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**"NO MORE CURSE"**

"The conclusion of the Divine purpose is that there will at last be no curse upon the Earth and upon those who finally inhabit it. The Eternal Wisdom and Power did not create the world in order that it might be for ever under a curse. A curse is only an incidental occurrence, or casualty, in the Divine Purpose, which was to, erect a splendid habitation here fit for Him to reside in, surrounded by neighbours all of whom should be intelligent wise faithful and affectionate sons with whom He could freely associate and enjoy life. This was His ultimate purpose in the Creation as He revealed in the prophecies relating to the Anointed Jesus."

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**EDITORIAL**

**THIS PRESENT WORLD**

In addition to the fears and perplexities associated with the world's politics and its preparation for another great world wide conflict, there is today the equally grave problem of the earth's increasing population to be faced.

The Truth enables us to see that God has wisely set a bound to the growth of the population. Six thousand years is now seen clearly to be the limit which had to be fixed to this growth under conditions of "curse".

Cursed for Adam's sake the earth has needed cultivation continually in order to provide food for the people. "In the sweat of thy face" has been literally true. But many men have foreseen that the day must inevitably come when the needs of a greatly increased population would outstrip the productive capacity of the earth.

There has also been grave neglect on the part of the cultivators in many countries. Soil exhaustion is a well known phenomenon in the Eastern and Western hemispheres,

For the past 400 years man has acted as though the earth's resources were inexhaustible. But such is far from the truth.

The ratio between human population and the use of the resources of what men call "Nature" such as soil, plants, water and animals, is clearly a fixed one.

The earth cannot be extended by human agency and as the number of human creatures increases the available amount of cultivable earth becomes correspondingly less.

In Britain every house that is built reduces the amount of land to be cultivated. If it were not for help from abroad England for instance could not maintain one half of her present population. So the hard fact is that there are already far too many people in the world for all to enjoy a good standard of living. What would the position be in 50 or 100 years from now?

Bishops may challenge the word of God in respect of the Creation story and the miracles but what remedy do they propose to take the place of the Divine purpose?

According to their latest declarations they still believe that God has left the Earth and men to them to do their best with. They have no belief at all in the promise of our Lord, "I will come again". His Coming, say they, is a spiritual ideal to be realised when all the people become morally good. Hence their sermons are all moral exhortations and little else.

Think of what men did with Mesopotamia once the cradle of the human race and wonderfully fertile the uncontrolled flow of water—for that is what it really was—wiped out earlier civilisations from Nineveh to Babylon and beyond to Syria.

The U.S.A. farmers never heeded the lesson of the land between the Euphrates and the Tigris hence the dust bowls of Central America. A book recently published by the Pan-American Union entitled "The Road to Survival" sets out the facts as they are clearly to be seen today.

The New York "Times" says of this book "It is a preview of things to come". The New York "Herald Tribune" says "It is one of the most influential books of our time". It is the Book of the month Club selection in America.

We quote its final conclusion: —

"Unless man readjusts his way of living to the imperatives imposed by the very limited resources of his environment, we may as well give up all hope of continuing civilized life. Like the Gadarene swine we shall rush down the slope to extinction—or to a barbarian existence in a blackened, war torn rubble".

Well here is a subject that may surely be treated upon today in our public lectures.

The Truth removes all the perplexity. When the curse is gone then as Zechariah says: —"The earth shall give her increase." Zech. 8: 12.

Psalm 72 clearly visualises the time when under our Lord's rule there shall be abundance everywhere even on the tops of the mountains. Psalm, 72: 16.

It is a great comfort to read the Scriptures day by day and so be fully prepared for the perplexities that have to be faced.

Solomon was quite right when he pictured the God fearing man as the only one who would "come forth of all" of them.

The Earth needs the Divine power in full operation under the guiding hand of the One in whom all the wonderful purpose of the Creator is centred.

We are wise if we hold fast to the "beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end". Hebrews 3: 14.

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E.D.S.

## **GOD AND ORDER.**

There is wonderful evidence of law and order in the great universe. Law and order could not exist apart from the fact that there is a mind at the back of them. Beauty, harmony, purpose and design are never the product of blind chance. Law is the expression of intelligence.

