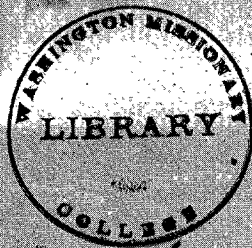


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# ARMAGEDDON IN THE MAKING



WO outstanding battles are mentioned in the Bible. There is a noticeable parallelism that looks prophetic.

In the battle at Gibeon, "the Lord fought for Israel." (Joshua 10: 14.)

Armageddon is referred to as "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Revelation 16: 14.)

In the battle at Gibeon, "the Lord cast down great stones from heaven." (Joshua 10: 11.)

At Armageddon, "there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great." Revelation 16: 21. "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" Job 38: 22, 23.

At the battle of Gibeon, "The sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day." Joshua 10: 13.

At Armageddon, it is indicated that the following prophecies will be fulfilled:

"The Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act." Isaiah 28: 21.

"The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: . . . Thou didst march through the land in indignation, Thou didst thresh the heathen in anger." Habakkuk 3: 11, 12.

Joshua, or Jehoshua, was formerly called Oshea. (Numbers 13: 8, 16.) Joshua, meaning in Hebrew "Jah saves," and Jesus, meaning in Greek "Saviour," are sometimes used interchangeably.

Joshua led the armies of Israel when the promised land, including Gibeon, was delivered to the Israelites.



In the battle of that great day of God Almighty the armies of heaven will be led by the Lord Jesus Christ, "Captain of the host of the Lord." (Joshua 5: 14.) "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory; and before Him shall be gathered all nations."

By Judge Cyrus Simmons

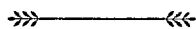
Matthew 25: 31, 32. "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High." Daniel 7: 27.

Gibeon is the place where the Lord signally manifested His presence by fighting for Israel, and casting down great stones from heaven.

At Armageddon, the Lord will signally manifest His presence in the battle of that great day of God Almighty, where there will fall upon men "a great hail out of heaven." (Revelation 16: 21.)

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Revelation 16: 16. This is located in the Plain of Esdraelon and is sixty-five miles northwest of Jerusalem.

"A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall



\*General Maxime Weygand, Allied commander in the Near East, who was called to the supreme command of the Allied forces in western Europe, to help check Armageddon in the making.

go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth." Jeremiah 25: 31-33.

Soon after the death of Alexander the Great in 323 B.C., his empire was divided "toward the four winds of heaven" (Daniel 8: 8), among four of his generals. The territory occupied by Turkey, being the northern part, is held by eminent Bible students to be the country ruled by "the king of the north," and that territory occupied by Egypt as the country ruled by "the king of the south." (Daniel 11: 40.)

The Ottoman Empire, in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries, was one of the strongest powers in the world.

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# BURIED TREASURE

By Harriett Dell Johnson



★ ABOVE: *Workers in the Philadelphia mint, who prepared a billion dollars in gold for shipment to Fort Knox by casting it into ingots.*



★ BELOW: *A billion dollars worth of gold ingots shipped to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Should the Nazis win, it is rumored that they will declare against the gold standard, and economists are wondering what would then happen to our nineteen and one half billion dollars worth of gold treasure.*

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**H**IDDEN away in the hills of Kentucky is a fabulous amount of gold, reputedly the greatest treasure ever heaped together in one place in all the history of the world. This buried gold is worth five and one half billion dollars. It is a portion of the nineteen and one half billion dollars worth of gold in this country, amounting to two thirds of the world's supply of the precious metal. Elaborate precautions are taken to safeguard the huge hoard in the depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Above the underground vault where the bars of gold are piled high, rises a well-nigh impregnable granite and concrete building with a bomb-proof roof. Soldiers are on duty day and night. It is said: "Into that guarded citadel, surrounded by water-filled moats, no man may ever walk alone. Always there must be two, one to watch the other. No one man knows the combination to the steel door that is a yard thick and weighs twenty tons. It takes two men to open it."

In fact, it is difficult to imagine any kind of assault on Fort Knox that would have even a remote chance of success. If enemies invaded the country with the golden treasure as their objective, the invading army would first have to fight its way through the Appalachians before reaching the steel-encased vault in the Kentucky hills. But if enemies should force an entrance into the building, they would be confronted with a flood from pipes that con-

stantly carry enough water to submerge everything in an emergency.

Should an epic bandit raid endanger the vault, speedy armed scout cars and a force of thirteen hundred men are ready for immediate action. If a band of daring super-burglars should apply a blow torch to the vaults, steel plates surrounding them would set off deadly gas fumes.

Thus the United States protects its enormous stock of gold. But like fabled King Midas, Uncle Sam now has more gold than he can use, and if the supply continues to increase, this country may soon have practically all the gold reserves in the world.

Experts say that this buried treasure is dangerous; that it may bring to its unfortunate possessor a wild boom, or inflation, or a new depression, and apparently no one knows how to solve the perplexing problem created by the unprecedented accumulation of gold by one country.

Discussing the enigma in *Current History*, S. F. Porter says: "The Treasury doesn't want any more gold. What to do? Refuse to buy any more? Reduce the price? Lend the gold to other nations? Put it back into circulation as coinage?"

"These are the solutions suggested. Every one of them has been considered by the Treasury and Federal Reserve experts. Every one of them is either futile or threatens consequences more frightening than to go ahead as we're going. . . .

"Is there an answer? More and more are asking that question, and turning

away with fear. Will it end in our having practically all the world's gold and nothing to do with it?"

But these are not the only dangers. Some one has said: "Great wealth tends to make a nation proud, and leads people to forget God." It is difficult indeed for a very rich man—or a rich nation—to maintain a humble spirit and an unselfish love for others. Roger Babson puts it this way: "We must get out of our present smug and selfish attitude. In the long run, America can prosper only as the world prospers. This is both good religion and good economics."

To nations, as well as to individuals, there is hidden danger in great wealth, because it is hard to realize how deceptive money may be. Again and again Christ's teachings warned against the deceitfulness of riches, and more of His parables dealt with this subject than any other.

In one of these parables, Jesus described a very rich man whose crops were so bountiful that he did not have room to store his possessions.

"And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

"And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

At the conclusion of the story, Jesus said solemnly: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12: 18-21.



The story is told of a young man who came to Jesus one day, asking the most important question in the world.

"Good Master," he said, "what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

Jesus told him that he must keep the commandments, mentioning several in particular.

"Master, all these have I observed from my youth," the man answered confidently.

"Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.

"And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions." Mark 10: 21, 22.

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\* The eagle eye of a modern camera caught two shells in transit. What is their trajectory? Let Doctor Kress tell you.

PREVIOUS to 1914, remarkable strides were made by European nations in the preparation of implements of destruction for the purpose of self-protection. Mutual distrust led to this. Being afraid of one another, they felt there was no security except through building up barriers of defense. To such an extent was this carried that another conflict between nations seemed impossible, so deadly were the weapons of destruction. In fact, there was assembled at The Hague a body of advocates of peace; and by them, as they studied the world situation, it was declared: "War is an impossibility." But before their meeting closed, the World War broke out.

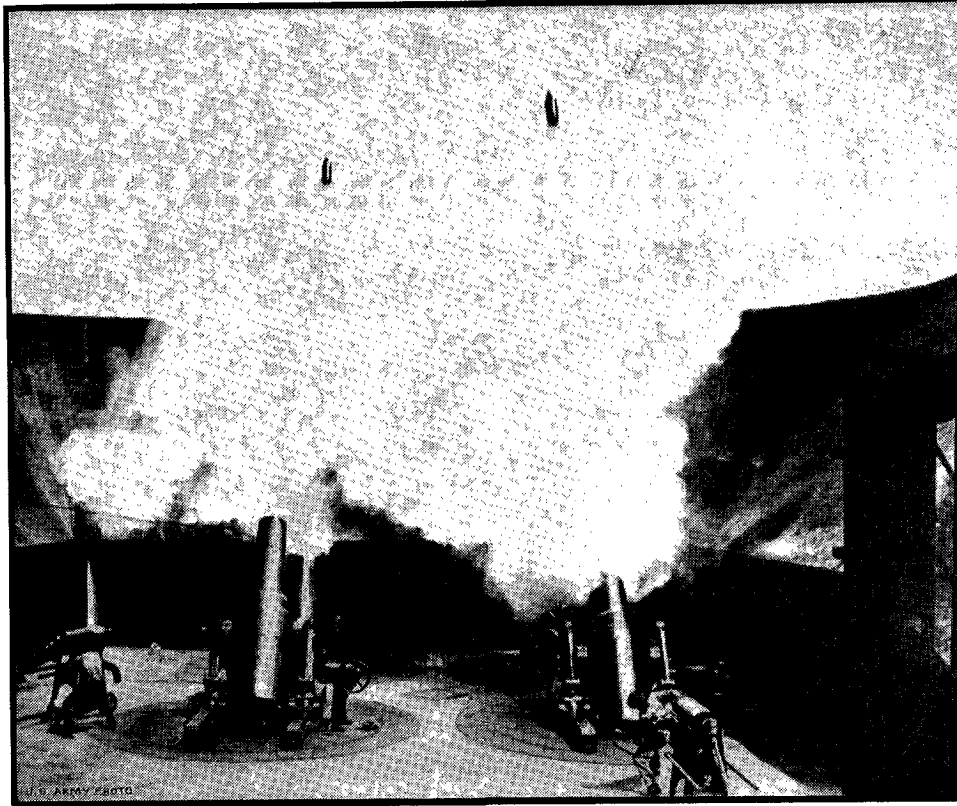
Looking forward to this time, the ancient seer said: "We looked for peace, but no good came." During the period of four years, over five million men were slain on the battlefield, and many more were disabled for life. The butchery was horrible. Nothing like it had this world ever witnessed. Every one was sick of war. "We want no more of it," we said. "We want peace, lasting peace."

This is the cry of human hearts today. The men who were engaged in the effort to bring about a condition of peace then were honest and sincere in their endeavor. They were doing the best they knew how, and were at their wit's end. They knew not what more to do or just what course to pursue to bring the longed for time of universal peace.

Peace treaties were signed, but there has since been disappointment on all sides. Nation is still suspicious of nation, and men are suspicious of one another. Human nature is the same—it has not changed.

Never has the feeling between capital and labor been so intense as now. Millions of dollars were made by profiteers during the war, and the laboring men who had been doing the hard work and earning these millions knew it. They said, "We are the producers, and are entitled to our share." This transferred the war from a strife among the nations to a war within nations. This internal struggle has caused anxiety. Strikes on a large scale have loomed here, there, and everywhere. What can be done to prevent such outbursts of human passion?

