and giving them other benefits, deserve.**

Possession in the name of the Order of the Holy Ghost

**I take possession of all these lands, by the right that His Holiness and His Majesty granted, to make just divisions of the lands and of the people on them; for all the Knights that are in these parts of the Order of the Holy Ghost as discoverers, settlers, defenders, and preservers, and no other, obliged without pay to serve in all the royal and public employments, with every human and divine office as regards the natives as their defenders, and with profession of all the rest that is in their constitution.**

Possession in the name of His Majesty

**Finally, I take possession of this bay, named the Bay of St. Philip and St. James, and of its port named Santa Cruz, and of the **site on which is to be founded the city of New Jerusalem**, in latitude 15 degrees 10', and of all the lands, and of all the lands which I sighted and am going to sight, and of all this region of the south as far as the Pole, which from this time shall be called **La Australia del Espiritu Santo**, with all its dependencies and belongings; and this for ever, and so long as right exists, in the name of the King, Don Philip, third of that name King of Spain, and of the eastern and western Indies, my King and natural Lord, whose is the cost and expense of this fleet, and from whose will and power came its mission, with the government, spiritual and temporal, of these lands and people, in whose royal name are displayed there his three banners, and I hereby hoist his royal standard.**

The reading being finished, all cried with loud voices: "Long live the King of Spain, Don Philip III, our Lord!" Then we entered the church to give due thanks to God.

**They said three Masses, and the fourth, which was sung, was by our Father Commissary. All the people took the sacrament very fervently. This done, the three Ensigns, who now held the banners in their hands, inclined them to the ground in front of the altar, the Royal Ensign holding the royal standard. The Commissary blessed them with great solemnity; and, at a certain signal that was given to the ships, whose mast-head banners displayed the royal arms, and at the sides the two columns and the plus ultra, with the streamers fluttering, fired off all their guns with full charges; the soldiers discharged muskets and arquebuses, and the gunners sent off rockets and fire-wheels. In the middle of all this noise, all shouted with almost infinite joy, and many times: "Long live the Faith of Christ!" And with this the celebration of the festival came to an end.'**

I believe, That God will use Australia again. As a place to relight the fire of the Gospel that it be used to relight the fires worldwide, and see the Lord's Church, His Bride, Revived and Prepared. South **Australia** is the only free-state, and was established by free settlers and Godly Men.

**Adelaide** is the Capital.

The Barossa Valley is 1 hour north.

**Nuriootpa** comes from an Aboriginal word meaning **the Meeting place**

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