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## **SIGNS OF THE TIMES.**

- ISRAELI -

The wilderness of ZIN or SIN has now been taken over by the people of Israel. The present name is NEGEB or NEGREB and the land extends to the upper reaches of the Red Sea near AKABAH. The Jews it appears will have approximately 10 miles of coast line on the gulf.

Transjordanian holds the territory to the east of this point including the port of Akabah.

The intention as expressed in their own words is to make the desert fertile. Seeing what has been done with so much desolated land in Palestine it is not unlikely that they will succeed.

## **THE ONE TENTH**

The prophecy in ISAIAH 6, has received an illustration this month in the statement of MR. BEN GURION that the present Jewish population of Palestine is about one million.

The Year books in 1948 gave the world figures as 10 to 12 millions.

We are nearly there! Wake up!

## **COMMUNISM.**

Communism simply derives from "all in common." Karl Marx a Jewish student of history, born in Germany and buried at Highgate Cemetery in the North London borough of Hornsey, in his book "DAS KAPITAL" set out the theory that all men are equal and that the State or Realm should be the only real possessor and administrator of material wealth.

Once established the Communist State would abolish all political parties and treat opponents of the ruling clique as traitors.

He set out that it was not necessary to wait for a mandate from the electors. Power should be seized when the opportunity arose and once seized never relinquished. All employment would then be dictated by the State Rulers.

Russia exhibits how this works out in practice.

We did not foresee, when we realised years ago that the Gog of Ezekiel 38 was undoubtedly the Head of the Russian State and that Gog was not to be Czarist but Communist. It is now clear that dictatorship by a small clique—the POLIT BUREAU is of the same character as any other whether called FASCIST or by another name.

Socialism is the halfway house from Liberalism to Communism. The popular fronts in France, Italy, Spain, etc., of recent years have illustrated how Socialism tags along behind the Communists, when they deem it wise, in order to reach the seats of power. In Britain we are seeing partial control—designated control of essentials—leading on to more and more controls. Freedom has been a great

boast in Britain and U.S.A. but it appears that this conception will soon be a thing of the past in many parts of the old lion empire.

Daniel 4: 17 is once more illustrated.

### **BAN ON EMIGRATION.**

- lifted -

Until a few days ago emigration from the British zone of Germany of Jewish male displaced persons was forbidden. It has now been lifted and many Jews have taken the opportunity to leave for Palestine.

### **WHAT WOULD GABRIEL SAY?**

The latest decree of General Franco the dictator of Spain published by order throughout the whole country places all Spain's foreign affairs under the celestial patronage of the Archangel Gabriel.

General Franco is a devout Catholic.

### **FRANK CONFESSION**

Sir Stafford Cripps is the Chief planner in the British Cabinet today, while 9 members of this Cabinet are unbelievers and in some cases avowed Atheists Sir Stafford is a very devout member of the Episcopal Church. He was recently speaking at a meeting of the World's Evangelical Alliance and he made this frank admission, probably the result of his association with a Socialist Government and Party: —

“Christianity is failing in its power and may even fail to survive because we as professing Christians are now not applying our Christian faith in our human relationships.”

How wonderful it is that men like him are so blind to the fact that Jesus, Paul, James and Peter all foretold this condition of things as betokening the failure of human governments and the Coming of the "Just One" to be the Earth's great Overlord and Deliverer.

### **PAPAL BAN ON 'GOD'S ENEMIES'**

A few hours before the Vatican ordered the major ex-communication of all concerned in the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, the Pope called to the world's Catholic clergy for prayers to expiate "the crime of the enemies of God".

In an apostolic exhortation he authorised the clergy to celebrate two Masses for this purpose on Passion Sunday—an unprecedented step in the history of the Catholic Church.

The Pope declared: "The conflict between the good and the wicked has seldom, if ever, been so acute as it is today. This wickedness is insidiously spreading its ravages almost all over the world like a virulent disease."

Yesterday's ex-communication of the Hungarian Government leaders contained a warning that "All who in future commit the same crime" would incur the same penalties.

Communist plans to open a counter-offensive against the Catholic Church are reported yesterday to be under discussion by the Cominform.