William G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, referring to the future twenty-one years ago, said: "I will admit we are going the wrong way. I admit it is time to call a halt; and I admit that until we get together, until we commence together to stop this, there will be hell in this country, and it is nearer today than I ever knew it in my years of experience. Just let somebody drop a match in this country of ours, and it will be a sorry day for all of us. Unless my vision is most terribly obscured, then there is something



# THE GATHERING STORM

By Daniel H. Kress, M. D.

coming to us pretty soon in this country that we had better take notice of. We are nearer war in this world today, I believe, than when the kaiser threw down the gauntlet."—*New York "American," August 8, 1919.*

It is apparent now that there is not before us a time of universal peace. Selfishness lies at the basis of all these calamities. It began with Lucifer, "son of the morning." He said in his heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: . . . I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14: 13, 14.

"There was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12: 7-9. This transferred the field of battle and the spirit of war to this earth. Ever since that time, men, inspired by the spirit of self-seeking, have sought to gain the ascendancy through fair and unfair

means. As the prophet on Patmos beheld earth's inhabitants inoculated with this evil virus, and saw its cruel results as witnessed on the fields of battle, and between social classes, he said: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Verse 12.

All through the ages, this warfare between good and evil, between Christ and Satan, has been going on.

As rulers cast aside the restraining influence of the Spirit of God, Satan induced them to put to death the Son of God. The chief priests, who were actuated by the spirit of Satan, demanded that Jesus should be crucified; and Pilate, admitting that no evil could be found in Christ, to maintain his standing, and "willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified." (Mark 15: 15.)

Satan's purpose was accomplished. But this apparent victory was a great defeat; for Jesus was resurrected, and ascended on high, and shed abroad in human hearts His

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# THE IRON DAYS OF HEROD



**S**T. LUKE, in the opening statement of his gospel, sets his initial scene "in the days of Herod, the king of Judea." Any concept the mature mind may hold of those dark days may be influenced somewhat by childhood conceptions of the cruel king who was the instrument of terror in imposing the will of the Romans upon a helpless Israel. (Was Herod more savage, more brutal, or more altogether abominable than some who serve the would-be world masters of the present day? How will the historian of the future evaluate supposedly civilized human beings who rained death from the skies on non-combatants and released clouds of chemicals to burn the breath from innocent women and children?) Herod was a logical product of the iron time in which he lived. If not he, then another cruel, unscrupulous executive would have worked the will of Rome.

When Pompey annexed Palestine for the Romans, he appointed an Edomite family headed by Antipater state administrators of Judea. The family of Antipater consisted of his wife, Cypros, four sons, Phasael, Herod (afterward Herod the Great), Joseph, and Pheroras, and a daughter, Salome.

Pompey, who controlled the East, and Julius Cæsar, who controlled the West, were soon engaged in civil strife for the rulership of Rome. Cæsar defeated Pom-

By James C. Muir

pey at Pharsalos, in B.C. 48. The government of Rome became an electoral monarchy. Cæsar was elected dictator. A super-soldier was the supreme authority.

Cæsar tightened the grip of Rome on Palestine. Antipater was made procurator. Antipater's sons were raised to power. Phasael was made governor of Jerusalem, and Herod, governor of Galilee.

Cæsar's dictatorship lasted four years. His own supporters, who had fawned upon him in the early days of his despotic rule, wearied of the divine aspirations of a would-be god, assassinated him in the senate chamber.

After the death of Cæsar the administration of government in Rome was in the hands of the Triumvirate for some thirteen years. Under this division of power, Octavian ruled the West, Anthony the East, while Lepidus governed colonial North Africa. Cassius, one of the murderers of Julius Cæsar, was sent to Syro-Palestine to reorganize the armies and bring order out of the chaos into which the region was drifting. Cassius ruled with an iron hand. Taxes and tribute were doubled, and the provinces reduced to economic

slavery. While other governors were aroused to the point of rebellion, Herod, governor of Galilee, raised promptly the additional taxes levied against his district. As a reward for his fidelity to the Romans he was made governor of Syria and promised the kingship of Judea.

When Cassius was killed in the Battle of Philippi, in B.C. 42, Anthony came in person to Palestine. He made Herod and Phasael governors of all Judea. During the administration of Anthony, Herod began the first of the great reconstruction projects in Palestine for which he is famous. This was the rebuilding and strengthening of the fortress which stood to the north of the temple in Jerusalem. This fortress he re-named Antonia in honor of the ruler.



In B.C. 32, the cold and calculating Octavian induced the Senate to depose Anthony. Anthony chose to fight. In the war which followed, Octavian won a climactic victory in a naval engagement at Actium in B.C. 31. Anthony fled to Alexandria, where he soon committed suicide.

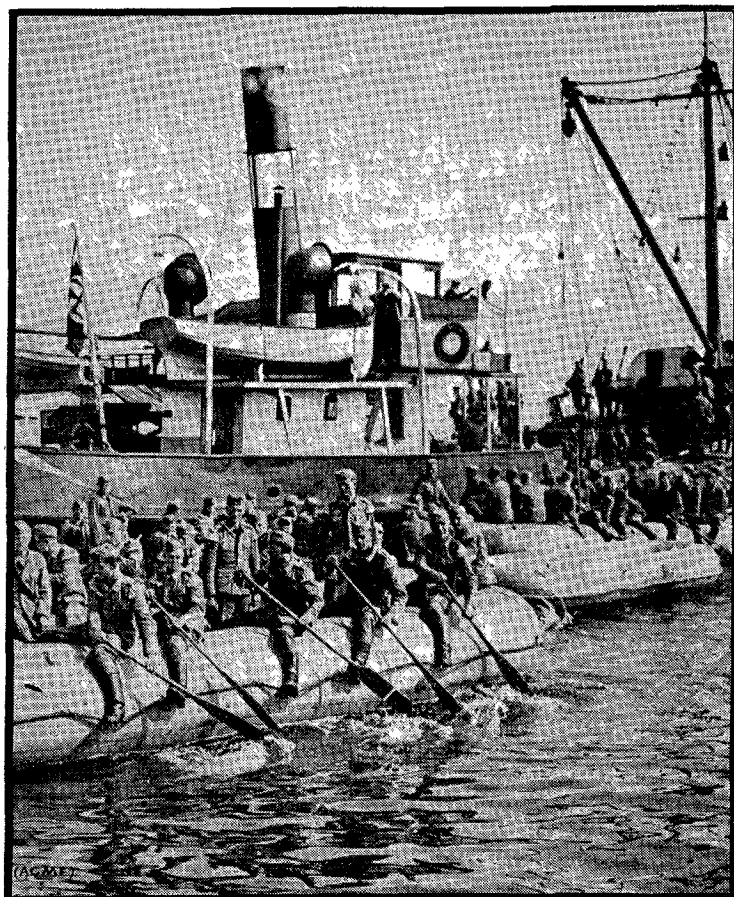
Throughout the constant changes in imperial administration Herod had held his power and improved his position with the Roman overlords. Perhaps through love, but more likely through policy, he became betrothed to Mariamne, the beautiful daughter of Alexander, and thus allied himself with one branch of the royal Jewish Maccabean House of Hasmon. In B.C. 41, however, his progress to power suffered a rude interruption. A minor Jewish civil war was raging in Jerusalem over the high priesthood. Hyrcanus II held the holy office. His nephew, Antigonus, was trying to depose him by force of arms. Antigonus bribed Orodes, king of the Parthians, to invade the country, depose Hyrcanus, and slay Herod. Aided by the Parthians, all Galilee rose in rebellion. Herod, accompanied by Mariamne, fled the country. Antigonus was duly installed in Jerusalem.

Herod, a fugitive, made his way to Rome by way of Egypt. Appearing before the Senate, he pleaded his case so effectively that he was made king of Judea and granted armed aid in establishing his rule. Returning to Palestine in B.C. 39, he raised an army and, with the aid of the Romans, defeated Antigonus and captured Jerusalem. Antigonus was sent in chains to Rome.

In B.C. 37, Herod was crowned King of the Jews. About this time he married Mariamne. Altogether he had ten wives.

Herod now had things in his own hands. He crippled the Sanhedrin by murdering forty-five nobles. He appointed his own high priest, one Ananel, a Babylonian. Mariamne represented to him that her brother, Aristobulus, a Jew of royal blood, was the logical candidate. Womanlike, she had her way. Ananel was deposed. Aris-

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# PRIMITIVE FAITH

By DeWitt S. Osgood

**B**ELOVED, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In this third verse of Jude are two phrases that demand thoughtful study. Let us consider the expression, "the common salvation." It is similar to the expression, "the common faith," found in Titus 1: 4. Here is declared the universality of the gospel. It is "the common salvation" given to every nation, kindred, tribe, and people, regardless of color, race, nationality, or earthly relationship.

Jesus experienced death for every man. He gave His life for you and for me. John 3:16 says, "whosoever believeth." Revelation 22:17 says, "whosoever will." And John 6: 37 extends the benefits of the gospel to "him that cometh." "The common salvation," therefore, must be appreciated and accepted. Those who avail themselves of its blessings and appropriate its promises are called saints. They are admonished, "Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Let us next study the phrase: "The faith . . . once delivered unto the saints." This faith is not a collection of variables—shifting standards—kaleidoscopic conceptions. It was not an uncertain teaching, subject to alteration as times and conditions might change. Patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs shared this faith—loved it, lived it, died in it—and many died for it. It was taught by precept, by symbolism, by parable, and by commandment. It was beautifully and fully exemplified in the life of Jesus.

The fourth verse, and, indeed, the whole book of Jude, explains why it was necessary to contend for "the faith . . . once delivered unto the saints." It says: "There are certain men crept in unawares, . . . turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying . . . our Lord Jesus Christ." There is a boring from within, a treasonable treachery, a delusive apostasy. The believer must be on guard. Wolves in sheep's clothing, so cleverly disguised as to be utterly unsuspected, abound. They

creep in unawares. Describing them, verse 10 says: "These speak evil of those things which they know not." That is, they disclaim anything they cannot put into a test tube and prove to the natural senses.

Verse 16: "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage." That is, they have a destruction complex, they succeed by tearing down, by criticism,—they follow the demagogue. Of these Enoch prophesied, as he beheld man's last days upon earth: "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh . . . to execute judgment, . . . to convince all that are ungodly . . . of all their hard speeches."

