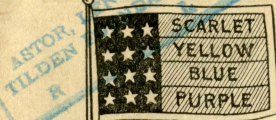
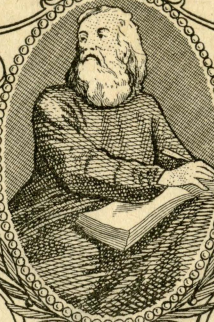


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# REMNANT OF ISRAEL



"THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS"



"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."---Isaiah 18:3

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### WHILE I AM LYING HERE.

The seasons o'er me have rolled,  
And to my list'ning ears have told  
The stories that so much unfold,  
While I am lying here.

Of human miseries and woes,  
I'm learning as the season goes,  
And also whence joys fountain flows  
As I am lying here.

For life so oft its changes bring  
Of sorrow's sigh or joy that sings  
I think they must be ancient things,  
As I am lying here.

Full many a wedding bell has rung  
And many a funeral dirge been sung  
And life returned from whence it sprung,  
Since I've been lying here.

The seasons come and hasten on,  
So quickly go the sigh or song,  
So little here lasts very long,  
But I'm still lying here.

Oh, with what almost childish zest  
I dream of the golden sunset west,  
Whose portal is all nature's rest,  
As I am lying here.

But I know Him who knoweth best,  
His love and faith are in my breast,  
Giving me peace and joy and rest,  
Though I keep lying here.

March 18, 1914 —Elsie Klostermyer Rupert.  
Bedfast from July 16, 1912 to April 6, 1914.

### MALACHI AND THE LAW OF MOSES.

The book of Malachi, like all other writings of the prophets, pertains to the conditions existing in the latter days as plainly stated in the last chapter.

Verse one says it is "the burden of the Lord to Israel."

We trust that by this time it is well known by our readers that the word Israel and the names of the various divisions of the Lord's people, anciently, are all carried down to Gentile history. In verses one and two God's dealings with Jacob and Esau are taken as a foundation upon which to teach the lesson desired. These verses read thus:

"The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob."

The reason God loved Jacob and hated Esau is next told thus:

"And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

"WHEREAS EDMON SAITH, We are improverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the Lord of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the Lord hath indignation for ever.

"And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The Lord will be magnified from the border of Israel."

It is plainly seen that stubborn rebellion on the part of Esau is the trouble, and a further study of the book will show that Israel in the latter days will repeat this history and be a CONTENTIOUS REBELLIOUS PEOPLE, hence the same result will come to pass upon them that CAME ON ESAU IN PAST HISTORY.

The Lord, through the prophet now begins to show wherein his people are at fault. He says:

"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O PRIESTS THAT DESPISE MY NAME. And ye say, WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED THY NAME?"

"YE OFFER POLLUTED BREAD UPON MINE ALTAR; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible.

"And if YE OFFER THE BLIND FOR SACRIFICE, is it not evil? and if ye offer the LAME AND SICK is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts.

"And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: THIS HATH BEEN BY YOUR MEANS: will he regard your persons? saith the Lord of hosts."

This scripture teaches us as used in the law of Moses that God requires our best service. First God gave his only son to redeem man, hence nothing but our first service will be accepted at his hand, and to offer THE BLIND OR LAME animal was an insult to God and would result IN A CURSE rather than a blessing. It also teaches us plainly that our offerings on the altar are still the same truth as then and that by a study of the law of Moses we learn how to worship God. So when we partake of the Lord's supper we covenant with God to render to Him Our Best and First Service and offer to Him for His cause THE BEST OF OUR TEMPORAL THINGS.

The Lord continues thus to point out their selfishness in His worship and thus offer POLLUTED BREAD upon his altar:

"Who is there even among you that WOULD SHUT THE DOORS FOR NOUGHT? NEITHER DO YE KINDLE FIRE ON MINE ALTAR FOR NOUGHT. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

"For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in EVERY PLACE INCENSE SHALL BE OFFERED unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts."

This forever ends all hireling service. A priest became such by being the seed of Aaron and Aaron being a type of Christ it teaches us that only such as are called of God can truly minister at the altar, and they do it not as hirelings, but as "being called of God as was Aaron." The pay comes from a different system entirely, and we might add a good test; namely, to have the shepherd do the work and trust the people through the Lord, according to his plan for the pay. Make No Contract for a Stipulated Sum, neither any system that fixes by custom a fixed salary. It is a "Pollution of the Bread" upon the altar. The following verses show plainly that the trouble is, Israel has forsaken the Lord's plan of support and devised plans of their own:

"But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

"Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the Lame and the Sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord.

