

**Psalm 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

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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:"

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

Australia claimed for Jesus

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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