Traitors within the church in time's last hour, they profess to teach and preach Him whom they crucify afresh. God is seeking to unite His people in preparation for His coming. Neglected truths are being restored. "The faith which was once delivered unto the saints" is being taught with power in its beauty and in its fulness. The traditions of men are being cut away. Yes, in this gathering time, when spiritual Israel in all lands is seeking the character development that will prepare them for translation at Christ's coming, distractions, tempta-

tions, and winds of doctrine abound. Those who come into the unity of the faith must resist every form of heresy. Ephesians 4: 14 says: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." "The faith once delivered unto the saints" accepts the authority and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Martin Luther contended eloquently for that faith when he declared before the Diet of Worms: "Unless therefore I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture . . . I cannot and will not recant." Chillingworth voiced that faith when he said: "The Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants."

But the authenticity of the Scriptures is being ruthlessly and relentlessly attacked. A feeble fundamentalism wages a guerrilla warfare against an apparently victorious modernism. The weakness of those who have espoused the cause of fundamentalism is their own unwillingness to follow the Scriptures to their logical and inescapable conclusion, and allow "the faith once delivered unto the saints," to change their lives. Modernism's seven-point attack denies the creation, the virgin birth, the miracles, the vicarious sacrifice, the resurrection, the mediation, and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Each truth is vital;

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\* A few of the hundreds of persons who attended the twenty-four-hour prayer meeting called by the "Let's Win for God" Committee, in a plea for peace, in a Chicago office building. Evidently arms are not effective in stemming the tide of aggression. In the first century of the Christian Era, a common faith transformed a world and gave new hope to millions. Is that the faith of the present-day church? Let Mr. Osgood tell you.



[Radio Evangelist Osgood, of the Radio Bible School, WHO, Des Moines, Iowa, broadcasts each Sunday morning at 9:15, C.S.T., at 1000 kilocycles. The Radio Bible School invites listeners to join the Noon-Hour Prayer Band. Those who join pledge to spend some time each day between twelve and one o'clock in prayer. Psalm 55: 17.—Ed.]

# WHAT GOD SAID ABOUT AMERICA

By Roy Franklin Cottrell



★ *Explaining to Young America the significance of the flag that marks the boundaries of the westward course of empire. We agree with Bishop Berkeley that "time's noblest offspring is the last."*

Medes and Persians, which altereth not." (Daniel 6: 12.) Ancient Greece is no more, yet her contribution of pagan evolutionary philosophy still dominates the intellectual world. Accordingly, the nation or power represented by this leopard beast was to inherit the religious principles of old Babylon, the inflexible cruelty of Medo-Persia, and the pagan philosophy of Greece. History points unmistakably to Rome as the heir and successor, the recipient of these legacies.

Other designating features are given. Like the dragon of the previous chapter, the leopard beast had "seven heads and ten horns." "And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." In fulfillment, the Roman emperors removed their capital from the seven-hilled city to Constantinople in 331 A.D. As a result of this transfer, the ancient "seat" of government was relinquished by the imperial monarchs to become the metropolis of the Roman Church, the citadel of the pope. Emperor Justinian likewise established the pontiff's "power" and "great authority" by a universal edict, acclaiming him "head over all the churches," and "corrector of heretics."

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies." Revelation 13: 5. This specification was fulfilled by the impious attempt to change the law of God by placing tradition above the Bible, and by conferring upon the pope such titles as legitimately and reverently belong to God alone.

"And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Verse 5.

This period is identical with the "time and times and the dividing of time" (Daniel 7: 25), and with the "thousand two hundred and threescore days" (Revelation 12: 6) of other prophecies which outline the rise and work of the papacy. (One year plus two years plus one half year equals three and one half years, equals forty-two months [Jewish months of thirty days], equals 1260 days, or literal years.)

The full establishment of the papacy in the city of Rome commenced in 538 A.D., continuing twelve hundred sixty years, and ending in 1798. The French had revolted against the authority of the church, and on February 10 of that very year, captured the city of the Caesars, and carried the pope

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HALF century before the Declaration of Independence announced the birth of the American Republic, Bishop George Berkeley of England, penned the following lines that appear almost prophetic:

"Westward the course of empire takes its way;

The first four Acts already past,

A fifth shall close the Drama with the day;

Time's noblest offspring is the last."

From the cradle of our race in Asia, civilization penetrated Europe, found its way across the Atlantic, possessed America, and now beyond the expanse of the Pacific shakes hands with the Far East and the Orient. "The first four Acts," mentioned by Bishop Berkeley were the great empires of ancient Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome; while in the phrase, "Time's noblest offspring," he pointed to colonial America as the land of promise.

The story of discovery, colonization, and growth of these United States is without parallel. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, the North American continent lay in chaos and savagery, with a half million roving Indians struggling for a precarious existence. But what a transformation! It is now the home of approximately two hundred fifty times that number of progressive, industrious citizens. In the vast, empty spaces there have arisen cities, towns, homes, schools, colleges, hospitals, industries, railways, and the myriad comforts and conveniences of modern life.

Of the many wondrous things about our country, here is one of the most remarkable: Fourteen centuries before Columbus discovered this continent, the United States of America was designated in Bible prophecy, and its unique place in world affairs was definitely forecast in the book of Revelation. When, however, the magic growth of this land is considered, and we witness the youthful republic rapidly developing to leadership among the nations, it would be strange indeed if America were omitted from the prophetic preview.

In the preamble to this prophecy, the Apostle John first beheld the long struggle between the persecuting "dragon" and the gospel church, then continued:

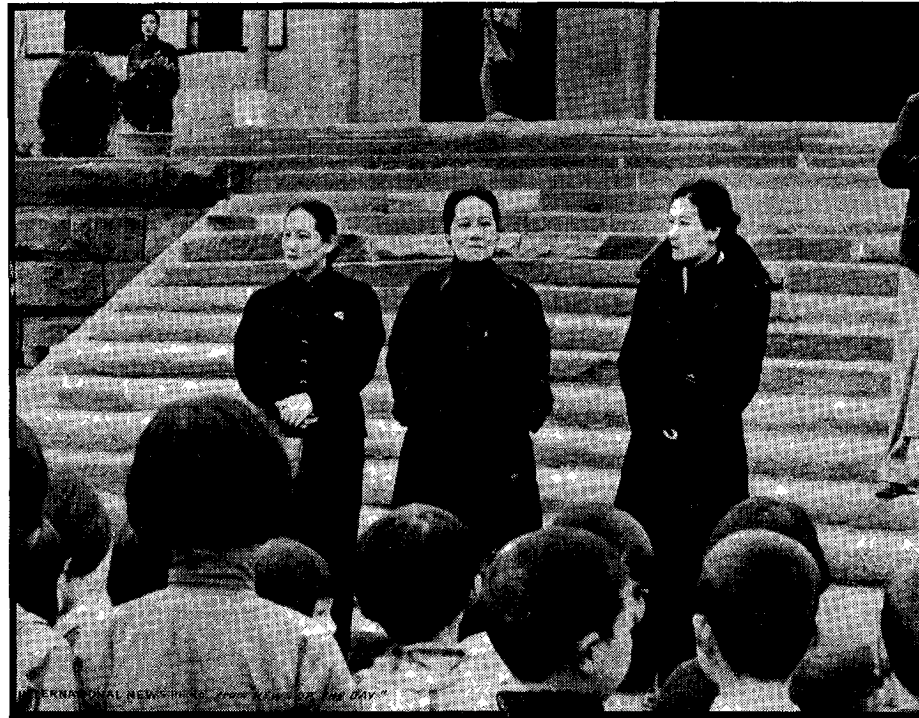
"I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." Revelation 13: 1, 2.

This is a composite beast, or power, possessing the characteristics of others. In the book of Daniel, a lion symbolized Babylon, a bear represented Medo-Persia, and a leopard prefigured Greece. (Daniel 7: 2-6, 17, 23.) Babylon fell, but her system of pagan religion was passed on to others. The succeeding monarchy is remembered for her cruel, arbitrary imperialism as expressed in the phrase, "the law of the

## Who Wants Bibles in China?

**D**R. FRANCIS C. STIFLER, Editorial Secretary of the American Bible Society, sends us this interesting report of a demand for Bibles in West China. Because we are personally acquainted with some of those who drove the trucks carrying these Bibles to West China, the report has more than usual interest for us; but we believe it will prove interesting likewise to our many readers. Even in times of ad-

versity God moves upon heathen hearts to inquire concerning His will, as indicated in His word. The benevolence of Americans makes possible the free distribution of Bibles to those who cannot afford to buy them, while those who have still that with which to purchase in China are not slow to make an investment in the word of God. We quote:



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"SHANGHAI (AP) Despite the war, almost 4,500,000 copies of the Bible were distributed throughout China last year by American and British Bible Societies, their local offices reported today.

"Why are you taking so many Bibles to Chungking? Who wants them?" inquired the customs inspector, as the two truckloads of Scriptures were passing his bureau at Kwangsi last summer. The provincial secretary in charge of the shipment answered by producing his sheaf of advance orders. They were from students in government universities and from high officials; two aviators were waiting for Testaments; a superintendent of churches in Honan Province begged for \$1,000 worth; a Chinese pastor needed three hundred Bibles

for an evangelistic campaign in his district. There were requests for Testaments to be given to students in training for rural service and to sick and wounded soldiers. Indeed, the orders for Bibles and Testaments have poured into the Shanghai Bible House in such volume that the presses and binderies have been unable to keep up with the demand. At the end of October there

\*\*\* The three famous Soong sisters of China. \*\*\*

were unfilled orders for 35,000 books. "Not only are the presses behind, but transportation from Shanghai to many parts of China is, under war conditions, attended with great and costly hindrances.

"Two tons of Bibles were shipped last summer to Chungking by truck from Haiphong, in French Indo-China, the trip of 1,100 miles being made in ten days without a mishap.

"When a second caravan of trucks made this trip it was under much more exciting circumstances. The trucks were bombed just outside of the city of Nanning, of which we in America have heard so much since last November. Further along their route, at Kweiyang, the trucks were caught in a panic when another air raid warning came. The flight from the city resulted in the falling of a woman and a child under one of the trucks, and the breaking of their legs—which involved, of course, visits to the police station, court house, and hospital. All told, this same trip which had been made in June in ten days took four weeks for the second caravan in September.