WATCHMAN.

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## JEWS CONSIDER REVIEWING THE TRIAL OF CHRIST.

"The Israeli Cabinet is considering a petition submitted to the Israeli Supreme Court to review the trial of Jesus Christ over nineteen centuries ago.

Although the petition received in Jerusalem was accompanied by a request that the appellant's identity should not be disclosed it is thought that he is a British scientist resident in Holland whose recent book was hailed as an important contribution to jurisprudence.

The submission claims that the Israeli tribunal, sitting as the High Court of Justice, has full jurisdiction to review, as well as a moral obligation to do so the unfounded charge of blasphemy which resulted in mis-trial, says the 8,000 word petition. The petition cites authoritative documents and claims that Pontius Pilate was not qualified to confirm condemnation.

The Supreme Court registry has referred the petition to the Minister of Justice who is seeking advice as to procedure from the Israeli Cabinet".

FROM THE LONDON "EVENING NEWS" dated 28th January, 1949

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### EXHORTATION.

#### "WITHOUT THE CAMP"

Let us look at Hebrews 13 verses 12 to 14, "wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate". What did Paul mean by the words "without the gate"? Was he just referring to the fact that Christ was taken outside the city of Jerusalem to be crucified? Surely he meant much more than that, for he continues, "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come," See how much is involved? "Outside the gate" or "outside the camp", is a position separated from the world, whether it be the camp of Israel of His day or the camp of the Gentiles of our day. That is why he uses the words "bearing his reproach." The reproach that comes to a true follower of Christ. Christ died "without the gate". Outside the pale of society. Rejected of men. "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

He and his followers were cast out of the synagogues and other activities of the people. To be a follower of Jesus meant separation from the world of his day.

Of one we read "and they cast him out". Of others "that they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue."

No wonder Christ promised "whosoever shall confess before men him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven." And God through Isaiah promises the day when He will remove the reproach from off His people. "He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth."

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp". As Paul says elsewhere "For our conversation (citizenship or citizen state of life) is in heaven, from whence we look for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." And he continues, "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

It is of this city that is to come that we would speak this morning. The city whose builder and maker is God, citing the examples of just men who sought the same city. For as we thought upon this city, and of Paul's words "our citizenship is in heaven from which we look for our Lord and Saviour",

"for here we have no continuing city" we were stirred with a mental picture of God's servants of all ages pressing on toward the same city "whose builder and maker is God."

The city described in Revelation 21. A city composed of tried stones, precious stones, living stones.

We have, at times, had our minds directed to the great stream of humanity continually rising at birth, flowing for a few years, and disappearing in death.

But here is a stream of people flowing toward a living city. Let us look at Revelation 21 wherein this city is shown to John in symbol. First to verse 9, wherein one of the angels says to John, "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife," and in verse 10 he is shown "the great city, the holy Jerusalem." So it is clear that the Lamb's wife, and the holy city, are the same thing. And at once we realize that this is the city made up of all manner of precious stones. Stones that had been cut and polished by trials and scourging as God developed characters for His Kingdom. Characters that had withstood temptation. Characters that "had borne, and had patience, and for His name's sake had laboured, and had not fainted." All else had no part in the city, for as we read in verse 27 "there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but (only) they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

This is the city to which we have been called—our citizenship. A city whose citizens at present are without the great camp of the world. A city toward which all of the just men of the Scriptures set their face. Let us look at the record of some of these men. It will strengthen our hands. For the more we grasp the reality of the struggle we have entered, the more we realize that what the faithful of Bible times were seeking is exactly the same as we seek, the more we see that the position they found themselves in, was the same as ours of today, that is "without the camp", then, the more we begin to feel that we belong to that great cloud of witnesses who have stood apart from the world. "A separate people, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood."

Abraham was called to "go out" and the testimony is "that he went out not knowing whither he went."

Having gone out from among his people he stayed out, although as Paul says, "If they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned." But they stayed "without the camp" and were strangers and pilgrims, for they "looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

"They died in faith not having received the promises but having seen them afar off and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." And as Paul continues, "they that say such things", that is, confess that they are strangers and pilgrims at the present time in the earth, "declare plainly that they seek a country." In other words, their citizenship also was in heaven from whence they too looked for the Saviour.

