

The Berean Christadelphian

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“They received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many believed.”—Acts 17: 11.

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CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH

Ecclesial News

TORONTO, Ont.—S.S. 10 am; Memorial 11am; Sun. evening. Recording bro: G. A. Gibson, Apt. 1616, 1501 Woodbine, Toronto 365, Phone (416) 425-1256.

It is with very deep sorrow that we received the following—

Toronto Berean Christadelphian Ecclesia

May 12, 1972

c / o Mr. G. A. Gibson

Dear bro. Gibson:

As per our telephone conversation of Wednesday, May 10, 1972, we are hereby withdrawing from the Berean Fellowship. This has been carefully considered during the past year. and our position has been put on record in the minutes of the ecclesial business meetings—the final one being Dec. 3, 1971. Enclosed are a cheque and money order for the ecclesial funds. Since you haven't room for the other property, we are giving it to sis. Lorna Crone. The Library collection and funds will also be given to sis. Crone, Yours truly, James MacIvor.

Written on behalf of: bro. & sis. James MacIvor, bro. & sis. Wm. MacIvor,

bro. James MacIvor, Jr.

We replied ecclesially as follows—

Dear brethren and sisters:

May 20, 1972

Greetings of love in the Name of Jesus Anointed.

Your letter of May 12 has been received with cheques enclosed for the ecclesial funds. This we appreciate, but we do not appreciate your advice that you are leaving our association and fellowship. This association with the MacIvor family, since Jan. 1959, has been a happy portion of our operation as an ecclesia, and we deeply regret that you feel it necessary to leave us. It is true that we have differences of opinion at times, but these things do not make us enemies. It is our wish that you will find the happiness that you are looking for,

Sincerely your brother, George A. Gibson.

I also replied personally as follows—

Dear brethren and sisters:

Greetings of love in the Name of Jesus Anointed.

This association with the MacIvor family since Jan., 1959, and in fact long before that, has been a happy portion of my life. At one time, Paul withstood Peter to the face at Antioch (Gal. 2:11), but a few years later Peter referred to Paul as "our beloved Paul," and that is the way I feel towards the MacIvor family, and I hope that these pleasant memories will remain with me as long as I live. Since my immersion in 1918 I have had some severe trials, and have been able to live through them, but now in my old age, with failing eyesight, I am beginning to feel that the present one is going to be the hardest to bear. However, I am sure our heavenly Father will give me strength to bring me through. I am not unmindful of the brotherly love that prompted you to take me, and bring me back from the meetings, since I gave up driving my car, and I have mentioned it many times. It is therefore my earnest prayer that the God we serve will recompense your work, and give you a full reward. With much love in the Truth to all of you, I am sincerely your brother who fully realizes that "God desires mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings" (Hos. 6:6), George.

June Answers

1. Isa.	12. Est.	23. Zeph.	34. Dan.	45. Lam.	56. James
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All That Is in Me, Bless His Name!

"If any man defile the Temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the Temple of God is holy, which Temple ye are"—I Corinthians 3:17

PART TWO

THE GREAT LESSON OF SEPARATION AND HOLINESS

One of the greatest lessons in the Scriptures of Truth is that concerning the two sons of Aaron—Nadab and Abihu. They had been consecrated to the priest's office. They had the proper garments. Moses says that they did all the things which the Lord had commanded. They were therefore not wicked men, in the ordinary sense of the word.

But they made one mistake, they offered strange fire or strange incense which had been forbidden, *and they died before the Lord*. The comment of Moses was:

"This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I WILL BE sanctified in them that come nigh Me, and before all the people I WILL BE glorified."

They had set aside God's standards and used their own. This was *unacceptable worship*. Paul, commenting on this, said:

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

"For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

We shall not escape if we neglect the Things of the Name. God is not mocked—

"For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

Those are sober words and deserve our serious consideration. The Truth is a serious business, therefore let us be serious as we ask ourselves a few questions:—

If I spend a lot of my time during the week enjoying pleasures of sin, do you think my praise and worship will be acceptable when we come together on the first day of the week? No, it certainly will not be, for it is written—

"They that forsake the law, praise the wicked."

Now, John says, "The whole world lieth in wickedness." Therefore if we set our hearts and minds on the things of the world, we are setting them on things that will lead us into the paths of death. What then are we expected to do? The answer comes to us from the Scriptures of Truth—

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

This is not just a passing thought, nor is it an indefinite statement, but is clear in thought and understanding. We, who have obeyed the Gospel are obligated to walk in newness of life. We are commanded to "set our affections (or mind) on things above."

Peter makes it perfectly plain that our calling is high and lofty:

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar (peripoiesis-purchased) people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light"

(1 Pet. 2:9).

WE ARE NOT OUR OWN: WE CANNOT DO AS WE PLEASE

Think of what those words mean—a purchased people; we are not our own. We have no right to do as we please. Therefore, any action we take, or any move we plan, whether in religious or social matters, we **MUST** weigh the proposal with the utmost care because our eternal welfare is at stake.

The Truth is too great an heritage to barter for any consideration. We are not a social organization. We are not just another church or sect. *We are the ecclesia of the Living God.*

If we attempt to set up our own standards we will be offering strange fire and will be destroyed, even as Nadab and Abihu.

And are we walking in a newness of life as we have been commanded? Does our walk and conduct distinguish us from the people of the world by whom we are surrounded? These are not idle questions. We are speaking seriously. For example—

If I use tobacco like the majority of people—

If I can be seen going in and out of theatres—

If I waste my time watching various games of sport—

Then, to all appearances I am just one of the crowd. No, we cannot afford to offer strange fire, nor shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation.

When the Passover was instituted, the children of Israel were protected from death by the sprinkled blood of the Lamb. That was their identification mark. Someday, and surely not very long, history will be repeated when the angel of the Lord comes to summon His people to appear before the Master of the house.

IS JESUS' MARK CLEAR ON OUR HOMES AND IN OUR LIVES?

What will be the mark on our homes—the sprinkled blood of Jesus, or just a television aerial? May wisdom direct us to refuse the evil and choose the good. To walk worthy of God requires a great effort, but as Paul says:

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

When we think of it, we are compelled to say with the Psalmist:

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

More *would* do so if they would only realize and keep before their eyes one of the greatest promises of God—a promise so great that we are unable to fully comprehend the depth of its meaning. Look about on every hand and see the results of sin, disease and death, then consider that someday soon it will all be swept away,

"And the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"

(Hab. 2:14).

Think as we read—God's glory *to fill the earth as the waters cover the sea!* No wonder the Psalmist says:

"Praise ye the Lord! Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints. Let them praise His Name, for the Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation. Praise ye the Lord!"

PRAISE IS "COMELY," BUT ONLY FOR THE "UPRIGHT"

"Praise is comely *for the upright,*" but the "Hallelujah Chorus" as sung by professionals or by any group of worldly people, who sing it in ignorance of God's great purpose, is an abomination to God. They are taught to sing it without understanding, as one might teach a parrot to give thanks.

Isaiah speaks of the time when God shall swallow up death in victory—when He will wipe away tears from off all faces:

"In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates that the righteous nation which KEEPETH THE TRUTH may enter in"

(Isa. 26:1-2).

Then those who have kept the Truth will sing another new song:

"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" (Rev. 5:9-10).

And finally—

"They sang, as it were, a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders"

(Rev. 14:3).

This is the last new song, but it is not the last song, for once again the redeemed sing, and this time an old song:

"And they sing the SONG OF MOSES the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou king of Saints. Who shall not fear Thee O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? For Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee" (Rev. 15:3-4).

This same thought is most beautifully expressed in Psalm 96:

"O sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Bless His Name; show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due His Name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.

"Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for He cometh to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth."

Is it any wonder that Paul spoke with such beauty of expression:

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!"

"THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL"

As Jesus came to the end of his ministry and concluded his beautiful and instructive discourse with his disciples, he said,

"These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL."

They must have been greatly impressed with what Jesus said that night and during the forty days from his resurrection to his ascension, because after he left them:

"They returned to Jerusalem WITH GREAT JOY; and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

It is worthy of note that under the Israelitish dispensation, there was a literal Temple in which to worship, but in Christ the literal gives way to the figurative. To this Paul directs our minds:

"Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the Temple of God, Him shall God destroy; for the Temple of God is holy, which Temple ye are."

Surely it is not possible to listen to more impressive words than these. They make us realize that *to be related to the purpose of God* as we are, is something greater than our minds are able to appreciate fully.

A temple is a place in which to worship and praise God. Let us therefore do all in our power to see that we do not worship God in vain by "teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." But let us love and read the Word prayerfully as though Jesus were literally speaking to us, for God has magnified His Word above all His Name. Therefore, says Peter:

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God, in all things, may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever" (1 Pet. 4:11).

Let us also remember that God did not create things for us, but "for *His pleasure* they are and were created." How impressive are the last words of the Psalms—

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!"

The first section of these words is general, but the final words are personal. The whole purpose and destiny of the creation leads to God—His praise and glorification. When the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord, everything that has not contributed, and does not contribute, to the glory and praise of God, will be swept away and "*God will be all in all.*"

The only worthwhile purpose of this vain life is to fit ourselves to become part of the TRUE "Hallelujah Chorus" who will sing the New Song in the land of Judah, which was foreshadowed at the birth of Christ by the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest."

"Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth God. Praise ye the Lord!"

—Editor

"The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh"—Proverbs 11:17.

This basic lesson is repeated throughout Scripture in countless ways. In the ultimate, we can harm, no one but ourselves. All the foolishness and evil that men commit eventually returns upon them, if they come within the range of God's plan. If they do not, they are simply classed with the animals and are outside the scope of scriptural consideration. Whatever we do will ultimately affect, our own happiness, for good or ill. However we may gamble to the contrary, and even appear temporarily to win, this inexorable Divine law will eventually balance the account with relentless accuracy. "God is not mocked. As a man sows, so shall he reap." If only we could fully realize and accept this so plainly declared fact, what sorrow it would save us!

Gathering the Nations to Armageddon

"I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction, and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble"—Habakkuk 3:7

BY BROTHER JOHN THOMAS

The following is from Eureka III, published in 1868. It will be noted that bro. Thomas, on the basis of prophecy, foretold the occupation by Britain of Egypt, the Sudan, Sheba, Dedan & Cush (in Arabia), Edom, Moab, Ammon, and Palestine; the return of a settlement of Jews to the land under the protectorate of Britain; their possession of Jerusalem; the growth of Russia to the leading position in Europe; and Russia's active antagonism against the restored Jewish settlement in Palestine. Since bro. Thomas wrote, all these things (of which there was then no evidence) have been fulfilled to the letter, and we see before our eyes today the results of their fulfilment.

HOW doth "Yahweh, the Man of War" (so styled by Moses in Exo. 15:3) occupy his time after his development as the "one Angel" is complete? Let the following testimonies enlighten us. "Behold," saith the Spirit of Christ in Isa. 43:19—

"I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth: shall ye not know it? I will even make a WAY IN THE WILDERNESS, and rivers in the desert.

"The living things of the plain shall glorify me, swift things and the daughters of voracious ones (the wild Arabs, figuratively 'dragons' and 'ostriches'), because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

"This people I have created for Myself: they shall show forth My praise."

SUBJUGATION AND BLESSING OF MIDIAN AND CUSHAN FIRST

This implies the subjugation of the freebooters of the Arabian desert, and its fertilization, which will make its people glorify the conqueror, and sing for joy.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

"It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon (the cedar) shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall be the glory of Yahweh, and the excellency of our Elohim" (Isa. 35:1-2).

And again in Isa. 41:18-20—

"I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of waters, and the dry land springs of water.