"Of the results of the delivery of the

second caravan, the Society's secretary in China, Dr. Carleton Lacy, writes: 'We have been receiving letters from all parts of Kiangsi, Hunan, and Szechwan thanking us for the books, but the supply lasted only a few days. Mr. Lin, our agent in Chungking, telegraphed, "Not a Bible for our Christmas trade." Mr. Franck wrote from Chengtu the week after the truck arrived there that all the Bibles were sold, and only a few Testaments were left in his hands. Last night someone told me she had just received a letter from a friend in Szechwan saying, "For all of those truckloads of Scriptures which the Bible Society has brought out here, we are still unable to buy a Bible in this city."'

"The latest development in the attempts to solve the transportation problem Dr. Lacy epitomizes in the phrase 'Bibles for ballast.' It came about as a result of the effort to send off a shipment of fifty cases of books to Ningpo. The larger boats which call at that port were ordered to carry only passengers, because there was so much delay in discharging the cargoes. Having found that it was not safe to make the sea journey with so many passengers and no cargo, the offer was made to carry the fifty cases of Scriptures along with other cargo, on the chance of carrying the entire cargo ballast back and forth for two or three trips between Shanghai and Ningpo while the ship was waiting for its turn to unload at the freight dock.

"Transportation under these and other curious and unprecedented circumstances is expensive.

"Who wants Bibles in China? These little glimpses indicate how widely the Book is appreciated among the high and the low and the rich and the poor. In spite of the tragic hindrances and difficulties of the present situation, the demand was apparently never so great."

## China's Famous Sisters

**F**OR the first time in the western capital of China, Chungking, the famous Soong sisters have been photographed. Madame H. H. Kung is the wife of China's Finance Minister, while Madame Sun Yat Sen, shown in the center, is the widow of the famous founder of the Chinese Republic. Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who is shown at the right, is the wife of the Generalissimo of China, General Chiang. Both the Generalissimo and his wife are American educated, Madame Chiang having finished her work in Wellesley College.

Their father was a man well known in China as a mandarin, but perhaps the name of the family will become more famous because of the three girls, who continue the family history. When one realizes that for



centuries the little girls of China were unwanted and uncared for, when not infrequently they were abandoned or thrown into the canals, the fact that their father and mother so carefully nourished and trained them is a marked evidence of a change which was seen in China as the result of the efforts of foreign missionaries. Madame Chiang Kai-shek is herself a devout Christian, as is also her husband, and not to a small degree is their faith in God responsible for the heroic defense which China has made against unimaginable odds. When it is realized that China lost as many as the result of the war as were lost in the World War, it is all the more remarkable that she clings tenaciously to her national ideals and continues to wage war against the invader.

### Buried Treasure

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Then Jesus, turning His eyes from the retreating figure of the rich young man, said to His disciples, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God." Mark 10: 23.

His followers were astonished at this, but Jesus repeated, "Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!" Mark 10: 24.

And James gives this warning to the wicked rich: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days." James 5: 1-3.

This last statement seems to describe the condition in America today—treasure heaped together for the last days. But while the United States hoards and guards its gold, and ponders the problem of what to do with it, the duty of the Christian is clear in the light of the teachings of Jesus. There is a right way to use wealth; a place where gold may be stored without danger. Jesus said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6: 19-21.

potato, which is completely starchless and is the first of the kind ever grown. It is the result of painstaking efforts by George H. Chisholm, superintendent and horticulturist of the Greystone Estate. Said Mr. Chisholm: "They should be a boon to stout women who are afraid to eat ordinary potatoes containing starch. I have had some of these analyzed by chemists who reported them to be starchless and unlikely to increase the weight of people eating them."

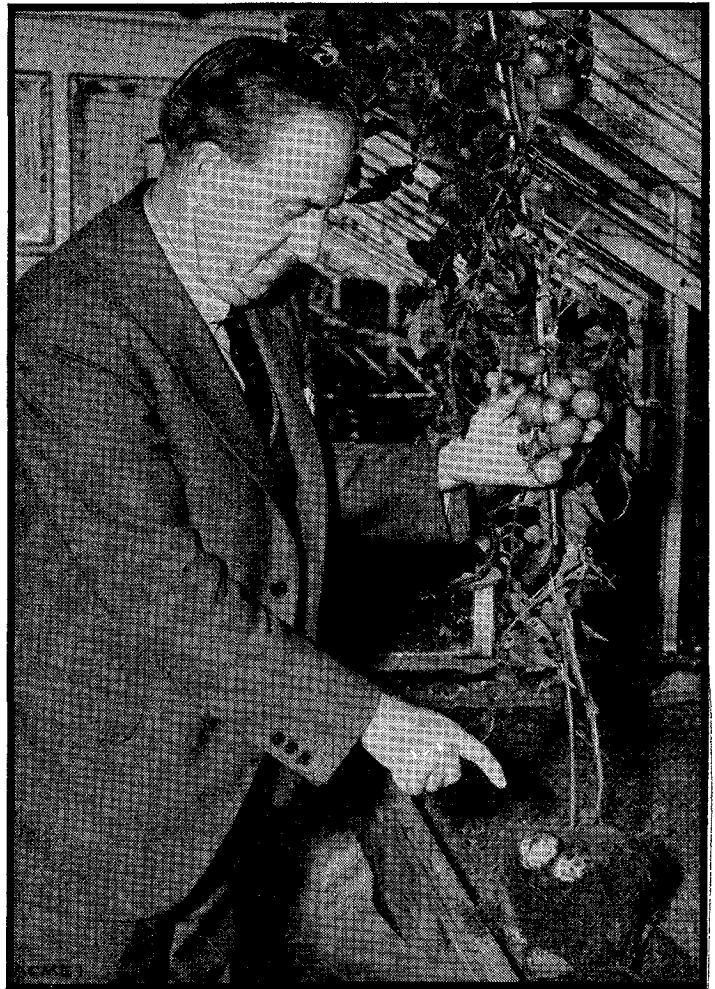
Mr. Chisholm raised plants from an ordinary variety of Irish, or white, potato, and then grafted tomato plants to the tops. The plants, about a dozen of them, are kept in a greenhouse and are grown in gravel without soil. They receive nourishment from magnesium sulphate and six secret chemicals which Mr. Chisholm applies twice a day. Mr. Chisholm calls his new creation "topatoes." These grow from the roots of the plant like ordinary potatoes, while the bushy upward growth of the plant also produces tomatoes, although the tomatoes are not yet ripe enough to eat. It was suggested that the tomato on the upper vine of the plant may absorb some of the taste of the "topatoes" on the roots.

Although this remarkable development has much of interest for the obese, it is quite probable that the "topato" will never become abundant enough for ordinary use. It is rather unlikely that grafting processes carried on by Mr. Chisholm will be accomplished by the average horticulturist, who is faced by the inexorable rule of the Bible's magna charta found in the first chapters of Genesis, where we read: "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the

which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." Genesis 1: 29.

That there would be no such thing as mutation from one tree or herb to another is shown by the following: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good." Genesis 1: 11, 12.

Only by the unnatural process of grafting will the "topato" be possible. It will never become a natural plant. This is why we believe that it will never become popular enough for general consumption. But in passing, it is well to note that the claim of the evolutionist for mutation, or change, is not only denied by the record in Genesis, but is also denied by nature itself. Wherever you turn, you face this inexorable rule: "Every herb bearing seed after his kind." Confronted with such evidence one wonders how sane men can argue for a hypothesis, or fortuitous guess, for which there is no evidence in nature.



\* George H. Chisholm, shown with his new starchless potato.

### The Starchless Potato

THE greenhouses of the Greystone Estate of the late Samuel Untermyer have developed a most interesting vegetable. It is a non-fattening type of

# IS THIS THE DEATH OF THE WORLD?

**C**IVILIZATION is not going to die. It is dying now. We are looking on at its death-throes. That is the only intelligent and adequate explanation of the developments now taking place before our eyes. One by one the nations disappear, snuffed out like a light. Trembling and fear have penetrated to the very souls of those that remain.

Is this the death of the world? Can it be that this is the long-talked-of "time of the end" so long predicted in the prophecies of the Bible? The world is staggering through the blackest and most terrible period of all its long history. Something has gone wrong, terribly wrong. The times are out of joint. Like a gigantic piece of machinery that has gotten out of control, the world is plunging to its doom. The puny forms of those who have endeavored to reduce it to order have been caught in its terrible whirl and are frenziedly struggling to escape being carried to the destruction which they see coming. The old order of things is definitely passing. A new order is in the making. And no man knows what it may turn out to be.

There are possibilities in each new day that are appalling. Tremendous movements are taking place overnight which heretofore have been stretched over generations. That upon which civilization is built may be swept away between two suns. We may expect anything. We can be certain of nothing. There never has been a time like ours before.

In our lifetime we have passed through unparalleled calamities. History's greatest famines, pestilences, earthquakes, floods, droughts, hurricanes, disasters, depressions, hatreds, and wars have marked our generation. We have witnessed the overthrow of age-old tyrannies and the substitution for

By Carlyle B. Haynes

them of greater and worse tyrannies. We have seen every nation in the throes of financial and economic depression, the worst the world has ever seen. We have seen millions out of work and destitute.

Today, from one end of the world to the other, the nations are in commotion, roaring like the troubled sea, and casting up mire and dirt.

There are invisible, sinister forces at work to bring about the destruction of civilization on this planet. We see the effect of their energies. We do not see them. There is something going on in this world which is not reported in the daily papers. There are forces at work which the statesmen of the world are not taking into consideration. These sinister intelligences are nullifying all the efforts for peace which sincere and earnest men are making.

With prophetic foresight our Lord described the times in which we are living. He said: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21: 25, 26.

And after foreseeing and foretelling the conditions of this time the Saviour goes on



\* *The Royal Infantry of the Belgian army, storming over a barricade during maneuvers in Brussels before the German invasion.*

to point to the only remedy, the only way out. "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 27, 28.

There is no hope for the world today except in the age-long hope of the church, the blessed hope of the return of our Lord, pledged and promised for this very time. There is no remedy for the condition of the world today in any of the proposals of men. The only remedy is in the return of Jesus Christ, and His assumption of world control.

Present-day conditions match the divine description of the ancient prophecy of our Lord. The world is desperately perplexed, troubled, bewildered, and baffled. This confusion affects all phases of human thought and activity. The world is perplexed socially, politically, industrially, economically, and religiously. Confusion, fear, uncertainty, restlessness, uneasiness, dread, and apprehension are the widespread characteristics of this time, the most pronounced marks of this age, and they affect every nation on earth.

The newspapers, magazines, and radio, together with other vehicles of public expression convince any student of current affairs that thoughtful people are agreed upon at least three things:

1. The world is in a condition of confusion and commotion such as it has never experienced before.

2. The leaders of the various departments of thought are not able to provide a remedy or lead us out of the plight into which we have fallen. World statesmen and other world leaders share the perplexity, suffer





from the confusion, and are literally at their wits' end.