They were willing to stand aside from the world, to suffer without the camp. For as we read further, "they desired a better country, that is, a heavenly." And because they were willing to sacrifice the present for the future and were not ashamed to bear the reproach, Paul says "God is not ashamed to be called their God for he hath prepared for them a city."

After many years among the inhabitants of Canaan we find Abraham still a stranger and pilgrim. Isaac is a man. Sarah is at rest. Abraham is old and well stricken in age. That the line of separation still existed between him and the people of the land, that he was still "without the camp", is brought out by the arrangement he made to obtain a wife for Isaac.

Years later the same line of separation existed, for we find Rebecca and Isaac grieving because Esau had mixed with the Canaanites by marriage. Steps were taken to avoid having Jacob do the same.

Jacob thought to settle at Padan-aram and spend his life with Laban, but we find the Hand of Providence moving things in such a way that he is glad to obey the instructions to leave Laban, and return to the Land of Promise, despite his fear of Esau. There he moves to and fro living in tents. Always a small group of separated people patiently waiting for the establishment of a better, that is a heavenly order of things.

God takes them down to Egypt. There they might well have become absorbed into that great kingdom, especially in view of the high position Joseph held in the land. But the fact that they remained a separate people, and that Joseph too looked for the establishment of the same city that Abraham sought, is evidenced by his command just before his death. A command to carry his bones up out of Egypt when the time would have come for God to visit Israel and bring them back into Canaan.

In Egypt but not of the Egyptians. As Paul says, "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel: and gave commandment concerning his bones."

Moses enters the stream of those pushing on toward this city. He is the outstanding example of the Old Testament. That, under the circumstances of being raised in Pharaoh's court, he should have chosen to go "without the camp" and bear the reproach of becoming a member of a group of slaves would be unbelievable if recorded other than in God's word.

Stephen records that "he was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in word and deeds." In other words, he had become renowned in Egypt for his learning and activities. That he was moved to leave all this, and cast in his lot with his brethren, is evidence of the power of the Gospel. "By faith" he left all that Egypt offered him and chose to stand "without the camp" among the people of God.

What present advantages he gave up for future blessing. It is examples like this that can strengthen our hands if we consider them.

Josephus says Pharaoh's daughter was the only child of the king and heir to the throne. She being without child trained Moses for the position. But because of the fact that he was fully persuaded that God would set up a kingdom, because he too looked for the same city whose builder and maker is God, he "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." He realized that the one would last for but a "season", whereas the other would lead to eternal joy.

The same faith in God's promises is the moving power in our lives. We too have chosen to stand "without the camp, bearing the reproach of Christ." Let us see to it that we do not return to that position from which we came out. We have opportunity to return if we so desire. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not choose to return.

Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. Because "he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

Later on in Israel's history we find Daniel as a young man asking to be excused from eating the king's meat. Standing aside. Some time after we find him exalted to a position of first president of the kingdom of the Medes and Persians. Standing next to the king. Yet keeping separate. Quietly worshipping the God of Heaven in the face of death for refusing to direct his prayers to the King. Quiet strength when put to the test. His three companions found themselves in the same isolated position. These men were all pressing on toward the same city whose builder and maker is God.

Esther had opportunity to forget her people and enjoy the pleasures of a renowned queen in an eastern court. She chose to risk death for the people of God. To stand "without the camp" bearing the same reproach.

Nehemiah, the king's cupbearer, in a good position, seemingly nothing to worry about. Every reason to be merry. Yet he risked the anger of the king by appearing before him of a sad countenance because of his feelings for God's city and people. He chose to leave the soft luxury of the king's palace, for hardship and danger on the walls of Jerusalem. Why? Because his heart was set on the future blessings and as he cried in his closing words: "remember me, O my God, for good."

When did he hope to be remembered? He gave up much that this life offered to lead a small remnant back to a ruined city, to struggle for years in an effort to rebuild the ruins. Living among the people of His God. Exhorting them to put their shoulder to the work.