"But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and Sacrificeth unto the Lord a Corrupt Thing: for I am a great King, saith the Lord of Hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen."

This tells plainly the trouble, for they say the service in following the Lord's system is wearisome and contemptible. They even turn up their nose and sniff at God's plan.

This reveals the secret why all the devices for raising means has been resorted to to support the hirelings and pay the expenses of the church. God calls all such "polluted." Lame and blind offerings he will not accept them. A minister told me recently that he "did not believe in socials and ice cream entertainments to raise money but that they would not give it any other way and it must be twisted out of them." Don't blame the preacher altogether, for the people like the fun connected with the system of raising means and are willing to pay for fun but not for the Gospel and as one prophet says "my people love to have it so."

"And now, O, ye priests, this commandment is for you.

"If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea I have cursed them already because ye do not lay it to heart.

"Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

"And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts."

The Lord now directs his word more definitely to the priest (Minister). God designed that the Levites should be a representative to the people and thus teach the people to reverence the name of God above every other name, thus teaching the people that no ruler or sovereign should stand first to them. Every offering made taught this principle. Any violation in any offering was rebellion, hence the curse would follow.

#### THE COVENANT WITH LEVI.

"My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

"The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips, he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn away many from iniquity.

"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts."

It is above all other duties of the priest to teach the law of Moses. He should explain and teach the lesson taught by each and every offering made by the High Priest, under the Mosaic system, for they are the same truths today as then. It is sad to realize that instead of doing this the people are taught that that law is no longer in force, when the facts are, it contains the foundation of all doctrine and duty of the Christian.

The following verses show just how the Lord looks upon the teachers of this age regarding the law:

"But ye have departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts.

"Therefore have I made you contemptible before all the people, according as ye have kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

"Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel, and in Jerusalem; For Judah has profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The Lord will cut off the man that doeth this, The master and the scholar, out of the tabernacle of Jacob and him that offereth an offering unto the Lord of Hosts.

"And this have ye done again covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, in so much that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand." 2;8-13.

Truly there are many that stumble at the law. Some, as a result of the teaching at this time, say the whole law is abolished and we now have all things made new. Some say the ten commandments are not abolished but the law of Moses was a yoke of bondage, not good, it was enmity, and so on, and that it was taken out of the way; nailing it to the cross. And so a mass of contradictions are taught whenever the law is taught by the ministry. They become partial in the law by taking such things as suit their purpose and do away with the rest. Therefore the curse is today being visited on Israel, — professed Christianity—and they know it not. They even cry and cover the altar with tears to show their sincerity. God don't regard such hypocritical worship.

"Yet ye say wherefore, because the Lord hath been a witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, yet is she thy companion and the wife of thy covenant.

"And did he not make one? yet had he the residue of the spirit. And why herefore that he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to thy spirit and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. For the Lord, the God of Israel saith, that he hateth putting away; For one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of Hosts; therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

"Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say wherein have we wearied him? when ye say, that every one that doeth evil in the sight of the Lord is good and he delighteth in them; Or where is the God of judgement?" 2;14-17.

The above verses state the situation that now exists. Namely, they have forsaken the wife of their youth and have put her away because they played the harlot with the apostate woman which departed from the truth of the law and its teaching. God says he designed one woman, not two. The woman of the twelfth chapter of Revelation is that one woman and she has always existed since the days of Adam as a representative of the true church. The one in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation is the harlot that is divorced and put away. God designed one that he might have a pure seed, and we say that only the children of the one here mentioned are the true seed, not the daughters of Babylon nor the individuals connected with her.

#### THE PREPARATORY MESSAGE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

Before the first advent, there was a message of reform given by John, so before his second coming there will be another. Both are similar in character to the experience of Elijah, in the days of Ahab. This last message is to consist of a reform on the law of Moses and its teachings as will be seen later.

"Behold I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

"Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

"And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." 3:1-6.