3. The churches in general are impotent, helpless, and indifferent. While they retain "a form of godliness" they are without "the power thereof."

There is sufficient worldliness in the average church to satisfy the most worldly. There is enough religion or pretense of religion in the average church to pacify the nominally religious and keep them from seeking other pastures. But there is not adequate spiritual power in all of the average churches to meet the challenge of a distressed and troubled world.

There is distress among the nations everywhere, and it rumbles and roars like the waves of an angry sea. There is perplexity throughout the earth which drives the souls of men to despair and defeat. Unquestionably we are in the rapids; we are in a great maelstrom, caught up and whirled here and there entirely beyond our control. And these rapids are carrying the race of men swiftly and relentlessly on into the "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." We are being hurried on to the slaughterhouse of Armageddon and the blood-soaked valley of Jehoshaphat. The world's final collapse is not far off and the coming of Jesus to make a new world:

*\* A Lockheed Hudson of the Royal Air Force after returning from a reconnaissance flight over Norway. Shells pierced both wings, and shrapnel splattered the fuselage, starboard engine, and rudders, and punctured the right tire. A hole was shot in the gasoline tank and many gallons of fuel were lost, yet the crew piloted the machine safely home. Such are the engines of doom that decree the death of the world.*



At the time of the ascension of the Saviour to heaven, when a cloud of angels received Him out of sight and escorted Him to Paradise, two angels stood by the disciples and said to them, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11. "Behold," says John in the Revelation, "He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1: 7. Again, the Saviour Himself said: "The Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him." Matthew 25: 31. And yet again He said: "They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24: 30. "The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then shall He reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16: 27.

To His disciples just before His crucifixion, He said: "I go to prepare a place for

you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also." John 14: 2, 3.

Notice, He does not say, "I will come again to live with you," but "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself," that you may live with Me where I am. The angels who appeared to the disciples at Christ's ascension said He went to a place called heaven. And the Apostle John, in the Revelation, says that after the first resurrection, which will occur when Christ comes the second time (1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17) God's people will spend one thousand years with Christ. Revelation 20: 4-6. During the one thousand years the earth will lie desolate. Jeremiah the prophet foreseeing the earth's condition, said it will be an uninhabited wilderness. (See Jeremiah 4: 23-27.) But at the end of the one thousand years, God will recreate the earth, and the new earth will be more beautiful than Eden of old. And it will forever afterward be the home of God's people. (See Revelation, chapters 21 and 22.)

The Lord says: "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isaiah 65: 17. Again, in 2 Peter (Continued on page 15)

# WHEN CHRIST RESTED

By Asa T. Robinson



OUR thousand years after creation another wonderful Sabbath was kept; for "He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered." (Psalm 111: 4.) It was kept by Jesus, as He lay at rest in Joseph's tomb. One writer describes the scene thus:

"At last Jesus was at rest. The long day of shame and torture was ended. As the last rays of the setting sun ushered in the Sabbath, the Son of God lay in quietude in Joseph's tomb. His work completed, His hands folded in peace, He rested through the sacred hours of the Sabbath day.

"In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after their work of creation. When 'the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them,' the Creator and all heavenly beings rejoiced in contemplation of the glorious scene. 'The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.'

"Now Jesus rested from the work of redemption; and though there was grief among those who loved Him on earth, yet there was joy in heaven. Glorious in the eyes of heavenly beings was the promise of the future. A restored creation, a redeemed race, that having conquered sin could never fall,—this, the result to flow from Christ's completed work, God and angels saw. With this scene the day upon which Jesus rested is forever linked. . . .

"When there shall be a 'restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began,' the creation Sabbath, the day on which Jesus lay at rest in Joseph's tomb, will still be a day of rest and rejoicing. Heaven and earth will unite in praise, as 'from one Sabbath to another,' the nations of the saved shall bow in joyful worship to God and the Lamb."

John 19: 31 tells us that the Sabbath on which Jesus rested in the tomb, was "an high day." I think it was also an high day up in heaven. All heaven was astir, making preparation for the reception of Jesus when He should return to heaven. He was not to come alone. He was to bring with Him trophies of grace, those of whom it was said that "many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." (Matthew 27: 52, 53.) The Apostle Paul tells us that they went to heaven with Jesus, when He ascended. "Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive." The marginal reading says, "a multitude of captives." The

Apostle Paul speaks of this company of redeemed saints who were a type of all who should be redeemed by Christ's death, in the following texts:

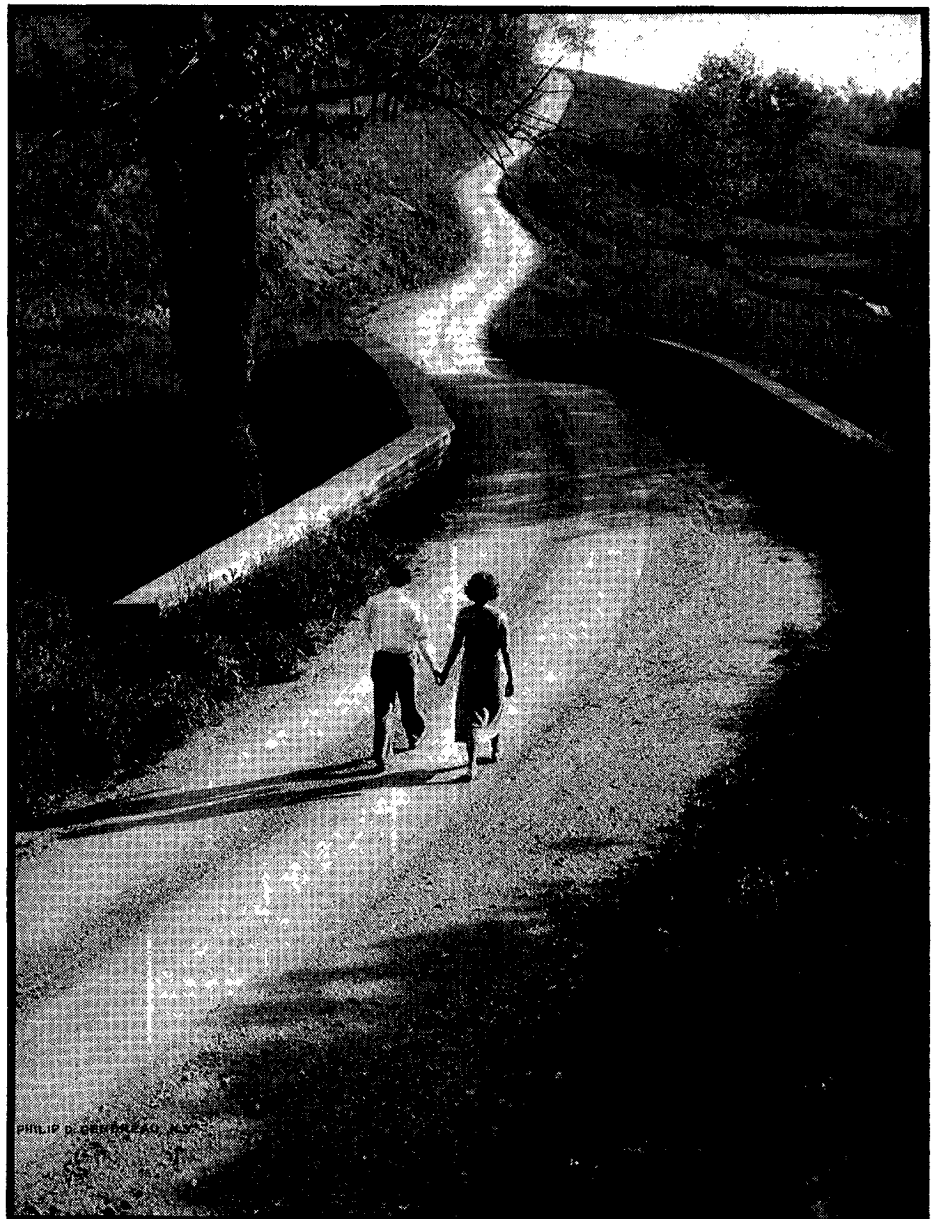
"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

In order that Christ might rise from the dead with trophies, "many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection." God foreknew that such a company would come forth from the grave at His resurrection. Then the apostle continues the story:

"Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called [in this instance He called them from the grave before the time of the general resurrection]: and whom He called, them He also justified [made a special dispensation of the judgment for them], and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Romans 8: 29, 30. He thus made them to conform "to the image of His Son."

After forty days spent here with His disciples, the risen Christ, with His escort of redeemed saints, and an accompanying host of angels, ascended to heaven. As they neared the gates of entrance to the city of God, the voice of the escorting angels rang out in triumphant tones: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." Then a voice came from within the city: "Who is this King of glory?" This question was not asked be-

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\* A sylvan trail to a country church to worship, rest, and be refreshed. Such is the blessing which the Sabbath brings.



cause they did not know, but because they loved to hear the glorious response: "The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." Then there was a repetition, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory." Psalm 24: 7-10.

Then the gates were flung wide open, and this joyous company went "sweeping through the gates to the New Jerusalem." John heard a great throng in heaven; he says:

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." Revelation 5: 11, 12.

I wonder if those redeemed saints were silent listeners to the great song of the angels? Oh, no, they sang a mighty chorus of redemption, a new song that never before had been heard in heaven. John heard it, and he gives us this description:

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5: 9, 10.

What! Not yet quite satisfied, surrounded with all the bliss and joy of heaven? No, no, they are looking forward to that glad day when they, with all the redeemed hosts, shall come back to live on the glorious earth made new, as their eternal and everlasting home. (See Isaiah 35.)

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## The Iron Days of Herod

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tobulus was made high priest, but Herod disposed of him by having him drowned. Aroused to insane jealousy by his mother and his serpent-tongued sister, Salome, he had the faithful Mariamme, who had followed him through fair and foul, done to death.

Octavian (who had assumed the title of Emperor Augustus), after reconstructing the government in Italy, laid out extensive plans for the development of the provinces and dependent kingdoms. Only two rulers of subordinate kingdoms were retained in their places of power. These were Amyntas of Galatia and Herod of Judea. Summoned before the Emperor, Herod made a statesmanlike plea for continuation in power. He won the confidence of Augustus.