"I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree. I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together.

"That they may see, and know, and consider, that the hand of Yahweh hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it."

"Let the wilderness and the cities thereof exult, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit. Let the inhabitants of the rocky country (Arabia Petrea) sing; let them shout from the top of the mountains.

"Let them give glory to Yahweh, and declare His praise in the habitable lands" (Isa. 42:11).

SWORD FIRST: THEN PEOPLE TAUGHT AND LAND TRANSFORMED

Now it must be evident to everyone that before the wild, untamed marauders who inhabit Arabia Petrea, Arabia Deserta, and Paran, Horeb, Sinai, and the tents and villages of the Kedarite Arabs, can glorify Yahweh, and

rejoice with joy and singing, and become the intelligent, happy and contented population of this newly created Paradise, they must have been subjected to the severe discipline of the sword; to subsequent instruction as to the true character of the New Power so recently developed in Teman; and made witnesses of the wonderful transformation of their section of Asia from an arid, sandy and rocky wilderness into a well-watered park of choice, odoriferous trees and shrubs!

And such is the testimony of the prophets. Isaiah, in speaking of the crisis of Messiah's accession to David's throne, declares it to be a "day of Midian." His words are—

"Thou hast broken the yoke of his (the Assyrian's) burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of the oppressor upon him, as a day of Midian:

"For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood: but she (the Bride) shall be for a burning fuel of fire" (Isa. 9:4-5).

MIDIAN AND CUSHAN ARE NEAREST TO SINAI

The original and appropriate district of the Midianites was on the east side of the Elanitic Bay of the Red Sea. They spread themselves northward along the desert east of Mt. Seir, to the vicinity of the Moabites. And on the other side (of the bay) also they covered a territory extending to the neighbourhood of Mt. Sinai. Midianites and Ishmaelites are different names for the same people. They are separated from the "tents of Cushan" by the northern extremity of the Arabian Desert.

Midian had a terrible day when, by a panic from Yahweh, they destroyed themselves in the presence of Gideon and his 300 torch-bearing trumpeters. Another similar day is in reserve for Midian and Cushan when—

"Eloahh shall come in from Teman, and the Holy One from Mt. Paran.

"From before him shall go the pestilence, and flaming fire shall go forth from his feet. He stood, and shall shake the earth. He beheld, and shall cause the nations to tremble.

"And the mountains of antiquity shall be dispersed; the ancient hills were humbled. The ways of Olahm are for him" (Hab. 3:3-6).

In consequence of this terrible manifestation of supernatural power, Habakkuk informs the reader, saying (v. 7)—

"I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble."

The lands of Cushan and Midian, being within the limits of the land granted to Abraham, are among the first to feel the sword of the King who begins his conquering career in Teman. Like his father David, he executes judgment upon the inhabitants of the South before he obtains the sovereignty over the house of Judah in the midst of the land.

THIS WILL AROUSE INTENSE WORLD INTEREST AND CONCERN

But it cannot be supposed, in our time of this or the rising generation, when that ubiquitous personage "our own correspondent" is peering and prying into all corners and byways of the inhabited earth, that—

So extraordinary an Elohist Power can have been developed;

Rejected candidates for constituency therein cast forth and driven away in exile with shame and contempt into the countries ruled by the Devil and his Angels—there to be tormented with the world until they have paid justice all it may demand (Matt. 18:34-5; 22:13; 25:14-6; 1 Cor. 11:32);

So wonderful a transformation of the wilderness and desert section of the land promised to Abraham into a well-watered umbrageous paradise, can have been created;

And the hitherto untamed and ferocious tribes of Midian, Kedar, Cushan, and the Rocky Arabia, have become its enlightened, docile and joyous inhabitants . . .

—it cannot, I say, be supposed that all this can have been developed in sight almost of that grand, and important work, the Suez Canal, and not have become the great and absorbing theme of speculative wonder in all the newspapers and cabinets of the world.

THE SPECIAL POSITION OF TARSHISH, DEFENDER OF ISRAEL

Among the latter, the Anglo-Indian Lion of Tarshish, as lord paramount of Abyssinia, Nubia, Egypt, Cushistan, Sheba, Dedan, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea, and protector of the Tenth in the midst of the land (Isa. 6:13), must be the first of the great powers to be directly affected by the epiphany of the Davidian Power in Arabia.

The presence of this power would be, if in hostile activity, a very disturbing element of the situation, and eminently destructive of British interests in India and the East.

It is impossible to speak with certainty of details not revealed. When we touch upon them, we speak only of what may probably be the course of things leading to a specified result.

With this understanding, I may say that the alternative before the British Government, consequent upon its maritime disasters visited upon it in the Red Sea (Ps. 48:7), will be that of peace, or war, with the New Arabian Power.

If the British Sheba Cabinet have acquired accurate knowledge of this new Power's divine Elohistic character, there is sufficient Millennarianism in high places to counsel and to cause it to seek as a suppliant the favour of the "greater than Solomon," so that—as protector of the Tenth in the midst of the land (including the ancient territory of Tyre)—it might be accepted (after the examples of Hiram of Tyre and the Queen of Sheba) as the humble servant and ally of "the Great King." This arrangement, of course only temporary, would fulfil Psa. 45:12—

"The daughter of Tyre with an offering, even the rich of the people, shall entreat thy favour" (the offering being the Tenth in the midst of the land)

—as the earnest, or instalment, of that greater ingathering after the Armageddon overthrow. And again, in Psa. 72:10—

"The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts."

—offer the countries over which they rule—

"Yea, all kings shall bow down to him; all nations shall serve him."

Thus (Isa. 23:18)—

"The merchandise of Tyre will be for them who dwell before Yahweh, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing."

DRAGON, BEAST & FALSE PROPHET AROUSED TO ANTAGONISM

Now, alliances between powers are often entered into and kept profoundly secret. The alliance between the Son of Solomon and the Anglo-Tyrian may be unknown to the Mouth of the Dragon, the Mouth of the Beast, and to the Mouth of False Prophet—that is, to the "kings of the earth and of the whole habitable." Not knowing the true character of the power in Teman, nor the real nature of the relations subsisting between it and Britain, they will act blindly in their policy respecting it.

They will doubtless hear of its making great demonstrations in the East, and of its setting up a New Religion, in its principles and institutions intolerant and subversive of all other faiths; that it had cut off all communication with Mecca to which it would allow no more pilgrimages; that the Anglo-Tyrian protector of Palestine seemed to favour its views and had abolished the exercise of all Greek, Latin and Mohammedan religious rites in Jerusalem upon pain of death.

IDOLS, IMAGES & SUPERSTITIONS CAST OUT OF JERUSALEM

It may be supposed that the British government would not venture on such a course if it was not assured that there was an almighty power prepared to sustain it. To abolish the Greek and Latin superstitions in Jerusalem would set the Frogs into violent fanaticism, and throw the Autocrat of all the Russias into fierce and furious paroxysms of wrath.

The reader will not forget that the question "What power shall repair the Holy Shrine in Jerusalem" involved Britain, France, Turkey, Sardinia and Russia in war for 3 years. If such a mighty calamity resulted from so light a cause, what might not be expected from the expulsion by protestant England of everything from Jerusalem not agreeable to the terrible power of Teman? Would not the False Prophet of Rome make proclamation that Antichrist had come at last, and that he was aiming like another Mohammed to destroy the Catholic Church and to propagate a new religion by the sword?

THE POPE WILL CRY "ANTICHRIST!" AND CALL FOR A CRUSADE

There is a tradition among papists that within 2 years or so Antichrist will appear and try to destroy their Church. When the true Christ comes, his mission is in part to destroy the Papacy and the Roman Prophet at the head of it. All therefore who acknowledge that the Pope is the real Vicar of the true Christ, will be sure to regard the Arabian of Teman as the Antichrist, being assured that the true Christ would not seek to destroy his own Vicar.

The Frog Power, which has taken the Papacy into its special keeping and has set itself up as the champion of Latinism in the East, would doubtless in its working upon the Dragon, Beast and False Prophet urge upon them all the necessity of providing, by a concerted action, for their common interest, and against a danger that threatens all the

states and institutions of Europe. Persuaded of this, an unclean demon spirit would go forth from the "Mouth," or government, of each to all the kings of the earth and of the whole habitable, to gather them together for a general crusade against the Arabian Antichrist, and for the deliverance of Jerusalem and the Holy Shrines out of the hands of the infidels.

RUSSIA WILL BE THE LEADER OF THE CONFEDERATE FORCES

By this time, probably, Russia will have made a movement against Constantinople, and being in the forefront of the line of march from Europe, and extending its dominion far into the north and east, it would be prepared to take the lead in the great movement of the west. As the Gog of the land of Magog, the Autocrat of nations will be prepared to marshal under his banner the forces of Persia, Cushistan, Phut, Gomer, and Togarmah of the north quarters, in addition to those of his hereditary domain of "all the Russias."

Such will be the formidable coalition developed through the agency of the Unclean Spirits like Frogs. "Tidings out of the East" (Jerusalem, Arabia and Hindustan) "and out of the north" (Britain) "shall trouble him" (Dan. 11:44)— things that come into his mind and cause him to conceive a mischievous purpose, saying—

"I will go up to the land of un walled villages, to take a spoil and to take a prey; to turn my hand upon the desolate places now inhabited, and upon the people gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land" (Ez. 38:10-12).

This will not be an idle threat (Hab. 3:14)—

"They came out" (saith the Spirit) like a whirlwind to scatter ME: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly" (Hab. 3:14).

TARSHISH OPPOSES ADVANCE OF PAPAL-GOGIAN CONFEDERATION

But Gog does not go forth with the consent of the Power under the shadow of whose wings the Tenth in the midst of the land has flourished in security and comfort. It sends forth its forces to meet the invader, who "goes forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to make away many," for—

"Sheba and Dedan and the Merchants of Tarshish with all the young lions thereof shall say to him, "Art thou come to take a spoil? Hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? To carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"

These enquiries are equivalent to a declaration from the protecting power that such a spoliation would not be permitted. It occupies Edom, Moab, part of Ammon, and Egypt; and we may suppose Jerusalem in strong force. But the forces of the East are compelled to fall back, and evacuate Egypt, for (Dan. 11:43)—

"He (the King of the North) shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over the precious things of Egypt."

He now pours in upon the land of Israel like a flood (Ezek. 38:9)—

"He ascends and comes like a storm, like a cloud to cover the land."

—with the exception of Edom, Moab, and the chief of Ammon, which escape the storm (Dan. 11:41). The headquarters of this storm cloud invasion from the north are between the Sea of Sodom and the Jordan on the east side, and the Mediterranean on the west, and surrounding Jerusalem, as indicated in Dan. 11:45—

"He shall pitch the tents of his entrenched camp between the seas in the mountain of the glory of the Holy. "

JERUSALEM BESIEGED: MULTITUDES IN VALLEY OF DECISION

In other words, he shall besiege Jerusalem. And to do this he must occupy the Valley of Jehoshaphat, a narrow glen which runs from north to south, between the Mt. of Olives (which is before Jerusalem on the east) and Mt. Moriah, and through which flows the Kidron. Of this valley, it is said in Joel 3:2, 12—

"Yahweh will gather all the nations (that is, the forces of the nations) into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there."

"Yehoshaphat," in Hebrew, signifies "The Judgment of Yah." Joel also styles the glen (3:14), the "Valley of Threshing"—

"Multitudes, multitudes, in the Valley of Threshing; for the Day of Yahweh is near the Valley of Threshing."

Apocalyptically (16:16), the same locality is styled Armageddon—

"And he gathered them together in a place called Hebraistically, Armageddon."