God says "I change not." This does not agree with present day teaching. The teachers have him change his laws to suit the present customs, but God says "I change not." This scripture says he will purge the sons of Levi. This shows that the teachers whom God can accept will be such as teach the correct lesson taught by each offering and the obligation of doing the whole law. God's law deals with the things which are practical, such as payment of debts, paying the hireling his due for wages, the care of the poor and widows—the law of Moses is where the every day duty is laid down and must be taught.

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?"

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

"And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

"Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?"

"Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?"

"And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." 3:7-12.

The reader will notice that the people and priests contend with God on every point, how literally that is fulfilled in our day, not a point of scripture but is disputed by those who do not wish to have it cross their practice. They are ready at once to argue the point just as though they could change its teaching. So in this scripture they say wherein have we robbed, God; he says in tithes and offerings. They would much rather raise the money in some other way, by having those without, pay the bill by selling them some fun for the money than to pay an honest tithe and offerings as God has directed. Then there are those who do not believe in raising money in the way the churches do, but they are equally careful not to pay the tithe, they want that much clear gain.

So it goes, hence as the Lord says, the curse is resting heavier and heavier because of those things of neglect. If God's people would do as the law requires faithfully they would prosper and be cared for. But this they will not do, hence those who are living as God would have them and devote their time to the work of God have a hard time at times because the people are not faithful. They think the other one will look after that part when it is the duty of each one to do as God requires them to do. We can not promise any one security in the day of visitation who are not faithfully doing their duty to God now. He says "because they have kept the word of my patience I will also keep them in the hour of temptation that shall come upon all the world to try them." Every device that man can invent to twist money out of the people to support the present system of Babylon is resorted to, but to pay God that which He demands as his, that is another thing. They prefer to raise the money from those instead of doing their duty, as taught in the bible. It is right that the laborer labor in faith without a stipulated sum, but it is equally right that the people who profess to believe his teaching,

be honest with God and his servants to give them what God requires. God never intended that the payment of that which belonged to him would improvish, but on the other hand, His blessing would come to the obedient. Note what Haggai, the prophet, says on this point:

"Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider your ways.

"Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink, ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider your ways.

"Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

"Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little, and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

"Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

"And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands."

If the people were half as willing to obey God and do the things taught in His law, in the place of arguing it all away, they would be much better off than they are. But this reform on the law will develop another class who will take heed to the word of God, as we next read:

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

"Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and that serveth him not." Mal. 3:16-18.

The last chapter of this great book for the last days is an admonition and reads as follows:

"For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

"But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

"And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.

"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Hebrew for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Note, it begins with the word "for." That is, the day of settlement will come and the wicked will burn as an oven. Now says the Lord, "Remember ye the law of Moses - - which I commanded - - for all Israel with the statutes and judgments." Then as a close, he calls attention to the last great reform as before mentioned on the law of Moses, by those who will deliver a message to the people as did John the Baptist. That message is now due and the reform on the law is now called for upon the part of every child of God. It requires faithfulness in every duty required. Who will join in this last reform by learning how to teach what the law of Moses requires. The payment of tithe should be paid to those only who teach the whole truth for this time whom God raises up to carry forward this special work. To those sons of Levi who have been parted from Babylonish errors, the tithe, you will see by reading

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## "THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL."

In no other class of people is this evil more seen than among professed religionists.

The love of money is the very cause of the existence of the various divisions and denominations now existing among the followers of professed Christian people. We quote the following from a religious publication:

"Some have made inquiry why the addresses are left off of the articles and letters. The reason is that some who are not friends to the work have through false pretense been using them as a means of soliciting funds for their personal benefit."

We have no doubt but this special note was printed in good faith with no selfish purpose. In fact, the paper from which the note is taken is liberal and striving for liberality among Christian people, but that does not alter the fact involved in the note.

It is not so much the control or ownership of the people desired that has developed denominations, but the money which the people gave for the support of the Gospel. That is the center and object of control desired. The note presents the idea that those who give are taken advantage of by strangers. That seems plausible, but are not the people capable of using the money they are capable of making, and do they not know enough to be able to detect a wolf from a sheep, or a true shepherd from a false? Is it a fact that some one must act as their guardian and keep them hid so they can't be found? Some keep the mailing list very secure that no one but themselves know who are their subscribers. Will you tell me the difference between that and being so prejudiced that they will not let their membership go to hear others? The root of the whole thing when once boiled down is the dollar and the loss of support.