Is there any question where we belong? We have entered the stream that runs toward the city whose builder and maker is God. The just men and women of whom we have been speaking knew that position to which they had been called. Wherever they found themselves, among the Canaanites, Egyptians, Chaldeans, Medes and Persians, they remained "without the camp" bearing the reproach of the people of God.

Jesus came saying "my kingdom is not of this world" and "died without the gate," and Paul exhorts us, "let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach". And he concludes his epistle with these comforting words "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus make you perfect in every good work to do his will..... Grace be with you all. Amen."

DETROIT.

A. STYLES.

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## **THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

There is now no doubt at all that Hebrew was the original tongue of all mankind. To it you trace Greek and much of the Latin.

To Latin you trace Spanish, Italian and the French, among the European languages Eastern languages are all impenetrated with Hebrew words and idioms. Compare Sanskrit, Hindu, Syriac and Arabic and see this.

There is no better practical proof of the fact that Hebrew was the original tongue than a good acquaintance with Greek and Latin.

The purity of the Hebrew is notable and to be expected if Adam and Eve were instructed by the Angels, It is not explainable as an outgrowth of any other tongue. So Hebrew will be the universal language of the age to come. "Then will I turn to the people a pure language that they may all call upon the name of the Lord to serve him with one accord." Zech. 3: 9.

G.H.D.

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## **ECCLESIAL NEWS and Correspondence**

**BATH.**

13 St. James Parade,  
3.0 p.m.

Would you please insert a short notice in the Magazine to the following effect.

It has been deemed wise to discontinue the meeting of Bros. and Sis. at the Druid's Hall, Bristol. In consequence Sis. Acock, my Sis. wife and myself will in future meet to Break Bread at the

above address. We should be pleased to see any Bro. and Sis. who may be passing this way at any time.

The troublesome state of the Nations at the present time give us good reason to thank God we have been called to relationship with Him. We are indeed blessed and continue to give thanks for our stewardship.

ROY H. BATH.

### **CLOVER BAR. ALTA. CANADA.**

We are glad to make known that with the kind assistance of the Onoway Bre. we were able to baptize Mr. D. R. MacDonald of Fort Vermilion, Alta into Christ; having in total isolation learned the Truth studying Christendom Astray obtained from Bro. Morse, Brandon, Mac: Our new Bro. "professed a good profession" and devout zeal; may he "continue steadfast unto the end."

The meteoric rise of the Jew to a political power is an eminent sign, an earnest of the three divisions of the religious world coveting the Holy places and the conflict commenced which will only be subdued by The King of Kings.

"The Powers that be are regulated by God", which is frequently done by frustrating their intended purposes of which the present is ripe.

Britain's plight will not be remedied by her hindering the Jews, what a reversal of her "looking with favour". God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform".

G. LUARD. Rec. Bro.

### **COLCHESTER**

38 Collingwood Road, Lexden.

I wonder if space could be found in the "Berean" for the following acknowledgment.

Recently, we received a parcel from New Zealand, the senders are A.J. and M.B. Stow: we are unable to send a personal acknowledgment as their address was omitted, the parcel and contents were intact and were most acceptable, we wish to express our grateful thanks for their kind thoughts.

M. KING.

### **VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA.**

With deep regret we announce that our Brother Thomas Stuart was taken away from us very suddenly on Feb.7th 1949, falling asleep in Christ Jesus. We will miss him as a very kind and loving friend as well as a fellow-laborer in the vineyard. And yet as the Apostle says, we do not sorrow as do others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. We are grateful to our Brother S. Tyson from North Battleford who came to conduct the Service for us.

During the past year the Ecclesia here has been strengthened on the journey kingdomward by the visit of the following brethren and sisters: Bro. and Sis. S. Tyson (N. Battleford), Bro. and Sis. G. Luard (Clover Bar), Bro. and Sis. C. Batsford (Lethbridge), Bro. and Sis. S. Batsford (Lethbridge) and Bro. and Sis. Carleton (Toronto). We are only few in number but we extend a hearty welcome to all of like precious faith who come this way.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

John Hiley, Recording Brother.

**VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA.**

In view of the recent death of Brother Stuart who was recording brother of the Victoria Berean Ecclesia would you kindly record my name and address as follows: —

F. J. Hiley,  
1979 Taylor St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Please address any further ecclesial correspondence to the above address.