Yahweh gathered them together without their perceiving the Hand that led them on to the slaughter (Zech. 14:2)—

"I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle."

ARMAGEDDON: "HEAP OF SHEAVES IN VALLEY OF JUDGMENT"

Various derivations have been given of this mystical name (for such it is, inasmuch as there is no such name of a place in the land of Israel). Micah says—

"Yahweh shall gather many nations as sheaves into the floor, that the Daughter of Zion may arise and thresh them" (4:11-13).

The floor of threshing of which they are to be made the chaff (Dan. 2:35) is this Valley of Jehoshaphat. Under this aspect of things, they are a "heap of sheaves upon the threshing floor." This idea is represented by the word "Arma," the first 2 syllables of the name. The 3rd indicates where this heap is to be, namely, in the "gai" (valley). And the last syllable, for what purpose the heap is there, namely, for "don" (judgment)—Arma-gai-don, which in a Greek dress is Armageddon.

The reason why the text states that the place, or valley, is "Hebraistically" so called, is to give us to understand in what country the place is situated—in the country, to wit, the native language of which is the Hebrew tongue.

JERUSALEM CAPTURED: HALF GOES INTO CAPTIVITY

In conclusion, it may be remarked that the crowning events of the series are (1) the capture of the Holy City; (2) the establishment therein of the Little Horn of the Goat who thus "stands up against the Prince of princes" (Dan. 8:25; 11:45) as the representative of Nebuchadnezzar's Imperial Image (Dan. 2:31-35); and (3) its being broken by the Stone not in hands, and no help for him (Dan. 2:45; 11:45). Of the capture of the city there is no doubt (Zech. 14:2)—

"The city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished. And half of the city shall go into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."

Such is the situation: the City of the Great King in the hands of the Greek and Latin Catholic crusaders, who cover the land like a cloud; and no safety for any but in Edom, Moab, and Ammon, on the east and south of the Dead Sea. The career of the Rainbow Angel of Rev. 10 illustrates the crisis at which we have now arrived—

"Yahweh shall go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle" (Zech. 14:31).

"He shall go forth with whirlwinds of Teman" (Zech. 9:14).

"He will march through the land in indignation" (Hab. 3:12).

He will "tread down the people in his anger at Bozrah, and "make them drunk in his fury, and bring down their strength to the earth" (Isa. 63:1-6).

"All the men that are on the face of the land shall shake at his presence" (Ezek. 38:20).

"And his feet shall stand upon the Mt. of Olives, which shall cleave in twain" (Zech. 14:4).

"And he will plead against Gog with pestilence and with blood: and rain upon him and upon his bands and upon the many people with him an overflowing rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone" (Ezek. 38:22).

DELIVERED BY CHRIST: PAPAL-GOGIAN HOSTS DESTROYED

Thus shall Jerusalem and the Holy Land be delivered from "the kings of the earth and of the whole habitable" confederate with Gog. They will fall upon the mountains of Israel, and upon the open field, and a sixth part of them only will escape. Thus all the Catholic, and Protestant, and Mohammedan, heathen will see the judgment executed upon them, and—

"The house of Israel will know that Yahweh is their Elohim from that day forward" (Ezek. 39:22).

Therefore (Zeph. 3:14)—

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all thy heart, O, daughter of Jerusalem.

"Yahweh hath taken away thy judgments; He hath cast out thine enemy. The King of Israel, Yahweh, is in the midst of thee. Thou shalt not see evil anymore."

"Then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more" (Joel 3:17).

"The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them"
—Proverb 11:3.

There is only one way to ultimate success—the simple, quiet, plodding way of righteousness. The cleverest and most spectacularly successful scheming of the wise of the world can carry them ONLY AS FAR AS THE GRAVE. The lowly and simple righteous man will finally plod right past them into eternal life and glory. He will achieve, to an infinite degree and for an eternal continuance, all and far more than they ever grasped at and lost.

The last enemy to be met is death. It is the result of that final meeting that will determine whether a man has been a success or failure in this life. How many of our present activities will retain their value and importance to us in that day?

Second Voyage to Australia

BY BROTHER ROBERT ROBERTS

"Flesh and blood... he (Jesus) partook of the same, that through death he might destroy... the diabolos... in all points tempted like as we are"—Heb. 2:14; 4:15

PART NINETEEN

MON.-TUES., MARCH 1415, 1898: 3 LECTURES AT LAMBTON

I lectured 3 times in the brethren's meeting place at Lambton, to fair audiences. I was glad when the lectures were over, for I was beginning to feel unwell. I should not wonder if I was touched with the fever that was rife in the district, locally known as the dengue fever. One brother who sat next to me had suffered severely from it, and had indeed to force himself out of bed to be at the meetings. After the meetings, he felt much better and I felt rather down.

A photographer, at the close of the meeting, pressed me to come to his place and have my picture taken. His wife was a relative of bro. & sis. Gregory, of Birmingham; and they wanted to give them a pleasant surprise by sending my photograph from the east coast of Australia, where it was not yet known they were located. I have an almost unconquerable aversion to be photographed at any time. This time I declared I was not fit to be taken, feeling so unwell. Sis. Rees, with whom I stayed, afterwards so pressed me on the subject—almost, in fact, arrested me and marched me to the place—that I gave in. The result was 3 beautiful pictures, so far as the artist's part was concerned, but as likenesses, they fully justified my feeling of unfitness. They were pronounced inadmissible at home. I am sorry, for the artist's sake, it is so. Anyone desiring to see them, should apply to Mr. McLean, photographer, Newcastle.

WED., MAR. 16: RETURN TO SYDNEY: FAREWELL TO BRO. PAYNE

I left Newcastle early on Wed., Mar. 16, arriving in Sydney shortly after noon. Bre. Bell and Jackson—doughty servants of the Truth—were waiting me, and saw me into the tram for the house of the latter at Marrickville. I had been away from Sydney 6 weeks. The weeknight meeting was that night. I was told the brethren would expect me to speak, and also farewell would be said to bro. Payne, on the occasion of his removal from Sydney to Wagga Wagga, some 300 miles further south and within 80 miles of Albury.

Under the circumstances, I conquered the feeling of weariness that oppressed me, and went to the meeting. After the meeting, the whole audience seemed to adjourn to the railway station to see bro. Payne off. Bro. Payne has been an acceptable and effectual servant of the Truth in Sydney for a number of years. The interest taken in his departure was an evidence of the sense of loss caused by his removal.

He was in the Sunday School in Birmingham many years ago, but I had to come out to the Colonies to make his acquaintance and to realize how good is the work done by the Sunday School, where all seems at the time to be darkness, labour, faith.

THURS., MAR. 17: NO COMPROMISE WITH NON-RESPONSIBILITY

Next day, escorted by bro. Jackson, I had an interview with bre. Howell and Crane, at the request of and at the house of the former. Their 2 sister-wives were also present. The object of the interview was to see if it were possible to bring about the restoration of fellowship which had been interrupted by the adoption, on their part, of bro. Andrews' denial of light as the ground of resurrectional responsibility. The interview took the form of a conversational discussion of the new views which had caused the trouble.

I was told before coming away that the interview would not be without fruit; but so far as bro. Howell was concerned, he did not seem able to see through the fog that had been caused by the multitude of artificial words and phrases poured forth. I was sorry for this, for bro. Howell has a good name for those excellencies which it is the will of Christ should characterise believers of the Gospel. But the reception of the Truth is the first basis of fellowship. An important element of it is rejected when it is maintained that enlightened rebels against the law of God escape resurrectional punishment by reason of their omission of the preliminary obedience called for in baptism. The ground on which God holds men amenable to judgment in any case is the knowledge of His will. Ignorance of this may excuse; but enlightened men are without excuse. The idea that refusal to submit in baptism will save them from the consequences of their rebellion against the light is "another gospel" which we dare not receive.

This is a different case from the case of those who recognize light as the ground of responsibility, but hesitate only as to the extent of its bearings in an age so dark as ours. We parted on the understanding that the matter could not be compromised.

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I had received a letter from home, stating that sis. Roberts was unwell. Hearing of this, and perceiving my own unfavourable state, bro. Jackson pressed on me the advisability of cutting short my stay in Sydney and going home at once. The proposal was certainly an acceptable one, and as there was no appointment except such as I could obtain release from, I considered and decided, and telegraphed home that I might be expected by the ss. Tyrian, which sailed from Sydney on Friday, March 18.

FRI., MAR. 18: RETURN TO MELBOURNE: A PERIOD OF SICKNESS

When I got on board the boat, I felt very unwell, and arrived home in 2 days—on Sunday, at 5 p.m., in a very dilapidated state. I found sis. Roberts better. For several days, I was unfit for ordinary occupation; but gradually, with the regular, quiet, simple ways of home, I came round, and in 2 or 3 weeks was "myself again."

I am now looking forward to the New Zealand trip (in which I will be accompanied by sis. Roberts), to be followed by a long absence in England—to which I do not look forward with pleasure.

On my return, I may say I discovered that I had lost my elder daughter Eusebia, through marriage with bro. Thomas H. Firth. Of course, I had heard of the event by post before my return, but it did not come home on mere report with the force caused by actual sight of the fireside gap. On my departure, had I been asked to name an unlikely event to happen in my absence, this would have been it. The idea in the abstract had been in view ever since a rejected proposal a long time ago; but it was no more likely to be realized when I left Melbourne than at the moment when decisively dismissed 4 years before. It seemed very hurried and precipitate at the last, and has so appeared to all who have heard of it, but things alter their appearance on a close view. When love begins, other things offer but a feeble resistance.

In this case, the "other things" were all in favour of love's consummation. Bro. Firth was about to depart on an impending journey and absence of some duration. Eusebia was without occupation and of mature age. Sis. Roberts thought there was no reason for delay, and that they should marry and depart together. A council of war came to the same conclusion. A father was appealed to and concurred, regretting only he was too far away to be with them. The rest followed without hitch, and has caused nothing but satisfaction in the immediate circle of those affected.

PREPARING FOR A VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

At this writing (Tues., May 24), I am on the point of departing by the Wakatipu for New Zealand, accompanied by sis. Roberts. The brethren and sisters there have rendered this possible by their liberal provision of the expenses of the way.

The steamer is 3 days behind her advertised sailing date, owing to stormy weather—which is a pity; it will curtail our stay at Invercargill, and perhaps come into collision with lecturing arrangements there. I ought to have allowed a margin of a clear week after expected arrival before commencing appointments, so as to have provided for

the contingencies of uncertain weather at this time of the year (winter). There is no help for it. Resignation, as cheerful as possible, is the only wise attitude for mortals when things cannot be altered.

Within the last week or two, I have been to Ballarat, accompanied by my daughter, Sarah Jane. I had hoped to have gone on to Adelaide, 4 or 5 hundred miles further on, but circumstances did not favour this extension. An Adelaide brother (or rather, one who has been a while in Adelaide and has returned to Melbourne—Harry Gordon) has reported favourably of the brethren there, on most points. If perfect unity could prevail, it would be greater gain, both to the comfort and progress of the brethren, and to the prosperity of the Truth as a testimony to the alien. We must be thankful for what good exists.

A step in the right direction has been made in the adoption of the music in the hymn-book for the hymns, instead of the melodies popularised by Moody and Sankey—which, though pretty enough from a musical point of view, are offensive to enlightenment through their association with popular sectarianism—which is superstition. When the sons of God come together, they wish to get as far away from their evil surroundings for the time being as possible. It is very certain that when "the redeemed of the Lord return with singing unto Zion," it is not the hymns of the Salvation Army that will be heard.