We have a mailing list. Do we own the people. Should those names be kept secret? We say no. It is the duty to ever hear and prove all things. How can the membership do this if the opportunity is kept from them?

We would not wish to assume the responsibility of becoming the owner of a flock, especially of a flock that knew not how to discern between false and true doctrine. We prefer to teach them the truth and let them carry their own responsibility and be free men and women. Take the dollar out of the church question today and the denominations would soon cease to exist and the people would be free to think, study and act for themselves. Prejudice would soon vanish. The hirelings would soon find another field in which to labor.

Let everything stand on its own merit. Give the people a chance to think and act. How little the people realize how they are kept in ignorance in order to control their support.

## TURKEY AND THE WAR.

The flickering lights lighted in the beginning of the war, on prophecy, predicted the downfall of Constantinople and the removing of the Turkish capitol to Jerusalem to have taken place long ago. They interpret Dan. 12:1 to teach that when Constantinople falls then probation closes, and in one year Christ will come. A year has now past and there are no more prospects of the fall of Constantinople than in the beginning. So that flickering light is either now under a bushel or dead entirely. One of the same kind of lights flickered and burned when the Spanish-American war broke out. But it also has gone out. Another of the same kind shot up like a skyrocket when the Anglo-Boer war began. That one sailed high in the air and when its force was spent it exploded and sunk to earth, and Christ has not yet come. Many others have flickered from time to time in similar manner. The year 1914 was to mark a great epoch in prophecy by other writers. It came and as the war broke out in that year they changed the event that was to happen to the war and so felt they escaped on their prediction. Now all we can say is that such lights will continue to flicker and flicker out till those who light them learn to study the Bible as a whole and get hold of God's fixed principles in dealing with nations. And then take these fixed principles of past ages as recorded and learn that ancient events, ancient history, ancient names of nations, ancient worship are all carried down to modern times and that God always uses heathen nations with the sword to punish professed Christian nations for their sins. When they learn this lesson then they are prepared to study latter day prophecy, and not till then.

They will then find the story of Turkey plainly told and the part it is to act in the closing events. But they will not find Constantinople or Jerusalem mentioned, as they have it figured out at all. Constantinople may fall, but that does not mark the close of probation, nor the end of the Turkish government. Time will prove these flickering lights to have been lighted by men of their own kindling.

## DEFINITENESS.

We said in the beginning of this war that it was the beginning or stepping-stone to the consumption of the whole earth. Isaiah 28:22.

The Scriptures show that consumption will begin with internal difficulties among the Christian powers, and that will open the door by them *weakening themselves* for the yellow races to come in. This is stated in our book, "The Yellow Peril," page 285, written years ago. And now many prominent writers see that that is just what is being done. They see it from natural observation.

The student of prophecy who is able to get hold of God's eternal principles in dealing with nations, and compare modern events with ancient, as predicted, need have no fears to be definite, for God never changes. And today, in the place of having less to say on war than when it broke out, we have much more courage to speak, for everything shows that God is bringing about His purpose as predicted. Any prediction of prophecy not based on fixed principles as recorded in past history, is but a flickering light. Chronology, history, prophecy and every principle upon which the Bible is built, tells us that we may look for just what is now going on. Every detail is not given, but all general principles say the end is now at the door when probation will soon close to the world, and a time of trouble will be ushered in, with which the present is but small in comparison.

We would call especial attention to the article "Malachi and the Law of Moses." We have given the book in full that the reader may see that the whole burden of the book is the law of Moses and its teaching. Note that the last chapter is a summing up of what had been said. Hence the admonition is to remember that law.

Another point for notice is the stubborn disposition of the priesthood and the people is to contend against every point of its teaching. Stubbornness and self will is the whole secret why denominations will not receive a truth when their attention is called to it, and that is the condition of Christendom at large today. Both priests and people are as Saul and Esau were, stubborn and wilful, in receiving additional light on the Bible. We speak plainly that all may know. If it was otherwise they would meet the issue face to face with the open Bible.

## THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK IN THE PROPHECIES.

Modern Nations Under the Names of Ancient Nations

### II. WESTERN EUROPE—ENGLAND.

#### 4. The Qualities of Ancient Phoenicians.

The following verses will specify properly the qualities of the ancient Phoenicians as to their wisdom and ingenuity in achievements; as to their ability in manufacturing all sorts of handicrafts, as to their trade; being a sea-faring people, they were the channels of exporting their products into all parts of the world, and in return imported the wealth of the countries into their own treasure houses; and as to their power, though a very small country, and yet they had the dominion of the Mediterranean coast, and the fear and dread of their control and leadership, as the result of their commercial strength, were widespread even far away in every land in all directions.

"How art thou destroyed that wast inhabited by sear-faring men, the renowned city wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it!"

"Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure." Eze. 26:17-18.

"The inhabitants of Tidon and Arvad were thy marines: THY WISE MEN, O TYREES, THAT WERE IN THEE, WERE THY PILOTS.

"The ancients of Gebel, and the wise men thereof, were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise

"The men of Arvad, with thine army, were upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect." Eze. 27:8-9-11.

"AND TYRE AND SIDON, BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY WISE." Zach. 9:2. (A. K. V.)

"Behold thou art wiser than Daniel, there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

"With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

"BY THY GREAT WISDOM, and by thy traffic, hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches.

"THOU SEALEST UP THE SUN, FULL OF WISDOM AND PERFECT IN BEAUTY." Ezek. 28:3-5-12.

We trust the above quotations will be considered sufficient in order to see the qualifications and traits of character of the present Phoenicia; namely, of England. It is England that excels many countries in many lines of literature, science, mechanism, industry, commerce and marine. For many years she is regarded the standard of progress, the goal of civilization, the highest type of representation of the human race. In the words of prophecy, she is "very wise," "full of wisdom," a "pilot," sea-faring," and "renowned," "strong in the sea," mercantile, influential, well protected, "perfect in beauty," possessed with "understanding," capable of discovering "secrets," rich, and, at last, proud. Each of the foregoing characteristics is unquestionably applicable and in full harmony with that of England, every person can testify to this fact, so we need not enter into the details in a futile attempt of overstating the very plain and naked truths pertaining to English civilization and progress. In short, England stands synonymous both with wisdom and perfection, and this is what the Inspired Word repeats over and over again for Tyre being even "wiser than Daniel," and "perfect in beauty."

##### 5. *The Attitude of the Phoenicians Toward the People of God.*

One of the most interesting features about Phoenicia is that manner of treatment with which she behaved the people of God in the ancient times. To get this point clearly and definitely in mind, which is of great importance, we will go back to the history of Israel when the latter came into contact with the Phoenicians. There were made compacts twice by the Phoenicians; first, with David, and it is recorded in I Sam. 5:11, also in I Chron. 14:1; second compact with Solomon, and this is recorded both in I Kings 5:1-12, and II Chron. 2:3-16. We will quote here those as detailed in the first and second Chronicles, and will ask the reader not to miss the chance of reading the same events as written both in I Sam. 5:11, and I Kings 5:1-12. The story being very interesting and as well impressive, we will call the attention of the reader to the very details of it, omitting the necessity of underlying even such parts which we would like to emphasize particularly.

"Now Hiram, king of Tyre, sent messages to David, and timber of cedars, to build him a house." I Chron. 14:1.

"And Solomon sent to Hiram, the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David, my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

"Behold, I build a house to the name of the Lord my God to dedicate it to Him, and to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual slowbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

"And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

"But who is able to build Him a house, seeing the heaven and heavens of heavens cannot contain him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a house, save only to burn sacrifice before Him?

"Send me now, therefore, a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to goave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David, my father, did provide.

"Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, and of Lebanon (for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon) and, behold, my servants shalt be with thy servants.

"Even to prepare me timber in abundance, for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderfully great.

"And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

"Then Hiram, the king of Tyre, answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, because the Lord hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

"Hiram said, moreover, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David, the king, a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, that might build a house for the Lord, and a house for his kingdom.

"And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram, my father's.

"The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out

every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my Lord, David thy father.

"Now, therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants.

"And we will cut wood out of Lebanon as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Jappa, and then shalt carry it up to Jerusalem." 2 Chron. 2:3-16.

