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This is the proclamation,
"Let the heavens, the earth, the waters with all
their creatures and all Those here present witness
that I Captain Pedro de Quiros ... in the name of
Jesus Christ ... hoist this emblem of the Holy
Cross on which His (Jesus Christ) person was
crucified and whereon He gave His life for the
ransom and remedy of all the human race ... on
this day of Pentecost, 14th may 1606 ... I, take
possession of all this part of the south, as far as
the pole, in the name of Jesus ... which from now
on shall be called the southern Land of the Holy
Ghost ... and this always and forever ... and to the
end that all natives, in all the said lands, the holy
and sacred evangel may be preached zealously
and openly."

Australia claimed for Jesus
On May 14, 1606, which was Pentecost Sunday, Pedro de
Quiros, a Portuguese Explorer, while in the islands of Vanuatu,
declared the land of Australia and the Pacific islands for Jesus Christ
and the gospel

**Psalms 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance."**

De Quiros claimed the Land for Jesus Christ the Messiah and named it,
"The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit". What an awesome declaration
echoing the Pentecost of Acts 2:1-4 when, "The Day of Pentecost had
fully come.....They were all filled with the holy Spirit". Australia was
named and claimed as "the southern land of the Holy Ghost". This is
God's name for this land!

The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit

In Acts 17:26-27, God says He predetermined every nation's boundaries
and appointed peoples to live there. God has His hand on Australia for a
purpose! God sent a man from Portugal not to claim this nation for the
King of Portugal - but to claim this nation for the King of Glory, Jesus
Christ

Australia has a Prophetic Destiny

It is interesting to note that over the centuries Australia has been
preserved from other religions. Islam came as far as Indonesia.
Buddhism and Hinduism also came as far as Indonesia but Australia
and the Pacific islands were kept from this, kept for the gospel of Jesus
Christ.

Australia a Christian Nation

The First Fleet Brought Not Only Convicts But The Word Of God To Australia

"Despite what many historians teach, convicts were not
all that the First Fleet delivered to Australia, with them
came a man of God to deliver the Word of God - The
Reverend Richard Johnson. "On Sunday 3rd February,
Johnson preached his first sermon under a great tree
to a congregation of troops and convicts..." (Professor
Manning Clark - A History of Australia). The sermon he
chose to be the first preached in this new nation was
not something taken from some dead "religious"
ceremony but the Living Word of God - Psalm 116
verse 12. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his
benefits toward me?" **Within a week of the arrival of
the First Fleet the Gospel was preached on
Australia's shores".**

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Proverbs 14:34
"Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach to any people."

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