Under a new dispensation the powers of Herod were increased greatly. He ruled as a vassal king and issued his own minor coinage. Many coins of Herod the Great are still in existence. They are made of

copper, and are of small denominations, the most common ones bearing an inscription reading, "Of King Herod." Save for the presence of Roman garrisons, the payment of imperial tribute and taxes, and the slight restraining influence of a moribund Sanhedrin, the will of Herod represented the law of Judea for all practical purposes.

If Herod ever had a god, that god was Augustus. He served his emperor with fanatic fervor. When Augustus made him ruler over Syria, Palestine, and Arabia, he decided to Romanize the Near East in honor of his patron. He began the construction of great palaces, temples, and hippodromes in the Roman style of architecture.

He rebuilt a place on the coast about twenty-four miles south of Mt. Carmel known as Strato's Tower and renamed it Caesarea in honor of the emperor. This town was for a time the Roman capital of Palestine and is mentioned frequently in the New Testament.

He rebuilt Samaria and renamed it Sebaste, the Greek for Augustus. Around the city was constructed a colonnaded street, some of the pillars of which are still standing.

The war-battered walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt and new defensive towers added. High on the western hill near the Jaffa Gate three memorial fortress towers were erected. Later, about B.C. 25-23, he erected a magnificent royal palace just to the south of the memorial towers and connected this structure with the outstanding towers to form a stately palace-fortress complex.

The royal palace became the seat of government in Jerusalem. Here, at a later time, Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Although the palace has been rebuilt frequently, enough Herodian masonry remains in the walls to monument the spot where some of the most moving and dramatic events of history took place.

The most famous of Herod's many building projects was the rearing of the Third Temple. This was the temple our Saviour knew. It will be mentioned in greater detail in a later article.

From the purely political standpoint, the rearing of the temple was a great mistake. Economically, the expenditure placed an unbearable burden of taxation on an impoverished people. If meant to win favor with the Jewish world, it failed utterly. Devout religionists were not impressed by a ruler who could erect a temple to the Lord God of Israel in Jerusalem and temples dedicated to Jupiter and Bacchus in other cities.

Massive remains of Herodian masonry have been found at many sites, and lamps, bronzes, marbles, pottery, and other exhibits from these ruins may be seen in several museums.

History has drawn a drastic indictment against Herod. His memory is stained with almost every crime against humanity and against God. One of the ablest of men, granted opportunity to make his name immortal by the judicious exercise of his great executive talents, his inordinate

vanity and rampant egoism led him to bend all his efforts relentlessly toward a triumph of Roman nationalism for his own glorification.

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## Armageddon in the Making

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A subsequent steady disintegration has almost driven Turkey out of Europe, and has resulted in a restricted territorial region, encircling Constantinople, or Istanbul. The empire has passed into history, and Turkey has long been known as "the Sick Man of the East." "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him." Daniel 11: 44. "And he [the king of the north, or Turkey] shall plant the tabernacles of his palace [or his headquarters] between the seas [the Dead and Mediterranean seas] in the glorious holy mountain [on which Jerusalem stands]; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Daniel 11: 45.

Turkey, heretofore, has been helped. Apropos of the "help" rendered Turkey by other powers, Uriah Smith, in "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," page 311, says:

"In the war against France in 1798-1801, England and Russia assisted the Sultan. In the war between Turkey and Egypt in 1838-1840, England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia intervened in behalf of Turkey. In the Crimean War in 1853-1856, England, France, and Sardinia supported the Turks. And in the late Russo-Turkish War, the great powers of Europe interfered to arrest the progress of Russia. . . . And it is a notorious [notable] fact that since the fall of the Ottoman supremacy in 1840, the empire has existed only through the sufferance of the great powers of Europe."

Palestine has been a Turkish province since the fifteenth century. It was taken over by the British in the World War, to whom a mandate was granted by the League of Nations. If the powers "out of the east and out of the north" shall drive the Turk from Istanbul, the Dardanelles, and Ankara, and cause him to flee to Palestine, will not the prophecy above quoted be literally fulfilled? For this reason, students of eschatology are watching with great interest the movements of Turkey in the present European conflict, and are wondering if it will end in a world war and lead up to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. For the text proceeds: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people." Daniel 12: 1. Michael is Christ. Will this entry of Turkey into the war be one of the signs of the standing up of Michael? That standing up of Christ marks the close of His work as our Mediator. When He stands up, or reigns "there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time," but at that time God's people "shall be delivered." Daniel 12: 1.



HAROLD M. LAMBERT

★ Off to the forest for a day's outing and to be refreshed by eating sunshine foods. Health is God's gift to man through obedience to nature's laws.

# SUNSHINE AND SUNSHINE FOODS

**W**E HAVE learned by observation that with the return of early spring and summer there comes an urge that sends cows, horses, sheep, and goats into the open field to seek green food to gratify an appetite which the dry hay they had been fed during winter could no longer satisfy. Even though it requires a tireless search the day long to get their fill of sparsely grown grass, it matters not to them. The animal hungers for green food which contains essential constituents that work to prevent physical ailments and to increase the power to resist disease.

Wild animals know instinctively the therapeutic value of water and the sun's rays for certain ailments, and the value of rest for others. Most of us have at one time or another observed that cats and dogs eat grass, and this serves to produce nausea, thus emptying the stomach of its objectionable contents. When the animal has a fever it finds its way to an airy, cool place near some water, where it remains quiet, takes little or no food, and drinks often. Our physicians prescribe about the same course of treatment for human beings.

By Hans S. Anderson

Of preventive measures against illness, cleanliness is among the first and most important. The significance of true hygiene must needs be taught to the higher order of beings; however, wild animals keep themselves clean by instinct. All members of the cat family wash themselves every day; wild deer bathe in rivers or ponds when opportunity permits, and wild birds take their baths. When wounded, an animal directs attention to keeping the wound clean; most animals use their tongue for that purpose, and the enzymes of saliva act as a mild disinfectant, and thus promote healing.

It was but a few decades ago that we first learned about vitamins and their importance in maintenance of health; and research in this field has resulted in far-reaching discoveries. For instance, we are told that there is a whole series of vitamins that influence body functions in various ways. One vitamin fortifies the system

against colds and various infectious diseases and prevents the outbreak of an unpleasant eye disease called xerophthalmia (a dry, lusterless condition of the eye). Another vitamin is indispensable for keeping the appetite normal and for stimulating growth; still another vitamin prevents rachitis (commonly called rickets) and another is necessary for reproduction.

Vitamin A promotes growth and vigorous vitality and works to protect the lungs, eyes, nose, and throat. It is present in green plant foods as well as in dairy products, depending on exposure of the animal or bird or the growing plants to radiant sunlight. Vitamin B is derived from products of the vegetable kingdom and promotes normal health. It serves as a special food adjunct for rebuilding the nerve forces and thus prevents nerve-degeneration. It is present in exceptional amounts in the coverings that are removed from wheat in the manufacture of white flour, also in the germ of all seeds, and in dry brewer's yeast and to some extent in fresh vegetables, fruits, and nuts. Vitamin C is produced in the great laboratory of nature by fruits and vegetables, and works to

prevent scurvy (bleeding gums, loose teeth, and capillary degeneration) and promotes clean tissues and vigorous health. It is liberally supplied in lemons, limes, grapefruits, oranges, tomatoes, and fresh green vegetables, particularly when raw. Vitamin D (the sunshine vitamin) promotes the growth of the bones and the teeth and protects against such maladies as rickets, tuberculosis, and skin diseases. Exposure of the naked body to sunlight creates vitamin D in the skin, and this facilitates absorption of essential mineral salts from foods that are consumed daily. Vitamin D is present in fruits, fresh vegetables, and cod liver oil, and in milk and dairy products in proportion to the length of time the bird or animal or the plant foods used have been exposed to sunlight.

In order to build a groundwork for nutritional triumph we must attain to a knowledge of how to provide such food-stuffs as are alkaline in character, and rich in organic minerals and vitamins; for there appears to be no disease that can resist the nutritional strength of these three forces. Vitamins mobilize the essential minerals such as iron, lime, copper, magnesium, sodium, etc., and put them to work; in other words, vitamins and minerals are nature's disease eradicators.

For centuries we were persuaded to believe that the use of lifeless iron and other metals as medicine would assist us in overcoming ill health. However, modern research in cell chemistry has revealed that inorganic (lifeless) metals such as iron, lime, copper, manganese, etc., are nearly valueless—exerting merely a temporary and falsely-stimulating effect—and in the end sometimes do more damage than they have done good. Modern biologic studies show that nature requires live (organic) metals for regenerating effect, which she wisely provides for in the true cell- and tissue-regenerating minerals,—organic iron, calcium, sodium, magnesium, potassium,

copper, etc., as found abundantly in the products of garden and orchard and in dairy products.

Sunshine, vitamins, live food minerals, and chlorophyll (green coloring matter in plants) are essential for maintenance of animal life; and mineralized vegetables, fruits, and whole foods generally are fundamental in the working of nature for perfecting of the body mechanism to its highest point. Each portion of sun-ripened fruit and fresh vegetable food ingested performs a seeming miracle of cleansing and restoration within the body.

The health-promoting virtues of orange or other juices extend through the digestive, kidney, and blood vessel systems and directly promote dental health. Grapefruit proves excellent as a solvent for chalky deposits in arthritic and rheumatic ailments and is refreshing and restorative in fever conditions. This is particularly so in cases of diabetes, due to its richness in the capillary strengthening vitamin C. Pineapple juice is a digestant and a dissolver of effete matter along the digestive tract and proves a tasty ingredient in the making of liquified vegetables for the fruit and vegetable juice cocktail.

Grape juice is rich in fruit sugar, as well as potassium and vitamins which impart an alkaline reaction to the blood and tissues and is a typical body cleanser. Lemon juice acts as a bile-drainer, improving the function of the liver, and assisting in the proper flow of the bile. Tomato juice is rich in vitamin C and is equally as effective as citrus fruits in preventing vitamin C deficiencies. Carrot juice is one of the richest known sources of anti-infective vitamin A. Its liberal use strengthens the mucous membranes of the nose, the sinuses, and the throat. Beet juice is a rapid oxygen-carrying blood-builder, and is rich in manganese and potassium and other food essentials. As the whole organism is daily supplied with primary elements of food for

cell-renewal; regeneration and health are the natural result.

## Is This the Death of the World?

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3: 10, we read: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Yet again, in Revelation 21: 1, the beloved Apostle John, describing his vision of the future, says: "I saw a new heaven, and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away."

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree." Isaiah 55: 13. "They shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of My people, and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith the Lord." Isaiah 65: 21-25.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21: 5.