TUES.-THURS., MAY 3-5: BALLARAT: CLEAN FLESH ERROR

The Ballarat brethren asked me to their city with 2 objects—to present the Truth to the public in 2 lectures, and to make an effort to promote re-union with the few who had gone out on the Cornish heresy. The latter was attended to first. A meeting of both sides took place in the house of bro. Close (16 Bond St.) on the evening of my arrival (Tues., May 3). The meeting took a conversational form.

The difficulty was wholly doctrinal—that is, there was no personal misunderstanding or incompatibility to get over. It was wholly a question of how we were to regard the nature of Christ in the days of his flesh. The brethren with bro. Close accepted the testimony of the apostles that Christ was the seed of David according to the flesh (Rom. 1:3), and of the same flesh and blood as his brethren (Heb. 2:14), and tempted in all points like to them, though without sin (Heb. 4:15); that he was sent forth in this nature that the power of death in it might be destroyed in his person (Heb. 2:14) by sacrifice (Heb. 2:14; 9:26), God requiring first that that sin might thus be condemned in its own flesh, and the righteousness of God declared in the shedding of his blood be as a basis for forgiveness (Rom. 8:3; 3:25).

The separated brethren, while also accepting this testimony, could not bring themselves to apply the term "sinful flesh" to the flesh of Christ, seeing he "did no sin." They admitted that human nature was sinful flesh, and that the body of Jesus was human nature; but, by some unaccountable flaw of logic, they objected to the application of the same description.

CHRIST HAD SINFUL FLESH, OR THERE WAS NO OVERCOMING

So far as their scruple was due to feelings of reverence for the Lord Jesus, I told them, it was to be respected; but that these feelings in this case misled them—and misled them to their hurt—seeing the thing denied was the very thing that qualified the Lord Jesus to be an acceptable sacrifice for the sins of the world. His sacrifice was putting of condemned and sinful human nature out of the way—

"That the body of sin might be destroyed" (Rom. 6:6,10);

—and if he did not possess that nature, the very thing aimed at was not done. The relation of the death of Christ to the removal of the curse of the Law illustrates this. He took the curse of the Law out of the way—not by being put to death substitutionally for others, but by coming under it IN HIS OWN PERSON (see Gal. 3:13; Eph. 2:15; Col. 1:22)—

"Cursed is he that hangeth on a tree."

So he took away the curse of death by bearing it in his own person. It was "for us," but that was how it was done—IN HIMSELF. But when it is said the curse was not there, and that his flesh was not sinful flesh, it deprives the death of Christ of its divine meaning.

I pointed out that with such a view they could not give a reason for the death of Christ. To say that "Christ died because he was killed," was to deal only with the physical exterior of the event; there was a spiritual meaning to it, which was its all-important essence—a spiritual meaning foreshadowed in all the Law, namely: That God must be glorified before man can be saved.

A COMBINATION OF SPOTLESS CHARACTER WITH SINFUL FLESH

Man is to be saved through forgiveness; but this forgiveness He (God) requires to be preceded by the effectual assertion of His supremacy in the death of man in the person of one with whom He is well pleased and whom He can raise in harmony with the law which makes death the wages of sin. Such an one He had to provide Himself, for all others had—

"Sinned and come short of the glory of God."

He did provide him in the generation of a Son of His Own in the Adamic nature of Mary. The Son resulting from the operation of the Spirit of God upon a human mother exhibited the combination, otherwise impossible—a combination essential to the salvation of man—the combination of spotless character with sinful flesh.

The separated brethren did not discriminate sufficiently between character and nature. They seemed to think that sinless character must have had sinless flesh; whereas the very glory of the triumph lay in the perfect subjection to righteousness of a nature inherently sinful. There could have been no victory if no enemy; no "overcome" if there was nothing to overcome.

If it is thought more honouring to Christ to say that his flesh was free from stain, it ought to be considered more honouring to say he was free from weakness, notwithstanding that weakness is affirmed (2 Cor. 13:4). But in fact, it is not a question of what we may consider "honouring." It is a question of what is true and what the wisdom of God has appointed.

We parted in a perfectly amicable way, with a promise on the part of bro. Williams and those with him that the matter would be looked into again.

LECTURES AT BALLARAT: TOO PROSPEROUS FOR GODLINESS

The public effort took the form of 2 lectures—

"The Present State of the POLITICAL World as an Indication of the Nearness of the End of the Present Dispensation."

"The Present State of the RELIGIOUS World as a Reason for Individual Investigation of the Question: WHAT IS TRUTH?"

The audiences were not large, but they were larger than 2 years ago. On that occasion, no handbills and posters had been issued, but only a newspaper advertisement. On this occasion, no advertisement had been inserted or posters issued, but only handbills. If all 3 had been employed, doubtless the result would have been better, as elsewhere. But I fully recognize the impossibility of a few poor men doing what might be considered the best in such a matter. The wonder is that anything at all should be done in the circumstances. The brethren did their best and I did mine, and so these matters have to be left.

We stayed at Reid's Coffee Palace, close to the station. The brethren had engaged rooms for us there, so that we were spared the consuming effects of private conversations, filling up the intervals between writing and lecturing.

Ballarat is a fine place. There is a working Ballarat and a residential Ballarat; the latter—with broad and elegant thoroughfares and residences hid in trees—has a fine lake and Botanical Gardens adjacent. The people in this part are well off and religious according to the pulpit model. Consequently, the Truth in its own divine simplicity has no attractions. But, oh, won't the fine ladies and gentlemen of Ballarat and every place in the world want to know all about it, when Christ arrives. It will be too late then. They will look back and see the day of opportunity lost.

FRI., MAR 6: SUING FOR DIVORCE "HIGHLY UNSCRIPTURAL"

We returned to Melbourne on Friday, May 6. The Melbourne meetings are well maintained. Some pain has been caused by the shocking misbehaviour of one brother and the highly unscriptural action of another in connection with it, in seeking redress in the Divorce Court.

The incident has discouraged the brethren somewhat. They have not, however, the cause for shame that they would have if they tolerated or countenanced such infractions of the divine law. When brethren confess their sins and forsake them, they are entitled to forgiveness; but when they defend and vindicate them, they stand in the way of their own mercy.

The Last Terrible Forty Years

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? I will tread them in mine anger and trample them in my fury"—Isaiah 63:1-3

PART TWO

"YAHWEH CAME FROM SINAI": MOSES & HABAKKUK PARALLEL

WE now begin the detailed consideration of the subjugation of the world by Christ and the immortalized Saints, as they set out from Sinai as "Yahweh, the Man of War." Bro. Thomas has written on this in Eur. 11:545-554 and 111:581 forward. (See the extract from bro. Thomas in this issue, pgs. 197-203. This is from Eur. III). Our attention is called to 2 parallel passages by Moses and Habakkuk—

"The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them. He shined forth from Mt. Paran, and came with 10,000 of saints" (Deut.33:2).

"God came (shall come: JT) from Teman, and the Holy One from Mt. Paran . . . Before Him went the pestilence . . . He stood, and measured the earth: He beheld, and drove asunder the nations" (Hab. 3:3-6).

Two things are to be noted: (1) This has never yet happened, and (2) the context, especially in Habakkuk, is clearly millennial. These Mosaic and Habakkuk visions are obviously identical with the Rainbow Angel of Rev. 10, and the bloodstained One who comes from Edom of Isa. 63. Habakkuk continues—

"I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble" (v. 7).

MIDIAN AND CUSHAN SUBDUED AND BLESSED FIRST

Bro. Thomas reasons from this that Midian and Cushan (the Arabian Desert north and east of Sinai) are among the first to feel the sword of the King who is now setting out for world conquest, after the type of David who executed judgments in the southern desert before obtaining the sovereignty of Judah. The wild people of the Arabian Desert between Sinai and Israel are subdued, the desert is made to blossom like the rose, and the people glorify their conqueror for the blessing he brings upon their land. This is the first beginning of the establishment of the Kingdom.

Bro. Thomas believed that the blessing of the land and the removal of the curse would immediately follow Christ's conquest wherever he went. If we think upon it, we realize that this is how it would have to be—both from the point of view of reasonableness and fittingness, and also to fit the prophecies. We know that the curse must be removed, the earth blessed, and the people taught righteousness—that all must be changed from present worldwide human ugliness and corruption and misuse to worldwide divine wisdom and beauty and goodness.

WORLDWIDE BLESSING: INSTANTANEOUS, OR GRADUAL?

But have we thought HOW it will be done? Do we expect it to happen suddenly all over the earth? Or will it be gradual, orderly and progressive, like the opening up of a flower to the fulness of its beauty? Surely the latter.

The Kingdom will begin from a small central nucleus, and then grow and grow until it fills the whole world. This is the picture that prophecy gives us, as in the case of the leavening of the bread, or the Little Stone that struck the Image.

We see too that, in fittingness, wherever Christ advances he must transform. To pass through he must conquer, for he recognizes no human authority. He must be supreme wherever he goes. He cannot pass through and leave a land as it was, under the old human dominion. Nor can he devastate without transforming and restoring. This would be wholly out of harmony with his mission of filling the earth with the glory of God.

So we realize, as soon as we think about it, that the picture bro. Thomas gives us of a gradually expanding Kingdom, bringing transformation and blessing as it extends, is the only fitting one. To reach the Holy Land from Sinai, Christ must pass through the Southern Desert. He must therefore make it his own dominion, begin his work in it, subdue its inhabitants, abolish all human institutions in it, beautify its land, lift the curse, and fill it with God's glory.

The Kingdom of God has begun. A door has been opened in the political heavens. Christ and the Saints have a headquarters and a base of operations.

Once he has entered an area, he has taken rulership over it as its rightful owner, the heir of the earth. And once he has taken the rulership and responsibility for it, he must abolish human evil and begin his reign of righteousness and justice and blessing. The Old and the New cannot coexist in the same place.

So first the Southern Desert—Midian and Cushan—is possessed and glorified: BEFORE Armageddon. Then all the Covenant-Land (from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates), AFTER Armageddon.

THIS WILL CAUSE WORLDWIDE INTEREST AND CONCERN

But, says bro. Thomas, can such a Power begin to be developed in the area, and the rejected from the judgment seat be sent back into the world, and the wilderness and desert be transformed, and the wild Arabians be tamed and enlightened—without being a topic of burning and primary interest throughout the whole world?

It was bro. Thomas' conviction, from various prophecies, that the Tarshish Power, the friend and defender of Israel, would be the first to be aware of the divine nature of the New Power in the Southern Desert, and would submit to it and enter into secret alliance with it.

He wrote long before Britain had entered and occupied much of the Mideast, as he saw it would have to do to fulfil its appointed work of establishing the restored remnant "in the midst of the land." Since his day we have seen Britain come in and fulfil in marvellous detail what he saw laid out for her by the finger of prophecy.

However, with the passage of time, both Britain's world power and her presence in the Mideast has of late greatly diminished, as the principal part of her work was completed.

But as Britain has receded from the area, the activity of one of the "young lions" (Ezek. 38:13) has grown there, and today both Britain and US have close ties with the basic areas involved—Jordan and Saudi Arabia: sufficiently so that bro. Thomas' expectation of a secret alliance with the New Mideast Kingdom of Christ in the transformed deserts of Arabia are quite reasonable.

But the reaction of the enemies of Israel—the Europe-Papal-Russian alliance—is very different. They will not know of the true nature of the New Power in the earth, nor of the relation of Tarshish to it. All they will know is that it is an expansive, dictatorial, aggressive Power with a new religion that is subversive and intolerant of all other religions. They will know that its power is gradually being extended.