Would any brother or sister having a 3-volume Set of Eureka with which they would be willing to part please contact Bro. J. Hiley 1979 Taylor St., Victoria, B.C.

John Hiley.

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**CHILDREN'S CORNER.**

**Musical Instruments in the Bible.**

This competition resulted in the success of: —

- (1) Audrey Fountain of Flackwell Heath, Bucks.
- (2) Robert MacDonald, Toronto,

to whom suitable Prizes have been sent. We thank all the children who went in for this little exercise.

I will make you another one shortly.

A good brother has sent me the following nice bit on—

“NIGHT UNTO NIGHT . . .”

Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge

The darkness he called night (the first night)  
The deep sleep (Creation of Eve)  
The horror of great darkness (Covenant with Abraham)  
The staircase (Jacob's dream)  
The struggle (Jacob and the Angel)  
Dreams (Joseph & butler & baker)  
The death of the firstborn (10th plague)  
Because he could not do it by day (Gideon)  
The voice (Samuel)  
Men love darkness rather than light (Saul)  
They that sleep, sleep in the night.  
The lesser light to rule the night (Moon)  
He made the stars also  
A sleepless night (Esther)  
They that are drunk, are drunk in the night (Belshazzar's feast)  
Faith . . . closed the mouths of lions (Daniel)  
The careless in Zion (Amos)

Tell me how you like it.

Aunt Janet, 6 Courtlands Rd. Surbiton, Surrey.

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## DATES.

I do not see quite eye to eye with you, when you state (in the Berean) that in 5 years the Crises of the end will come. I am of the opinion that one of the most definite dates of the Coming of Christ, is in Dan.8 Chap. 14 v. You know the incident "How long to the cleansing of the sanctuary"? and the answer "until 2,300 days". This is given about the time when Alexander defeated the remains of Darius's Army at the battle of Arbele in Persia. I think the Dr. is all at sea regarding this, as this was clearly demonstrated by Bro. Jannaway. The battle was in B.C. 334—this gives us 1966—Dan 12 brings us another date significantly now—he says Blessed is he who cometh to the 1335 days—you know this brings us up to 1972 at which time the Sanctuary (or Palestine) will be free and occupied by Christ. All present signs do not warrant a 5 years to the end—there is so much involved in more ways than one. Again you are aware no doubt of the uncovering of Augustus Caesar's Palace at Angora, on which it gives a confirmation of Luke 1/2, that is of the Census at the time of Christ. Now on these ruins of Caesar—he states that 3 Censuses were taken 1 B.C.28—2 B.C.8—3 A.D.14. B.C.28 can be wiped out at once—so can A.D.14—so that B.C.8 is the only and correct date at which the Census was taken with Mary and her Child.

The above was given to me about 2 weeks ago and the archaeologists were agreed that the date of Christ's birth can now be dated B.C.8—not as it is commonly adopted today as a result of the error made in A.D.345—in placing Christ as for A.D. 1.

It is a remarkable confirmation of the Scripture's truth on the pillar set up by Augustus—it says Cyreneus was then Governor in Syria—whilst Herod was King. To me it is good news, because—as the birth of Christ has been 8 years out - now it will put our present era as A.D. 1956. If then Dan.8/13 is correct as I have written—somewhere around another 10 years we shall have the completion of all things and Christ will Come—Please note—I never argue to the day but somewhere around 1966—beyond not before.

SWANSEA.

J.W.

## THE VOICE OF GOD

We are living in a world that is at enmity with God ... How many will listen to the Voice of God, who come in contact with people whose minds and words and actions are not from the influence of God. We can see it is easy to go with the stream, than fight against it, for our nature is of Sin's Flesh and it desires everything that satisfies the senses. If it was left free, it would know no bounds, and in this way we would not "keep thy Heart" (Prov. 4:23) only to the issues of death.

If we will hear the VOICE OF GOD today, and do as the Psalmist says, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lip incline not my heart to any evil thing." Psa. 141: 3, 4.