## The DOCTOR REPLIES to HEALTH QUERIES . . .

Medical and hygienic information of value to the general reader is given here by Owen S. Parrett, M. D. Inquirers may address the doctor in care of this magazine.

### Berger's Disease

*I have trouble in the circulation in the legs, threatening the development of gangrene in the toes. What is the best treatment? L. K.*

You probably have Berger's disease, in which the arteries are so filled with a deposit that the blood can no longer flow easily through the vessels. In most cases tobacco is the main cause; and it must be discontinued at once, since tobacco tends to cause changes in the vessel walls as long as it is used. The legs should be bathed in alternate hot and cold water, first using a hot bath and then a cold, and repeating. The water should be as hot as can be borne, and as cold as can be procured, timing it so that the hot bath lasts about forty-five seconds and the cold for about fifteen

seconds. Eliminate all foods that tend to thicken and acidify the blood such as meats, tea and coffee, rich foods of all kinds, using largely fruits and juices, green vegetables, salads, etc.

### Insulin

*If a diabetic starts taking insulin will he become dependent so that he may never get away from it? O. F. K.*

Mild cases of diabetes may not always require insulin; but where the carefully managed diet, exercise, etc., fail to reduce the sugar to a reasonably low level in the blood or fail to cause it to disappear from the urine, it is well to take insulin under a physician, at least until the patient is trained to interpret the symptoms, and he

should always consult a doctor at intervals. Sometimes after a period of taking insulin, the patient may find himself able to do without it, as it has a tendency to improve the diabetic condition and the sugar tolerance rather than to make it worse.

### Fever Medicine

*What is a good fever medicine? B. R.*

No longer do we give medicines for reducing fevers. We may even induce fevers by various methods, keeping the temperature very high for several hours in order to hasten or induce recovery. The best fever medicines are liquids and fruit juices, which aid in eliminating wastes from the body, keeping the minerals and vitamins at a high level, and supporting the patient's energy. Sometimes a good sweat will lower the temperature and further help to eliminate the poisons causing the temperature.

# WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR STUMBLES



AMERICA is running over with civilization. The radio is common; television is almost here. Teletypewriters have found their place. Air travel is the modern means of transportation across continents and between them. Modern science has done about everything except to create life. And it has tried that.

We shudder at the thought of primitive customs, cannibalism, and tribal wars; and yet some of our most brilliant minds spend their energy on inventing new ways of wiping out lives. I wonder if we are so civilized, after all.

Man has built up a world of his own. He has his own codes. The Ten Commandments are too old-fashioned for him. Instead, he has thousands of statutes that say far less than was written on those two tables of stone.

Out in the jungle, men take the law into their own hands. In contrast, we have courts and legislative bodies. Yet probably more verdicts of guilty are handed down by individuals than by the courts. For, in spite of the courts set up for that purpose, men and women as individuals have their own ideas of justice, and they proceed to pass judgment on their neighbors accordingly. It may take ten days, or ten dollars, for the wrongdoer to right himself in the eyes of the law. But it may take ten years to convince his neighbor that he is not a scoundrel. Far more of the suffering that makes the way of the transgressor hard comes as the result of a neighbor's verdict than because of a court's legislation.



These self-styled judges are not entirely without good motives. Some of them, at least, think they are doing the will of God. They refer to the Scriptures—to the law of God. They talk a great deal about justice and standards. But the standards are applied only to others—never to themselves. They demand perfection from the much-discussed neighbor, and refuse to accept anything less. But they forget to check up on themselves.

Oh, it is easy to forget our own mistakes while we are busy remembering those of others. And those who keep the score in their neighbor's game of life, do not understand, unless they have been unfortunate enough to stand in their neighbor's place—do not understand that one's own conscience can impose a sufficient penalty of remorse and regret without the help of those who point the finger. No wonder so many become discouraged in their effort to rebuild a broken life.

Yes, the court of public opinion—or shall we say neighborhood opinion?—places every one on trial, yet never gives the defendant a chance to appear. It places no

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witnesses under oath, accepts all unfavorable statements as evidence, and invariably finds the defendant guilty as charged. The sentence is never suspended. There are no pardons, no paroles.

Man has a system all his own. It looks good. It sounds good. But it will not work.

Try to imagine, if you can, what a world of man's making would be like—were such a world possible. It would be a world full of wonders, ruled by justice, but entirely without love. It would be a wonderful failure!

Of course, we profess to love. And here and there, fortunately, are those who do. There will always be fathers and mothers who love their sons and daughters. But the person who actually loves his neighbor is rare. The majority of neighbors are loved only until some flaw is found in them. Whereupon they are promptly discarded like an old newspaper.

Man has a code of justice all his own. Certainly it is not God's. We give men what they deserve. God gives us what we do not deserve. We are like the man who was forgiven all his debts, then set about collecting from his debtors.

Sometimes we excuse our treatment of the sinner by calling it self-respect. We can't go on loving him, we say, without losing our self-respect. And yet Christ gave up a throne for that very transgressor, whoever he is. He was willing to be identified with fallen humanity throughout eternity. Sad day it would be if we should find ourselves too righteous to enter heaven,

to mingle with the redeemed from the earth.

True, there is no excuse for sin. It is sin—no matter how good a retoucher you are. It can't be covered up, or painted over, or made into something else. But there is a difference between the sin and the sinner. We are to join our great Commander in the war against sin. But we ought also to share in His love for sinners. Just one of them—any one—is more important to Him than His position in heaven.

We are inconsistent. We teach that God is the judge of all the earth. And yet we take it upon ourselves to judge our fellow men every day. More than that, we mete out punishment. Why cannot we leave the judging, and especially the punishing, to God? When will we quit trying to do God's work?

There is sin all about us. Yet so easily, in our haste to bring the sinner's sin to view, we may commit the greatest sin of all.

"The inhumanity of man toward man is our greatest sin. Many think that they are representing the justice of God, while they wholly fail of representing His tenderness and His great love. Often the ones whom they meet with sternness and severity are under the stress of temptation. Satan is wrestling with these souls, and harsh, unsympathetic words discourage them, and cause them to fall a prey to the tempter's power."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* page 163.



\* "Some of our most brilliant minds spend their energy in inventing new ways of wiping out lives." British women volunteering to serve in the field to save life, rather than to destroy it. Princess Alice is shown inspecting members of the Service.





## The Gathering Storm

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own spirit of love for enemy and friend.

How vain are the endeavors of Satan and the kings of the earth to frustrate God's purposes! He can permit them to carry out their wicked schemes; but in it all, He works out His own purposes. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." Psalm 2: 4.

We have had a lull in the storm. Armageddon is still before us. What we have witnessed is merely a prelude to what will be seen. "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be none*. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 7: 25-27.



As God warned His people of Jerusalem's destruction, and told them to flee from the city when the Romans should besiege it, so He is today warning the world of its final destruction, that they may flee from the wrath to come and find shelter under His wings.

When Cestius, the Roman general, surrounded the city with his army, the Jews, despairing of being able longer to resist, were on the point of surrendering; but for some unknown reason, Cestius withdrew his army and fled. He was pursued by the Jews, and his army met a great defeat. The Jews escaped almost without any loss, and returned in triumph with their spoils. During this pursuit, the Christians made their escape. They heeded the warning: "When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains. . . . For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled." Luke 21: 20-22. Not one of the believers remained behind.

There followed in Jerusalem a time of apparent peace and financial prosperity. But it was merely a lull in the storm. The "peace and safety" cry was heard on every side, when suddenly Titus, with the legions of Rome, swept down upon them. His first aim was to shut out the supply of food. In this he was successful. Thousands perished from famine and from the pestilence that followed.

As the army of Cestius was a sign of Jerusalem's impending doom, and for the followers of Jesus to make their escape to a place of safety, so the judgments that have fallen upon earth's inhabitants in these days are a sign of the doom that awaits the rejecters of God's grace, and a

warning for the true Christian of today to prepare to meet his God. "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4: 12.

"At that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and *at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*" Daniel 12: 1.

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## Primitive Faith

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deny one, and eventually all must fall. If evolution is substituted for creation, Holy Writ cannot be trustworthy. One writer has said: "Evolution is the bone and marrow of the 'liberal' interpretation of Christianity."

"Take heed that no man deceive you," said Jesus. "For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. . . . For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." 1 John 2: 18 says: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." And 2 Timothy 4: 2-4 says: "Preach the word; . . . for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." From the eternal verities of God's word men have turned to the vapid vagaries and the vacuous stupidities of fables.

Have I "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"? If so, I believe that in six days God created the world, and the things therein, and rested the seventh day. I hold the evangelical truth which declares the deity of Jesus,—the virgin birth. I acknowledge the direct divine interposition manifested in the miracles. I am convinced that His was a vicarious, substitutionary death. I believe in His resurrection, His ascension to take up His work in the heavenly sanctuary as man's great High Priest, and in His soon triumphant return.

May God help you and me never to relax our hold, to believe with all our hearts in the inspiration and authenticity of the Scriptures and to live out in our lives the purity of "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

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## What God Said About America

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into exile. How marvelous the prophetic fulfillment! That event inflicted upon the Church of Rome its "deadly wound," but

the prophet saw that this deadly wound would afterward be healed.

As the prophet beheld the venerable priest-king led "into captivity" (v. 10), his attention was suddenly arrested by another extraordinary event:

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." V. 11.

"I beheld." As the prophet saw the papacy going, he beheld another coming. Turn back the pages of history to that memorable year 1798. Scrutinize every world event, and what vigorous young state was then seen arising to take its place among the family of nations? Only one—*The United States of America*. At that time George Washington was still living, and John Adams, the second president, was then our chief executive.

"Another beast coming up out of the earth." The term "coming up," from the Greek *anabainon*, is translated, "to grow, or spring up, as a plant." Our country was not built upon the ruins of older empires; its natal day does not commemorate a victory of armed forces, but of a great moral idea. Said one of the leading newspapers across the Atlantic:

"No standing army was raised, no national debt was sunk, no great exertion was made, but there they are."

All Europe marveled to see this nation "coming forth from vacancy," while, to use the phrase of the historian Townsend, "like a silent seed we grew into an empire."



Other beasts, or nations, of Scripture prophecy emerged from the "sea;" but this one comes "out of the earth." The prophet interprets "waters" to represent "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." (Revelation 17: 15.) The "earth," by contrast, indicates territory not previously occupied. The new nation was not to arise from a sea of humanity in Europe, Asia, or Africa, but in the New World (or Western Hemisphere); where from wilderness wastes and in a peaceful manner there developed the sturdy American commonwealth.