THERE MUST BE A TARSHISH POWER PROTECTING THE LAND

Bro. Thomas, writing over 50 years before Britain liberated and occupied Palestine, expected Britain to still be in control of that land when these things were happening. He did not foresee the further development of Britain's removal and Jewish independence. He knew from Ezek. 38:13 that there must be a Tarshish power affording protection, and that Israel herself must be (v.11)—

"Dwelling safely, without walls, bars, or gates."

He expected that Britain, under the instigation and protection of Christ, would cleanse Jerusalem of all the Greek, Roman and Moslem idols and shrines, and that this would arouse the Beast, False Prophet and Dragon to great fury.

Though Britain is no longer the governing power there, it is quite possible the same course of events may develop. All nations must be gathered against JERUSALEM to battle" (Zech. 14:1). This is before Christ reveals himself to the Jews as their rejected Messiah and takes possession of Jerusalem. Why then do the nations come against Jerusalem, if it is the New Arabian "Antichrist" they are enraged at?

It is possible that the Jews themselves, increasingly antagonized by the Papacy and Russia, will do what Bro. Thomas expected Britain to do—clear the idols and idolaters out of Jerusalem. They, too, will surely know of the New Arabian Power allied with their Tarshish friends and protectors, and while they will not know or believe it is the Christ they crucified 2000 years ago, they will be aware it is both friendly and powerful.

PAPACY WILL CRY "ANTICHRIST!": RUSSIA WILL HEAD ALLIANCE

To the Papacy, the New Arabian Power will have all the expected characteristics of the long-anticipated Antichrist of their perverted theology, and this will be their rallying cry against him.

It is clear from both prophecy and the present world picture before our eyes that Russia will be the leader and master of this latter day crusade against Jerusalem. It is clear today that Russia's path to its long-coveted control of the world and remoulding it to a manmade millennium, lies through the Mideast. And it is clear that Israel is the great stumbling block there, like Mordecai sitting in the gate of the King. Tarshish opposes the invaders—

"Art thou come to take a spoil?" (Ezek. 38:13)

—but is overwhelmed and driven back across the Jordan into Edom, Moab and Ammon, while Russia and her allies sweep on into Egypt (Dan. 11:41-43).

CHRIST BRINGS A REMNANT OF ISRAEL FROM EGYPT

It is at this point that bro. Thomas believes the requirements of various prophecies necessitate the fitting in of a descent into Egypt by Christ, to deliver and bring out the Jews that are there—to bring them, as an earnest of the whole nation, again through the Red Sea and into the Covenant.

In the meantime, Jerusalem is captured by the invader, and its people are in the process of deportation into captivity (Zech. 14:2). In WW II, both Germany and Russia shifted around great masses of captive people like cattle—to death camps, to slave labour projects, or simply relocated them—to suit their own political ends.

JACOB'S LAST AND WORST "TIME OF TROUBLE"

Today Russia and the Arabs and the Papacy denounce the nation of Israel as usurpers of Arab lands, and it is clear their first step as soon as they were able would be to destroy or deport them, so Zech. 14:2 and 13:8 are right in line with the present picture and probabilities.

This last "time of Jacob's trouble" is clearly the worst and most terrible of all its bloodstained history—worse than the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans and Hitler. For years the Arabs, egged on by Russia and the Papacy, have sworn to completely destroy Israel from the face of the earth. We are told that in the last invasion $\frac{2}{3}$ of the people in the land shall be cut off and die. It is clear therefore, both from prophecy and from present utterances, that the Papal-Gogian confederacy proposes to "solve" the Jewish Question once and forever.

It is at this point God's words in Ezek. 38:18 are fulfilled—

"Then shall My fury come up in My face" (Ezek. 38:18).

This is the "eyes as a flame of fire" and "countenance as lightning" of the Multitudinous Man, the Rainbow Angel (Zech. 14:3)—

"Then shall Yahweh go forth and fight against those nations."

". . . with whirlwinds of TEMAN" (Zech. 9:14).

BOZRAH: THE FIRST CONFRONTATION OF YAHWEH & THE IMAGE

From Isa. 63:1-6, it is obvious that Bozrah is a very important, key battle—the first encounter with the Gogian forces. It is at Bozrah that the garments of the Rainbow Angel, of Yahweh the Man of War, are stained with the blood of Gog.

There is an added significance to this in the fact that Teman and Bozrah are in Edom. Edom ("red—standing for the flesh of sin) is the typical enemy of God's people. This comes out clearly in Ezek. 35, just preceding the group of chapters (36-39) describing Israel's regathering and blessing in the last days. Edom is to be a perpetual desolation "when the whole world rejoiceth" (Ezek. 35:14). Edom is apparently to be a perpetual, desolate, burning memorial to the subjugation and destruction of the flesh during the Millennium.

Yahweh, the Man of War, confronts Gog at Bozrah, in the northern part of Edom, about 20 miles south of the Dead Sea. (Teman is about 30 miles further south). Here He turns "every man's sword against his brother" and "pleads against them with pestilence and with blood." Thus begins the War of Armageddon, the "War of the Great Day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14-16).

Though Israel is God's "battle-ax and weapons of war" against the nations of the world, it is emphasized (Isa. 63:3) that in this initial encounter the nation of natural Israel has no part. It is the work of the Man of One—Christ and the Saints—alone. It occurs before Jesus reveals himself to Israel as their rejected and crucified Messiah.

AFTER BOZRAH VICTORY: CHRIST ADVANCES TOWARD JERUSALEM

From the slaughter of Gog at Bozrah, the Multitudinous Christ advances toward Israel, "travelling in the greatness of his strength." The natural route, and the one in harmony with both type and prophecy, would be up the east side of the Dead Sea through Moab to the Jordan opposite Jericho. Here is where the Valley of Achor (by Jericho) becomes a "door of hope" (Hos. 2:15) for the typical remnant of Israel that Christ has brought with him out of Egypt, as firstfruits and earnest of the whole nation's deliverance.

The Gogian enemy in the land meanwhile is destroyed and reduced to 1/6 of his forces by his own mutual self-slaughter and by the pestilence and judgment of the elements brought on him by God. The sixth retreats into Assyria, and God's land is at last completely freed of its enemies.

In the judgment on Gog there is a—

"Great shaking in the midst of the land, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and every wall shall fall to the ground" (Ezek. 38:19-20).

"And the Mt. of Olives shall cleave in the midst..."

—and leave a great east-west valley, as the halves of the mount move to the north and the south (Zech. 14:4). And through this newly formed valley Christ and the Saints come, fulfilling Ezek. 43:2—

"And behold the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. And His voice was like the noise of many waters. And the earth shined with His glory."

Jesus had said to them as he closed his first ministry among them—

"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

"Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord"

(Matt. 23:38-9).

"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O YE GATES, FOR THE KING OF GLORY!"

Approaching the gates of Jerusalem, now suddenly relieved from the occupying and desolating forces of Gog, they cry (Psa. 24:7-10)—

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in!"

And the enquiry comes from within—

"Who is this 'King of Glory'?"

They know that their destroyer has been destroyed, and that they have been saved at the very last moment of imminent extinction, but they do not know who the Saviour is. The strange answer comes—

"Yahweh of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. Lift up your heads, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in."

So they realize that here at last is there long-promised and long awaited Messiah, delivering them when all hope seemed gone, and they cry—

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

And there is great rejoicing throughout Jerusalem and the land.

But when their glorious King comes into the city, and they present themselves before him, the question is soon asked, doubtless with great fear and foreboding (Zech. 13:6)—

"WHAT ARE THESE WOUNDS IN THINE HANDS?" (Zech. 13:6).

And the terrible answer—

"Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

JOY TURNED TO DEEP NATIONAL REMORSE AND MOURNING

And so, like Joseph, he is made known to his brethren, and they are filled with fear, and joy is turned to national mourning—

"And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son.

"In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem . . . and the land shall mourn, every family apart"

(Zech. 12:10-14).

And so, first by great oppression and tribulation, and then by great national humiliation and repentance, is the remnant of Israel cleansed and purified—

"It shall come to pass that in all the land, saith the Lord, 2 parts there in shall be cut off and die: but the third shall be left therein.

"And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried:

"And they shall call on My Name, and I will hear them. I will say, It is My people; and they shall say, Yahweh is my God.

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness"
(Zech. 13:8,9,1).

This is very beautiful and very fitting. It is Israel's most terrible and yet most glorious experience. With a sudden, shocking flood of realization they learn they have been utterly wrong and blindly fighting the divine Light for 20 centuries, and that all their sorrow has been because they rejected and killed the Son of God who had been sent to them in gentleness and love to call them to glory.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S WAY: ISRAEL BROKEN AND PURGED

Surely no imaginable experience could be more traumatic and transforming. Nothing could so thoroughly and deeply shake and purge and humble and enlighten them—break the hardness of their blind self-sufficiency and prepare them for the ministration of redemption and love. Human nature must be crushed and broken and shaken to its foundations before it can begin to learn divine holiness and wisdom.

In the marvellous contrivance of His love and wisdom, God shall—

"Pour upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplication" (Zech. 12:10).

And the New Covenant will be made with the House of Judah—

"Written in their inward parts and in their hearts" (Jer. 31:33).

For 7 months thereafter (Ezek. 39:11-16) they are cleaning up the land from the wreckage of the invader, and burying the multitude of dead he has left behind in his flight.

As elsewhere in the extension of Christ's power, the curse is lifted and the land beautified, and the people blessed in wisdom and love and firm, righteous rule. The Little Stone Power now encompasses all the territory from Sinai to the north limits of Israel. The—

"Kingdom has come to the daughter of Jerusalem," and

"No strangers shall pass through her any more" (Joel 3:17).

But she still has the joyful and glorious task before her, under Christ, of establishing herself as the "first dominion" of the world (Mic. 4:8).

(Continued next month, if the Lord will)

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Ye Are Not Your Own

Stewardship: A Terrible Awakening Coming

"If ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"—Luke 16:11

By BROTHER ROBERT ROBERTS

WE shall all experience at the last the truth of the statement that we are "not our own. The judgment seat will reveal the case nakedly as it is—that we are the property of another, and that ALL WE HAVE is his property, for the use of which we shall have to give account.

We shall THEN see that now, in this time (when we are not permitted to see the fact), God has—invisibly but really—by a series of perfectly natural arrangements on the surface, conferred upon us what time, health, money or opportunity we have, in trust for our trial. We shall see that it is a literal fact and not a pretty sentiment, that the brethren of Christ are not their own property, but actually belong to their now absent (yet cognizant, and then present) Master.

Jesus plainly teaches that the decision of our case in judgment will hinge upon our stewardship in these present affairs in which most men can see no divine relation. He says—

"If ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

"If ye have not been faithful in that which is another's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

It is added (Luke 16:14) that the Pharisees—

" . . . who were covetous, heard all these things, and derided him."

This is precisely the treatment which the doctrine receives at the hands of the same class in the present day. But it is true for all that, and no wise man will be deterred by conventional prejudice from proclaiming the truth. Every man at last will be judged—

"ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS."

So Jesus has declared over and over again, and if there seems harshness in the continual assertion of these things, it is due to the peculiarity of the present situation, in which the carnal mind has a host of advocates and apologists, and few are valiant for the commandments of Christ.

The reward that Christ brings is for those who live to him as his servants, agents and stewards, in ALL their arrangements and affairs. —Bro. Roberts, 1884.

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The History of Millennial Belief

The following, an objective historical survey in a standard reference work, clearly shows that Christ's coming MILLENNIAL KINGDOM ON EARTH was the ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN BELIEF for many centuries, and that the Catholic Church, and all her Protestant daughters were caused to abandon this original apostolic belief by two things—POLITICS and PHILOSOPHY.

FROM THE ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA

Faith in the nearness of Christ's second advent and the establishment of his reign of glory on the earth was undoubtedly a strong point in the primitive Christian Church . . .