Just as the Law was a "schoolmaster" a trainer of children,—to prepare the Jews to accept Christ (Gal.3:24); so for us today who find this narrow way that Jesus speaks of: God's Word contains admonitions, instructions in righteousness, corrections, reproofs, that "the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (Tim. 3: 16, 17)

In the first Psalm we are told that the man whose "delight is in the law of the Lord" and who meditates in it day and night, "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper". A tree planted like this does not lack moisture and in the time of drought, is able to bare fruit, likewise the man of God v/ho meditates in the Word of God, will be listening to the "Voice of God." DID JESUS NOT SAY "the pure in heart shall see God." Mat.5: 8.

It is important that we have the right understanding, of God's WORD, and have the true doctrine, and this will keep our minds pure and our actions, pleasing to God.

This feeding on the Word, will stimulate faith to action, as James says "Be ye also patient; stablish your heart for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5: 8.

I love the Words of Jesus, in Mat.12: 34 & Luke 6: 45. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" isn't that true sooner or later the thoughts we entertain will find an expression through our words and Jesus also said that it was the word that came out of our mouth that defileth. Job declared "My lips shall not speak wickedness nor my tongue utter deceit", therefore we can see that a change of heart is necessary, but alas how few there are who are willing to accept the authority of the Bible yet by scorning the marvellous wisdom set forth in its sacred pages. They keep their own understanding stunted and go through life without knowing why they live and what their final destiny will be. Just as we may be poor listeners when in the presence of our fellows, so we can be poor listeners to what God may have to say.

The Apostle James writes "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." Jas. 1: 5. We are not to suppose from this that the unbaptized, or those who do not serve God, can request wisdom and have their prayers favorably answered. Only those who are prepared to make the stand and follow Jesus, will believe and be baptized and then earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE. "The Lord Knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 2 Peter 2:9.

Also note the words of Jesus "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." To hear the word of God, is to hear the Voice of God, feed on the word and it will dwell in you.

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## **"POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD"**

Since Jesus went away human nature hasn't changed — Happy the man who endures trial, because having become an approved person he shall receive the crown of life.

Human nature has not changed since JESUS said: "AND THAT WHICH FELL AMONG THORNS ARE THEY WHICH, WHEN THEY HAVE HEARD, GO FORTH AND ARE CHOKED WITH CARES AND RICHES AND PLEASURES OF THIS LIFE AND BRING NO FRUITS TO PERFECTION" Luke. 8: 14.

Paul said "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth".

Have you ever thought of it that way "POWER" everything must have a driving force the big liners, locomotives, have power that drives them. If we have no power, we cannot bring fruits of perfection. In John we read (1:12) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God to them that believe on his name:" This is the power that will free us from sin for, as Jesus said "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32)

How forcefully this power worked in the Apostle Paul! After his conversion, straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, and all that heard him were amazed, and said "Is not this he that destroyed them that called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent he might bring them bound unto the chief priest?" (Acts 9: 20, 21).

"As many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God". It is important to remember that we have this power if only we use it—to become something in God's sight. Nothing

can separate us from the love of God which is the keeping of His commandments, if our hearts are on these things, we then can put the night of darkness behind us and look forward to that wonderful Day when all earth's shadows shall flee away.

If we bend every energy and take the reproofs and warnings it will help us to have more consecrated lives, finding our greatest joy in service and in becoming more like what He would have us to be. "For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise. (Heb.10: 37) FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE THAT SHALL COME WILL, AND WILL NOT TARRY."

"But ye brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief, ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness, therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

"For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us who are of the Day, be sober putting on the breastplate of faith and love and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

"FOR GOD HATH NOT APPOINTED US TO WRATH, BUT TO OBTAIN SALVATION BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

We have power to become sons and daughters of the Almighty—if we let His word have free course in our lives, to give up every way and thought of our own and becoming armed with the mind of Christ the Truth, and by it be governed.

Jesus our Pattern and Example said "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" and as He was the "author and finisher of our faith", can we do any less than follow in His steps. O brethren let us study to show ourselves "approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

The Gospel of Truth is the power and that makes us the children of LIGHT, the children of the day, free in the Truth. This is the "bread of life" which we must eat that we may live forever.

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