"And he had two horns like a lamb." Youthfulness and innocence are suggested. All other beasts of symbolic prophecy were wild animals of prey, and represented imperial nations. Here a peaceable, domestic animal is divinely chosen to impersonate our country. Christ was the "Lamb of God." In its principles of right and justice, this nation was to be Christlike. As "the land of the free and the home of the brave," it was destined to blaze a new trail, and inaugurate a new era of law and liberty.

On the reverse side of the great seal of the United States of America is the Latin inscription, *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, meaning, "A New Order of Things." The old order in Europe was built upon two mistaken ideals of government: the divine right of kings, and a union of church and state, with the church claiming supreme authority. The former brought civil inequality and

hardship; the latter, religious intolerance and persecution.

The preceding beasts wore crowns upon their heads, indicating kingly or monarchical powers; but no diadem graced the head of the lamb. Multitudes hearing of the promised land on the western shores of the Atlantic, fled from tyranny and persecution, and braved the perils and hardships of the American wilds that they might establish "a church without a pope, and a state without a king."

"What sought they thus afar?

Bright jewels of the mine?

The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?—

They sought a faith's pure shrine!

"Aye, call it holy ground,

The soil where first they trod!

They left unstained what there they found—

Freedom to worship God."

—Mrs. Felicia Hemans.

The "two horns" of the lamb, representing "the two evangels of civil and religious liberty," may be labeled genuine *Republicanism* and true *Protestantism*. In the new order, church and state were declared en-

tirely separate. Says the Constitution of our country: "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." The right of individual belief and worship is likewise guaranteed in Article 1 of the Amendments: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

But in spite of constitutional safeguards, in spite of Christ's own pronouncement to render unto Cæsar only the things that are Cæsar's, in spite of the witness of history, and the mute testimony of sixty million martyrs' graves, many self-styled reformers would turn back the hands of time, and plunge this fair land into the shadows of the Dark Ages. Millions of our citizens profess supreme allegiance to the church that claims it "never changes," and that it "never erred"; while in the *ex cathedra* statement of Pope Pius IX, the following occurs:

"The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience, are a most pestilential error—a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state."

"Religious liberty," says Bishop O'Connor, "is merely endured until the opposite

can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world."

The ideals of many professed Protestants likewise find expression in the language of Sam Small, author and publicist:

"I want to see the day come when the church shall be the arbiter of all legislation, state, national, and municipal; when the great churches of the country can come together harmoniously and issue their edict, and the legislative powers will respect it, and enact it into laws."

At the biennial session of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, held in Asbury Park, N. J., in December, 1936, impassioned appeals were made to all Protestants to forget creeds and denominations, and unite in one great organization. Some even visualized "a Church beyond the Church" which would include Catholicism as well as Protestantism. The call was sounded for a "more statesmanlike attitude," so that all Christians would look for spiritual leadership to the president of the Federal Council, even as American citizens look for political leadership to the President of the United States. Such an attitude is fraught with grave danger for the future of Christianity, for when a super-church overrides the individual conscience, and becomes "the arbiter of all legislation, state, national, and municipal," we may expect nothing less than that the bloody and horrifying persecutions of the Middle Ages will be repeated.

With deep concern we also note the world-wide trend away from freedom and democracy to servitude and dictatorship. In our own land, misguided apostles of reform would seek to subvert the Constitution, and thus pave the way for enslaving the consciences of free Americans, and returning to the spirit of the Dark Ages.



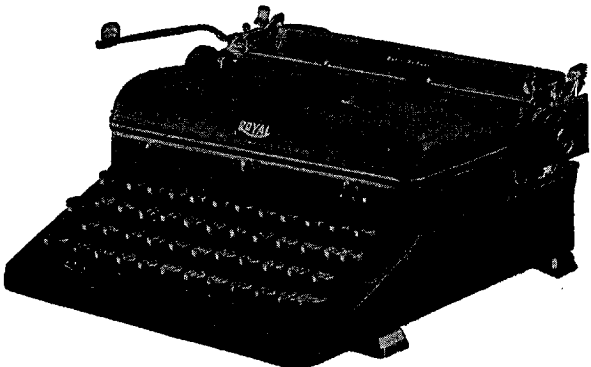
There is danger ahead; for "the sure word of prophecy" announces that the lamb will at length speak "as a dragon."

"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." Revelation 13: 11, 12.

Under the influence of sinister forces, government leaders will yield to the persistent clamor, will repudiate the blood-bought principles upon which our nation was founded, will enact religious laws and treat conscientious dissenters as traitors to the country, even attempting such extreme measures as the boycott and the death penalty. (Vs. 15, 17.)

As true Americans and true Christians, "with malice toward none, with charity for all," we would nevertheless resist to the utmost every infringement upon our liberties. The times call for noble, stalwart men and women with the spirit of an Elijah, the loyalty of a Daniel, and the courage of a Luther, "men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

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## SCRIPTURE PROBLEMS SOLVED . . .

*This is a service department where questions on religion, ethics, and Bible interpretation will be answered. Send questions to the editor.*

To be answered, questions must be accompanied by full name and address of the questioner. In publication only initials will be used.

[Since printing the statement on dancing in our January issue, so many requests have come for copies that our entire edition has been exhausted. By request we are printing this again, as we think that it is one of the clearest statements that has ever been made on this question.—Ed.]

### Dancing

*Please explain why dancing is forbidden to Christians. Mrs. B. L. W.*

I believe the following quotations from those in a position to speak from experience will answer your query:

"In our day, dancing is associated with folly and midnight revelling. Health and morals are sacrificed to pleasure. By the frequenters of the ballroom, God is not an object of thought and reverence; prayer or the song of praise would be felt to be out of place in their assemblies. This test should be decisive. Amusements that have a tendency to weaken the love for sacred things and lessen our joy in the service of God, are not to be sought by Christians.

"The music and dancing in joyful praise to God at the removal of the ark had not the faintest resemblance to the dissipation of modern dancing. The one tended to the remembrance of God, and exalted His holy name. The other is a device of Satan to cause men to forget and to dishonor Him.

"Professor T. A. Faulkner, ex-dancing master and former proprietor of the Los Angeles Dancing Academy, and ex-president of the Dancing Masters' Association of the Pacific Coast, who made one thousand dollars a month out of his classes, gave his deliberate conviction that two thirds of the girls and women who are ruined fall through the influence of the dance. His school was located in Oakland, California. He further said: 'Out of one class there were eight girls who became prostitutes as a direct result of the dance.'

"He gave up his business because he saw what the dance was doing right in Oakland, where two hundred girls were inmates of brothels. When he questioned them personally, he found that out of that number seven were there because of poverty and abuse, ten were there because of wilful choice, twenty were there because of drink, and one hundred and sixty-three were there because of the dancing school and ballroom.

"The matron of a home in Los Angeles for fallen women said: 'Seven tenths of the girls who come to the home have fallen through dancing and its influences.'

"Jean Cowles, who was in charge of the work for fallen girls in Chicago, declared before the councilmen of that city that her inventory showed that 80 per cent of the fallen girls fell because of the dance.

"The former chief of police of New York City is reported to have said that three fourths of the fallen girls of that city were

led astray through the influences of the dance.

"A Jesuit priest, when asked why his church is so strict on dancing, replied: 'We at least have the satisfaction of knowing when our young people fall, how and where they fall; and we have found that almost every lapse of female virtue is traceable to the dance.'

"A brother, in order to impress his sister with the fact that the dance room is not conducive to spirituality or Christian standards, made the proposition to her that she could not talk to a man about his soul at the dance. She endeavored to prove that she could, and asked a young man during a dance if he were a Christian.

"Looking at her in some surprise, he said: 'A what?'

"She repeated, 'Are you a Christian?'

"No, I am not. Are you?'

"Yes,' she replied.

"Well,' was his answer, 'what are you doing here, then?'"

In all our relations it is well to be admonished by the words: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4: 8. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Colossians 3: 17.

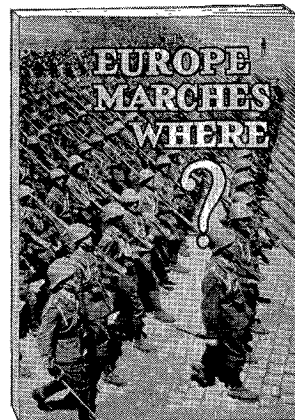
### Armageddon

*Is this the war to end war; that is, Armageddon? W. C. O. P.*

The only war to end war is Armageddon. Its end is pictured in Revelation 19, where Christ is represented as taking a hand and riding forth to conquer the warring nations. They have been marshaled in Palestine at Armageddon for a last titanic conflict (See Revelation 16: 12-16). The kings of the East will be pitted against the kings of the West. Long ago prophecy had indicated that this war would not be fought to a conclusion by earthly armies, but that God would take a hand. (Joel 3: 9-13.) The eleventh verse shows that this observation is correct: "Thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord." The nineteenth chapter of Revelation, to which we have already alluded, is a divine commentary on Joel's terse prophecy.

From a careful study of these texts it is evident that the stage is not now set for this final conflict. The East is not pitted against the West. If the Japanese choose to enter the war, according to the terms of their treaty with Germany they will be

allied with Germany, one of the kings of the West. Therefore, the present alignment suggests that the stage is not at present set for Armageddon, which would lead us to conclude that this is not the war to end wars; however, the student of prophecy, who has watched the trend of world events, cannot be dogmatic, for kaleidoscopic changes have occurred during the past ten years, yes, even during the past year, and such sudden changes are possible in the future. There are some prophecies which yet remain to be fulfilled, and these alone stand in the way of the immediate realization of Armageddon. Surely the chaotic conditions of our times indicate that God's wrath cannot long be restrained against those who are destroying the earth, mentioned in Revelation 11: 18. To the Christian it would seem that one of the greatest barriers is the fact that the church has not fulfilled in its entirety the commission of Matthew 28: 18-20, for we read: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24: 14.



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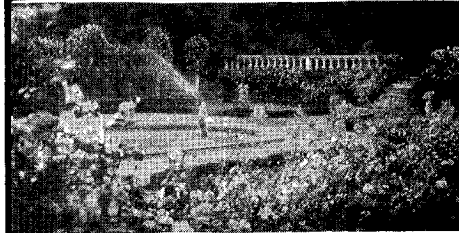
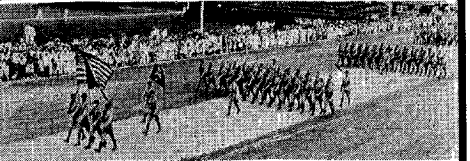
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