That a philosopher like Justin, with a bias towards an Hellenic construction of the Christian religion, should nevertheless have accepted its chiliastic (millennial) elements is the strongest proof that these enthusiastic expectations were inseparably bound up with the Christian faith down to the middle of the 2nd century.

AFTER THE MIDDLE OF THE 2ND CENTURY THESE EXPECTATIONS WERE GRADUALLY THRUST INTO THE BACKGROUND.

They would never have died out, however, had not circumstances altered, and a new mental attitude been taken up. The spirit of PHILOSOPHICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SPECULATION and of ethical reflection, which began to spread through the Churches, did not know what to make of the old hopes of the future.

To a new generation they seemed paltry, earthly and fantastic, and farseeing men had good reason to regard them as a source of political danger.

But more than this, these wild dreams about the glorious kingdom of Christ began to disturb the organization which the Churches had seen fit to introduce.

In the interests of self-preservation against the world, the State and the heretics, the Christian communities had formed themselves into compact societies with a definite creed and constitution, and they felt that their existence was threatened by the white heat of religious subjectivity.

So early as the year 170, a Church party in Asia Minor—the so-called Algoi—rejected the whole body of the apocalyptic writings and denounced the book of Revelation as a book of fables.

All the more powerful was the reaction. In the so-called Montanistic controversy (c. 160-220) one of the principal issues involved was the continuance of the chiliastic expectations in the Churches ..

After the Montanistic controversy chiliastic views were more and more discredited in the Greek Church; they were, in fact, stigmatized as "Jewish" and therefore "heretical."

Dionysius, bishop of Alexandria, succeeded in healing the schism and assenting the allegorical interpretation of the prophets as the only legitimate exegesis.

During this controversy Dionysius became convinced that the victory of mystical theology over "Jewish" chiliasm would never be secure so long as the book of Revelation passed for an apostolic writing and kept its place in the canon.

He accordingly raised the question of its apostolic origin; and by reviving old difficulties, with ingenious new arguments, he carried his point. The Greek Church kept Revelation out of its canon, and consequently chiliasm remained in its grave.

It was considered a sufficient safeguard against the spiritualizing eschatology of Origen and his school to have rescued the main doctrines of the creed and the regula fidei (the visible advent of Christ; eternal misery and hellfire for the wicked). Anything going beyond this was held to be Jewish.

In the Semitic churches of the East, (the Syrian, Arabian and Ethiopian), and in that of Armenia, the apocalyptic literature was preserved much longer than in the Greek Church. They were very conservative of ancient traditions in general, and hence chiliasm survived amongst them to a later date than in Alexandria or Constantinople.

But the Western Church was also more conservative than the Greek. Her theologians had, to begin with, little time for mystical speculation; their tendency was rather to reduce the gospel to a system of morals.

Now far the moralists, chiliasm had a special significance as **the one distinguishing feature of the gospel, and the only thing that gave a specifically Christian character to their system.**

This, however, holds good of the Western theologians only after the middle of the 3rd century. **The earlier fathers, Irenaeus, Hippolytus, Tertullian, believed in chiliasm simply because it was a part of the tradition of the Church . . .**

It is the same all through the 3rd and 4th centuries with those Latin theologians who escaped the influence of Greek speculation. Commodian, Victorinus Pettavensis, Lactantius and Sulpicious Severus were all pronounced millenarians, holding by the very details of the primitive Christian expectations.

As to the canonicity and apostolic authorship of the Apocalypse no doubts were ever entertained in the West . . .

These facts show how vigorously the early hopes of the future maintained themselves in the West. In the hands of moralistic theologians, like Lactantius, they certainly assume a somewhat grotesque form, but **the fact that these men clung to them is the clearest evidence that in the West millenarianism was still a point of "orthodoxy" in the 4th century.**

This state of matters, however, gradually disappeared after the end of the 4th century. The change was brought about by two causes—first, GREEK THEOLOGY, which reached the West chiefly through Jerome, Rufinus and Ambrose, and, second, **the new idea of the Church wrought out by Augustine on the basis of the altered POLITICAL SITUATION of the Church.**

Augustine was the first who ventured to teach that the Catholic Church, in its empirical form, was the kingdom of Christ, that the millennial kingdom had commenced with the appearing of Christ, and was therefore an accomplished fact.

By this doctrine of Augustine's, the old millenarianism, though not completely extirpated, was at least banished from the official theology.

It still lived on, however, in the lower strata of Christian society; and in certain undercurrents of tradition it was transmitted from century to century. At various periods in the history of the middle ages we encounter sudden outbreaks of millenarianism. sometimes as the tenet of a small sect, sometimes as a far-reaching movement.

And, since it had been suppressed, not, as in the East, by mystical speculation, its mightiest antagonist, but by the political church of the hierarchy, we find that wherever chiliasm appears in the middle ages it makes common cause with all enemies of the secularized Church.

It strengthened the hands of church democracy; it formed an alliance with the pure souls who held up to the Church the ideal of apostolic poverty; it united itself for a time even with mysticism in a common opposition to the supremacy of the Church;

may, it lent the strength of its convictions to the support of states and princes in their efforts to break the political power of the Church.

It is sufficient to recall the well known names of Joachim of Floris, of all the numerous Franciscan spiritualists, of the leading sectaries from the 13th to the 15th century who assailed the papacy and the secularism of the Church—above all, the name of Occam.

In these men the millenarianism of the ancient Church came to life again; and in the revolutionary movements of the 15th and 16th centuries—especially in the Anabaptist movements—it appears with all its old uncompromising energy.

If the Church, and not the state, was regarded as Babylon, and the pope declared to be the Anti-Christ, these were legitimate inferences from the ancient traditions and the actual position of the Church.

—All from Encyclopaedia Britannica, Article "Millennium"

It will be noted that the foregoing impartial and factual historic resume of the Church's original beliefs and later departures therefrom completely confirms the Christadelphian position.

Current Events Fulfilling Prophecy

"The course of this world .. in the lusts of the flesh. .fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind.. by nature the children of wrath"—Eph. 2:2-3

RUSSIA BEHIND N. VIET INVASION. In past 6 months, Russia shipped to N. Viets \$2 to \$3 billion in arms—as much as total Soviet aid in 3 previous yrs. They were weapons in quantities & of a type that tipped the balance in N. Viet's favour. Hanoi's tank strength at start of invasion was estimated at 1000. Hanoi got Russia's powerful 130-mm gun & 122-mm rocket, and the hand-carried SA-7 Strella missile, credited with downing at least 2 US planes. Last yr. Russia began the unprecedented flow of sophisticated offensive weapons. That changed the picture & enabled Hanoi to launch its massive invasion. (USN 5:22)

NOTE: Russia may have overplayed her hand here. If she has, she has a way out, & will try again later with greater forces. The Russians are not afraid to swallow their pride, & pull back, & start to plan to strike all the harder later. But the fact that the N. Viets can deeply invade S. Vietnam at will in many places, & hold great areas of land, and besiege important cities for a long time, and take them, shows the basic hopelessness of the situation, regardless of present outcome. Where's the vaunted US-created million-man S. Viet army, hailed as "greatest military power in S. Asia outside China"?

RUSSIA: PARITY WITH US. Russia has emerged as a full-fledged superpower, & has attained a rough strategic parity with US. The Russian people have laboured for centuries for this. Indeed, as the leaders in the Kremlin survey the international scene today, they can note with satisfaction the dispatch of an expanded, modern Soviet fleet into the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf, & the Indian Ocean—an achievement that the czars of Russia's past could only dream about.

Gromyko was not exaggerating when he said "there is not a single question of any importance which could be solved without Soviet Union."

Moscow's sustained diplomatic drive has resulted in a growing Soviet presence in an assortment of lands from Nigeria to Somalia, from Cuba to Chile, from Egypt to India. Nowadays, hardly a week goes by when Politburo members are not busy receiving a succession of visiting foreign dignitaries in Moscow, latest of whom is US Pres. (Nwk 5:29)

NOTE: Russia has now achieved a "rough strategic parity with US," so there can no longer be a humiliating Cuban-missile showdown. Those smug days are past for the West. It is a tremendous milestone on an arduous, single minded, uphill, 50-yr. path of sacrifice & dedication. Now there is no power on earth stronger than Russia: no power who could call her to heel & destroy her in a showdown. The rest of the path—to full world dominion, is comparatively downhill, & progress now will be increasingly rapid. Nixon has gone hat in hand to Moscow. Any agreements that ensue will either be to Russia's benefit, or she will blithely violate or ignore them, as in the past. US has swallowed the humiliation of Hungary, & Czechoslovakia, & Bangladesh, & N. Vietnam, & has made peace with the bloodstained aggressor in the Kremlin. The main, real purpose of the summit pilgrimage seems to be to create a soothing backdrop of respectability for Russia's taking over of the dominant power in Europe, as US withdraws as gracefully as it can. The European nations will get the signal (as Germany clearly has) that the time has come to make their peace, & the best bargain they can, with Gog of the land of Magog.

TEST TUBE BABIES. It may soon be possible for science to create a human being who will look, think & act in any way desired. The potential of this is enormous. People could be manufactured to order, thru 'cloning.'

Cloning would work this way: Take a healthy, unfertilized egg and place it in a laboratory dish. Remove the nucleus—the portion that carries the key material of heredity. Replace it with another human nucleus—from a piece of skin, for example. The egg would then develop just as though it had been fertilized, but there would be one big difference. The product would be identical in every respect with the person who supplied the substitute nucleus. Technical problems in cloning well on way to being solved.

Many scientists feel that such "genetic engineering," along with present methods of brain control, will lead to "dehumanization" of man. Meanwhile, scientific experiments go on. Researchers in Europe report success in sustaining human life (in laboratory) from blastocyst stage almost to birth.

There are no answers yet, however, to such questions as: Will these laboratory products be "human"? Who will order them manufactured? Who will be responsible for them after they become living, self-sustaining creatures? Alarmed lawmakers, theologians & sociologists are wrestling with these problems now. (USN 5:22).

NOTE: This may be largely just the usual human "scientific" boasting, but it is an appalling revelation of the way ignorant man is tampering with things far beyond his rights or his capabilities. Another indication that Christ must soon come to save mankind from the horrors of his own arrogance and stupidity.

\$9 BILLION A YR. TO BUY SCARCITY, (while earth's millions starve). In this political yr., US will spend a record \$4.3 billion or more to pay farmers not to grow food. This will add another \$4.5 billion to food costs by causing higher prices to consumers.

In 70 Congress limited subsidies to \$55,000 per farm. Big farmers divided their holdings into smaller units, each eligible for a separate subsidy. 20 pet. of the farms (the big ones) get 60 pet. of the subsidies; many small farmers do not get any subsidy. As the big farms grow richer, they buy up more & more small operators.

To eliminate waste & inequities would require a complete restructuring of the system. Powerful lobbies would battle any such moves. (Tm 4:24).

NOTE: Surely man could not better illustrate his wickedness & incompetence than by paying billions to prevent the growth of food» just in order to maintain prices & profits! Surely there is a better way to handle God's bountiful blessings for the benefit of all mankind than this terrible travesty. How urgently mankind needs the wise & iron rule of Christ to enforce fair production & distribution, & to crush greed & selfishness & hoarding! The Communists think they have the answer, but the basic inner wickedness of the flesh is the fatal rot at the heart of all their man-glorifying & God-rejecting schemes.

NIXON CHALLENGES RUSSIA. For men who rule Russia, it was no ordinary crisis: US not only seeking showdown over Vietnam, but challenging Moscow's design to expand its power throughout world. Nixon made it clear Russia cannot expect to negotiate mutual agreements with US where it suits their purpose, while threatening US interests elsewhere—in this case by arming Hanoi to attack S. Viets.

Confrontation with US over Vietnam would gravely peril Russia's policy of seeking an accommodation with US that would stabilize Russia's west front, enable it to counter the mounting Chinese threat to the east, & continue driving toward its long-range goals around the world. But if, in order to save their policy of better relations with US, they acquiesced in the choke-off of Soviet weaponry for N. Viets, they would emerge from the crisis in a weakened bargaining position.

The dilemma was crucial for Russia's collective leadership—Brezhnev, Kosygin & Podgorny. The 3 are aging veterans of conspiratorial Communism, imbued with the deep suspicions of US which has characterized Moscow's attitude ever since the Soviet state came into existence 55 yrs. ago. All 3 rose in Communist Party ranks under Stalin. All 3 demonstrated their talents for survival during Stalin's bloody purges of '30s & '40s, when great numbers of Communist functionaries were slain, imprisoned, or banished to Siberia. All 3 were trusted subordinates of Khrushchev—& when the time came, they helped to topple him.

Step by step, this is how Soviet strategy in the last yr. preceded the Viet showdown:— 1. In Egypt, Russia last May signed a treaty that consolidated the Soviet military foothold in Mideast & frustrated US efforts to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict.

2. In India, last Aug., Russia signed a treaty that served as a green light for India's war with Pakistan & the establishment of independent Bangladesh. Russian prestige in the Indian subcontinent was greatly enhanced by this policy of exploiting friction.

3. In Iraq, Russia last month signed a treaty likely to increase tension between that country & Iran. The Russians—who see a prospect of further consolidating their military, political & economic influence in that area—are reported dickering for another treaty, with Syria, which could heighten the risk of all-out war in Mideast.

4. Finally, the N. Viet invasion, with vast quantities of Russian tanks, artillery & missiles. (USN 5:22)

NEW MOOD IN EUROPE. Nixon's historic summit journey to Moscow is summed up, so far as average W. European is concerned, in 2 words: "Who cares?" People much more concerned with vacations than diplomacy, with pay rates that with peace talks. W. Europeans carry fat pocketbooks these days. Moscow seems far away.

British Govt. leaders concerned that Nixon, in Moscow, may set stage for a European security conference that would go further than Britain wants. They say Soviet objectives would be to freeze boundaries in E. Europe, open door to wider international recognition of a separate E. Germany, & pave way for reduction of US troop strength in Europe.

Europe's prosperity is real, but people are discontented. They complain so much about personal problems they have no time to examine the things that matter: the political stability & security of W. Europe. European memories are getting shorter. They've forgotten all about the Cold war, the Berlin crisis, even the Hungarian revolution and the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia. And no one seems to care that the Western Alliance is beginning to disintegrate.

All across W. Europe there's tangible evidence that voters are losing confidence in their Govts. And Govts. In each country seem to be losing confidence in the stability of their allies.

Ask Italians why they do not worry about their vital interests in the Mediterranean, & they say: "We've never seen a Soviet soldier in Italy. We have a powerful Communist Party & it is regarded as respectable. We certainly do not think of Communists as agents of the Kremlin. So no one in Italy worries about Russia." (USN 5:29)

NOTE: "Who cares whether the world is slave or free, if pleasure & paycheck are the only important considerations?" An inglorious philosophy, indeed, but perhaps a practical & realistic & sensible one in the light of the sorry past record of all forms of human rule. If people have no concern for truth, & righteousness, & freedom of worship & conscience—if they live in the flesh, below this level—what difference does it make who rules the world, as long as their fleshly desires are catered to, & their lusts are allowed free reign? Nations have had their historic moments of nobility, when it has been in God's purpose that they stand up valiantly against seemingly insuperable odds, but this present time does not seem to be one of those periods.

SPY SATELLITES. World is now virtually an open book to US. Constant flow of aerial photos provide, in minute detail, information no previous president was able to count on. From 100 miles up, pictures can show objects 2 feet in diameter, & distinguish writing on billboards. (USN 5:29)

W. GERMANY ACCEPTS RED RULE OF E. EUROPE. Russia made it publicly clear how highly it values the treaties. Brezhnev warned W. Germany that in voting on them, they faced a "choice between a policy of peace and a policy of war." W. Germany, in ratifying the treaties, is signing away forever its claims on the territory it lost in WW II, & is accepting as permanent the division of Germany. (USN 5:8)

NOTE: Germany is facing the realities. Russia is more & more the master of Europe. Bro. Thomas wrote in 1848: "The Austrian & German Empire is doomed to extinction by fire & sword. When this is broken up, the Gogship will be assumed by the Autocrat, as 'prince of Rosh, Meshech & Tubal' . . . a Czar of Russia will be both Emperor of Germany & Autocrat of Russia."

CAN US COMPETE? US no longer unchallenged leader in economic world. Can US compete in new trading world? Recent experience not encouraging. W. Germany has replaced US as world's largest exporter of manufactures. US exports down, imports skyrocketing—rose 23 pet. in yr.

Almost 100 pet. of tape recorders & 35mm cameras, 70 pet. of radios, 50 pet. of sewing machines, 40 pet. of glassware, & 15 pet. of autos come from abroad. US balance of trade down from hefty surplus in '60s to \$3 billion deficit last yr. (Nwk 4:24)

Despite last yr.'s \$ devaluation, US trade deficit running even higher than yr. ago. Total may well top the \$10 billion of '71. (Nwk5:1).

US CITY GANGS. Gang warfare has risen again to unnerve cities from New York to Los Angeles. Now there's terrifying new element: zip guns & switch-blades of '50s have been replaced by shotguns, hand grenades & submachine guns. And violence has mounted along with the technology. In Philadelphia gang warfare accounted for over 40 deaths last yr.; in Los Angeles a gang stomped to death a 15-yr.-old boy who would not give them his leather jacket.

Gangs direct much of their violence at schools. In NY's Taft High School, teachers so terrified they lock classrooms doors once pupils are all in. It's much worse than it used to be. Once only vocational schools had gang problems; now they're everywhere. Despite the surge in gang activity, no one seems to have any cure. (Nwk 5:8)

NOTE: Naked, uncontrolled, undisciplined human nature is a vile & terrible thing, as the Scriptures teach from cover to cover. We shall be seeing more of it in these last days, before God brings His dreadful judgments on the earth. The iniquity of the Amorites is nearly full.

W. GERMANY OKs PACT WITH REDS. On May 17 & 19, W. German parliament approved Brandt's treaties with Poland & Russia. Outcome was so close that Brandt may be forced to call special elections soon. The treaties were approved by just half the membership.

W. Germany has signed away, perhaps forever, its claims on the lands Germany lost to the Communists at end of WW II. The treaties accept the fact that there are 2 Germanies: one Communist, one linked to West.

How long can the parliamentary paralysis in W. Germany continue? US's strongest ally in Europe has a Govt. unable to govern & an opposition determined to oppose at all costs. All US can expect from Germany is stagnation. (USN 5:29)

NOTE: Germany was once (not long ago—well within our memory) Russia's greatest menace, & greatest barrier to domination of Europe, the "experts" figured it would take 6 weeks for Hitler to destroy Russia's military power (& naturally speaking that was probably true, but God had other plans. But where is Germany now? "Democracy" has been imposed upon Germany, once a land of steel & power, & the results are division & political stagnation: stumbling from one political crisis to another. Bro. Thomas had short shrift for "democracy's" chances or value in the real world of naked military power, & how right he was! This has also been the pattern in France & Italy since WW II, while the mighty Russian Autocracy builds its world power, & carefully polishes its world prestige.

METHODISTS: SUCCESS GONE SOUR. United Methodist Church is case of a great success story going bad. Once a movement that leaped like brush fire along the 19th century frontier, it has suffered loss of ½ million members in past 4 yrs.—biggest loss of any church in US history.

At General Conference last wk., Bishop Ensley identified "the decline of Christian belief" as the cause of much of the Methodist malaise. "Probably not for centuries has the witness of Christian people on ultimate questions been so hesitant and uncertain." The Articles of Religion of Methodist Founder John Wesley, for instance, stated Jesus arose bodily from grave. But a '65 poll showed that only 49 pct. of Methodist clergy believe this today.

Successful religious movements maintain a high profile of unshakable beliefs, exclusiveness, strict discipline, zeal, & a distinct code of behaviour. A classic case was the early Methodist movement, which achieved social power through fervent piety and preaching, and puritanical rules.

Trouble sets in whenever political or other issues supplant such stringent concerns. The recent mainstream Protestant formula—be tolerant, ecumenical, relevant—is a formula for failure. Once a church lapses into such an approach, decline in numbers and influence is inevitable. (Tm 5:8)

NOTE: There is much here for deep study & self-examination.

BRITISH NAVY. Britain, which has been progressively withdrawing from its former role as a major sea power, apparently is changing. Navy will build 33 ships this year, compared with 19 last yr. Reason: "astonishing" build up of Russian sea power. (USN 5:1)

RUSSIA CONCENTRATES ON WAR. Kremlin's build up of a gigantic war machine at expense of consumer goods is main reason why progress toward long-promised "better life" for Russian people has been slow. Burden of military spending on Russian citizens is 70 pct. greater than on US citizens. Russian agriculture under Communist has been so costly & inefficient that Russia must still import millions of tons of grain a year. In Russia, each farmer feeds 8 people; in US each farmer feeds 59 people. A Russian on the average must work about 6 times as long as an American to earn enough to buy the same amount of basic goods: food, clothing, appliances, etc. Average Russian family has to spend 10 hours a week just shopping. Russia has 32 million workers in agriculture, and cannot supply their own people; US has 3½ million & has a huge exportable surplus. Average US worker spends 16 pct of take home pay on food for family; Russian spends 50 pct. Russia heavily oriented toward heavy industry, especially war. (USN 5:15).

NOTE: If US had the will & wisdom to use its tremendous God-given capabilities & resources sensibly, it could stop Russia cold, everywhere. But that is not to be. Human folly must be exposed. "The Lord God rules in the Kingdom of men," making them destroy themselves to fulfil His purpose.

US ON THE DOLE. Welfare cost \$18 billion in '71, up 23 pct. over '70, & still soaring. There are 203,000 welfare workers in 1152 agencies. Each agency tends to be an island unto itself. (USN 5:15)

NOTE: This is pitiful, in the world's richest country. It is largely the evil fruit of a vicious, centuries-old policy that has denied education & opportunity & human respectability to the Blacks. The bitterness & tragic consequences are now so deeply rooted that there seems to be no possibility of a human solution, as each side increasingly antagonizes the other. Only Christ can bring righteousness, and only righteousness can bring peace.

FACTS WITH RUSSIA: WHAT VALUE? In 7 summit meetings between a US President & a Soviet leader, 25 agreements have been reached. The Soviets have violated 24 of them. The only one kept was the pledge to enter war against Japs—& that was done only when outcome was already decided.

Russia similarly has failed to keep many other international agreements with US. In WWII, they promised they were seeking no territorial gains. But by '48 they controlled 11 countries, plus E. Germany, & 750 million people.

Russia promised Korea would be free & independent. Then it set up a Communist govt. in north & masterminded an attempt to conquer south.

Russia promised it would treat Germany as 1 country after the war—then sealed off its occupation zone, turned it into a separate country, & is now seeking to make the division permanent.

In signing a nuclear arms treaty in '69, Russia promised to end the nuclear arms race, & work toward disarmament. Instead, it accelerated its missile construction, overtook US, & is now challenging in almost every category of nuclear weaponry.

In joining the League of Nations in '34, Russia pledged not to resort to war. In '39 Russia was expelled from the League for acts of aggression, including invasion of Poland & Finland—both countries with which Russia had signed treaties of nonaggression.

In violation of nonaggression pacts, Russia invaded Estonia, Latvia & Lithuania in '40 & incorporated them into the Soviet Union. (USN 5:29)

NOTE: The record is so clear, & the events so recent in memory, that one wonders why the nations are still going through the mummery of pacts & treaties & pilgrimages to "summits" at Moscow. But God leads them on to their destruction, as Russia plays a deep & devious game of international chess. Each side thinks it is gaining the advantage over the other, but we know from prophecy (& we can now see with our own eyes) who is coming out on top. Russia is, of course, not alone in ignoring any treaties it later finds inconvenient. This is standard practice among the Sin Powers of the world. (Ask the American Indians).

RUSSIA: POLITICAL RELIGION. The forthcoming visit to Israel of Patriarch Pimen, head of Russian Orthodox Church, is a sign of Soviet eagerness to resume diplomatic contacts with Israel. For years the Patriarch has been used by Soviet authorities as an instrument for signalling the Kremlin's foreign-policy. (USN 5:22)

NOTE: This is heart-warming! In 1930, Russia was plastered with signs: "Religion is the opiate of the people!" Nothing is more true, as to the world's political religions, & Russia is coming to realize the need for this opiate, just as the Czar did. A deal with the False Prophet must come that will be more world shaking than the diabolical Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939 that loosed the furies of WW II.

CHINA UNDER COMMUNISM. US Sen. Mansfield says of his trip: "There are no beggars on the streets. People seem healthy; everyone seems to be working. A feeling of belonging to the community has developed in place of the old family concept. They've been able to keep on a sound financial basis. They have no external or internal debt, little taxation.

"They're well fed, well clothed. They have medical insurance for all: it costs nothing in cities, 4c a month in country. No sign of delinquency among young. Streets were safe. They kept stressing to us that from the Opium War of 1840 to 1949, China was subject to foreign interference & inequality."

Sen. Scott (who accompanied him) said: "China is a vast, busy, self reliant land—enormously energetic. They have far more consumer goods than the Russians have & eat far better than Russians. There's no lack of food. They have a very large variety of clothing. You rarely see any sort of queue or line, as you do in Russia. Dept. stores were full of consumer goods, & enormous crowds of people. Everybody got waited on in a short time.

"Maoism is a theology, & it's a theology they buy. It's a theology of the Supreme Teacher—an updating of Confucianism. The most dismaying thing was that the people were completely programmed or 'computerized.' What do a computerized people do in an uncomputerized situation? This does not disturb them. They're sure Chairman Mao will have the answer!" (USN 5:29)

NOTE: If China's 700 millions are, as reported, reasonably happy, & reasonably healthy, & reasonably well clothed & fed, it would appear that the Communist dictatorship in China has accomplished something no nation ever has before. But at what a cost in blood & freedom! It would appear to be a hypnotized, dehumanized, robotized accomplishment. We live in strange & wonderful times, & all these terrible, Frankenstein nightmares only emphasize more & more the crying need for the Sun of righteousness.

VIOLENCE. There is little question that violence has risen in US in the past few years. It is in the air, in speech, in gesture. People are uneasy on the streets, uneasy in their inner selves. The crime rate—especially violent crime—has mounted alarming. Authority is under attack as never before. Talk about politics is often murderous.

The Viet war has had a profound effect on the US psyche, not only conditioning it to violence but often creating its own antiwar violence at home. Yet US has no monopoly on violence: it's worldwide. (Tm 5:29)

NOTE: The Viet War, cleverly engineered & perpetuated by Russia, has been an increasingly malignant & growing cancer in the US body: social & political. Doubtless violence & viciousness would have grown to their terrible proportions in these last days without it, but the Viet War has been one of the major ways God has chosen to bring these conditions about. A Black man said a few years ago (and achieved national prominence for it): "Violence is as American as apple pie." He spoke from the depths of 300 years of the bitterest & cruellest racial experience. The dreadful bitterness of that long background of terror cannot be expunged, any more than the centuries-old bitterness of Ireland can be. Only Christ can put things right. Only Christ, returned in divine power, can save man from utter self destruction. "Come, Lord Jesus!" So the Scriptures end—world's only hope.

THE US HOUSING SCANDAL. For months, the scandals have been popping in cities all over US. Fraud by brokers, real-estate lawyers, FHA accountants & appraisers, & bank officials, including one of the largest mortgage-banking firms. The money involved is staggering. In Detroit, Govt. stands to lose \$150 million, in Brooklyn \$200 million in slum-area mortgage defaults created by shady deals. But the real victims were the poor—mostly Blacks & Puerto Ricans. A US Govt. attorney said: "I don't see how any Black or Puerto Rican could have faith in the White system after being shaken down like this & then forced to lose his house. 1000's of poor families have been sold worthless houses—& then turned out into the streets (Nwk 4:10)

Lack of decent housing for the poor people living in US's large cities has long been a national scandal. Doubtless it contributed to the fury of the race riots that have plagued US ghettos. In response, US in '68 started to help poor buy homes in high risk areas by guaranteeing & subsidizing mortgages.

But that program itself has become a scandal in which the poor once again had become the victims of greedy speculators & corrupt govt. officials. Sec. Romney estimates that in a few yrs. FHA could be stuck with over 240,000 units nationwide in default, & that the loss to the Govt. would be "catastrophic." FHA figures it loses an average of \$10,000 on each foreclosed home, the illegal profit going to the conspirators. (Tm 4:10)

NOTE: Wherever money starts to flow freely to help the poor, then schemers & parasites flood in to soak it up. Until there is the righteous, iron rule of Christ's Kingdom, there can be no solution of man's problems.

DOOMSDAY FOR CITY SCHOOLS? The heavily segregated & increasingly demoralized inner city schools of US may already have passed the point of no return. Urban education is in midst of an unprecedented crisis of confidence, manifested in both apathy & hostility. Phila. School Supt. says: "Urban education everywhere is on verge of collapse right now."

Teacher morale is at all-time low. In inner cities around country, daily truancy rate averages 30 pet., often is as high as 60 pet. Myth of "universal education" is no longer "as American as apple pie." As recently as mid-50s, big-city schools universally regarded centres of academic excellence.

One of every 3 students drops out of high school. Average student is 2 yrs. behind national reading norms. Many students & teachers live in constant fear of injury from physical assaults. Despite expenditure of billions of Federal \$\$, "compensatory" education, designed to help ghetto children, is widely judged a failure.

In 6 yrs. Chicago school budget has doubled, & administrative costs have tripled, tho enrolment has hardly increased at all: teachers salary raises have put Chicago school board \$100 million in debt. (Nwk 4:3)

NOTE: US, the world's richest, mightiest, most privileged nation, seems determined to prove, in every category, humanity's bankruptcy and the truth of the Scripture: "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

GROWTH OF GAMBLING IN US. Gambling is as old as history. An explosion in betting in US; as result, gambling now stands as major US industry, with autos, oil, etc. Legal gambling is only the tip of the iceberg: for every \$ bet legally, 5 to 7 are bet illegally.

Illegal gambling as much as \$40 billion annually; the main source of income for the underworld. The Mafia offers 2 services that individual bookmakers need—corruption & security.

Any small bookie can bribe the cop on his beat, but only the Mafia can buy enough judges, politicians & law-enforcement officials to make sure nationwide gambling can continue to operate. As for security, the Mob has the ability to infiltrate law agencies & warn of imminent raids.

Only recently civic leaders decided that govts. should share in the gambling wealth. The trend can be attributed partly to the general permissiveness of society: like alcohol, marijuana & sexual freedom, gambling is losing shock value & becoming accepted as part of modern life. (Nwk. 4:10)

NOTE: Even in its drugged stupor, the world seems to fuzzily recognize the tragic collapse of its moral values, but it does not seem to care.

ON TRUSTING THE RUSSIANS. E. Europe is for Russia far more than a buffer zone: it helps satisfy their desire for territory & empire. Can anyone seriously believe that if Kremlin had a chance to extend its hold over W.

Europe without major war it would hesitate to do so?

One should not overlook the importance of momentum in the affairs of nations. Experience has shown that once a great nation essays to play a world role, expansion will continue so long as it encounters no effective political or military resistance.

It is a sound principle that one may trust govts. that trust their own people, since an enlightened public opinion is the most reliable restraint on reckless action. The Russians can be trusted to the extent they allow freedom to their own people. (Nwk 5:15)

NOTE: A few writers, like Churchill before WWII, can see the handwriting on the wall. But the time has come in God's purpose for Russia to rise to world power, so the nations will be blinded in their dealings with her, like Chamberlain at Munich. A far more terrible and fatal Munich looms.

NATIONALIZED BRITAIN. Such crippling losses in almost all nationalized firms that an EXTRA \$1.7 billion in subsidies been handed out this yr.—up 64 pet. from last yr. Govt. has stakes in over 900 firms: only a handful are breaking even. (USN 5:15)

Bible Questions

"O that they were wise, that they understood this!"—Deut. 32:29

NAME THE FATHER (One mother):—

(Also: Who was the son? What did he do?)

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| 1. Bezaleel, son of U—? | 2. Lot, son of H—? | 3. Shechem, son of H—? |
| 4. Laban, son of B—? | 5. Caleb, son of J—? | 6. Jonadab, son of R—? |
| 7. Jehoiada, son of B—? | 8. David, son of J—? | 9. Micaiah, son of I—? |
| 10. Joshua son of N—? | 11. Balak, son of Z—? | 12. Bethuel, son of N—? |
| 13. Adonijah, son of H—? | 14. Eliakim, son of H—? | 15. Noah, son of L—? |
| 16. Balaam, son of B—? | 17. Samuel, son of E—? | 18. Phinehas, son of E—? |
| 19. Ishbosheth, son of S—? | 20. Elihu, son of B—? | 21. John, son of Z—? |
| 22. Joshua, son of J—? | 23. Bartimeus, son of T—? | 24. Saul, son of K—? |
| 25. Othniel, son of K—? | 26. Pashur, son of I—? | 27. Isaiah, son of A—? |
| 28. Methuselah, son of E—? | 29. James, son of A—? | 30. Joab, son of Z—? |
| 31. Mephibosheth, son of J—? | 32. Jehu, son of N—? | 33. Ahab, son of O—? |
| 34. Lucifer, son of m—? | 35. J & J, sons of .—? | 36. Samson, son of M—? |
| 37. Zacharias, son of B—? | 38. Simon, son of J—? | 39. Tibni, son of G—? |
| 40. Zerubbabel, son of S—? | 41. Abner, son of N—? | 42. Jonah, son of A—? |
| 43. Ishmael, son of N—? | 44. Elisha, son of S—? | 45. Johanan, son of K—? |
| 46. Gedaliah, son of A—? | 47. Baruch, son of N—? | 48. Amasa, son of J—? |
| 49. Pekah, son of R—? | 50. Jeroboam, son of N—? | |

Write the correct question number beside the father's name

Ahikam	Kareah	Barachias	Jonas	Enoch	Nahor	Ner
Saul	Lamech	Jephunneh	Zacharias	Rechab	Shaphat	Omri
Eli	Zebedee	Ginath	Jozadak	Bethuel	Benaiah	Zippor
Elkanah	Amoz	Barachel	Imlah	morning	Immer	Beor
Amittai	Manoah	Zeruiah	Haggith	Remaliah	Jesse	Nun
Hilkiah	Alpheus	Nethaniah	Jonathan	Jether	Kish	Haran
Nimshi	Neriaah	Timeus	Nebat	Shealtiel	Kenaz Uri	Hamor

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