Do you see now that it was the Phoenicians of old who built spontaneously and voluntarily the house of David; and also they took a very active part in erecting the house of God with much sacrifice and pleasure as well? Now, friend, think over what does such an action of kindness mean toward the people of God and tribes round about Israel were full with bitter enmity and looking for chances to devour them up. And again, figure out, if you can, the immense amount of materials that were both supplied and shipped to Jerusalem by the Phoenicians; it was a Phoenician that was sent to Solomon upon a special request, to decorate the temple with fine works of all kinds; in other words it was the Phoenicians that became the right arm of Israelites in erecting the magnificent monument for the name of Jehova. There is no other nation or power that helped and strengthened Solomon so much in promoting the name, and the glory, and the purpose of God in that time. By the way, note the tone with which the letter was written by Hiram and sent with his emissaries to Jerusalem; a great delight and co-operation are manifested by the King of Phoenicia; he recognizes the true God of heaven, expresses his joy over the design with which Solomon is determined to build such a wonderful temple for worship, and again, Hiram names himself as the servant of David, guarantees sufficient supply of materials; and volunteers to carry them to Jappa, the seaport of Jerusalem. What more favors could Solomon expect of a strange king, and on the other hand, what more help could Hiram offer to the people of God? It is not out of place if we are putting too much emphasis on the service, kindness, and friendship with which the Phoenicians dealt with Israel. The application of such an attitude and relation as compared with England toward Christianity will be brought out in the following article.

##### THE WAR IN EUROPE.

The question so often asked, "What does the war mean?" has not, so far as I know, been satisfactorily answered, and it is not my purpose in this article to give any definite answer. There is, however, to the student of prophecy, a meaning in all things that occur on the earth of a serious nature, such as wars, earthquakes, pestilences, famines, disasters upon the sea and also upon land. He sees in these things waymarks to the consummation of all earthly things, and the upheaving of the kingdom of the Most High, that shall never be destroyed.

Many persons have asked, "Is this the battle of Armageddon?" And they certainly had good reason for the question, for never in the history of the world has there been such a tremendous slaughter of human beings, no such widespread disaster and loss of property. And, naturally, we ask, can Armageddon be worse than this?

Up to the present the number of men killed, wounded and taken prisoners is more than twelve million, and the amount of property destroyed cannot be estimated. And yet, apparently, as the present war is, the final great battle will be much worse.

That we are in the midst of perilous times none will deny, and although the peace advocates are loudly crying for peace, and are calling upon the United States to use all her influence in securing peace, all their efforts have been in vain so far, and we can tell them they will continue to be in vain. God holds the destinies of nations in His hands, and until He wills there will be no change in the attitude of the contending armies, and certainly none in the map of Europe. As this is being written, neither of the great armies have gained a decisive victory. The German forces were within sight of Paris, and the Russians had almost reached the capital of Austria, but where are these great armies now? Driven back across the borders, or just holding what they first gained and there they remain and no advance of any great consequence is being made by either side, in spite of their threats and boasts. War is the punishment that nations receive for their sins, and as these nations have been very proud and sinful, their punishment will be great. How long the present struggle will continue no one can, with any degree of accuracy, forecast. There is one thing certain, it will not end until they have met the full measure of their punishment, and that may last until the coming of Christ ends it all.

The ministers of the popular churches are saying nothing about this terrible war, or what its significance might be, and even the believers in the soon coming of Christ have, after the first few weeks of alarm, again fallen into the lukewarm condition in which they were in before the alarm of war was sounded, and they are now in a condition that is really pitiable. Oh! that they would arouse to a full sense of the dangers of the time, and complete the work the Lord has placed in their hands, quickly. Doubt, skepticism, and complete indifference will take possession of them; false prophets will arise and will draw many away with them. Happy, indeed, is the man whose mind is stayed on the word of God in these perilous times. Probation must close soon from the very nature of things, and then will God's people be put to the test; but when that time comes, they ought not to fear, for, "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19. (Margin says, put him to flight.) And the

ninety-first Psalm is especially precious to God's people, because of the promises given them. So let us brethren take hold of the work God has placed in our hands, and go forth carrying the message of the soon coming Savior, and give to it no uncertain sound. Our time is short, and what is to be done must be done quickly. Tremendous as the issues are, there are greater ones before us. The Lord is calling upon His people to arouse and come up to the help of the Lord. To the help of the Lord against the mighty. Satan is working as never before, because he knows his time is short. What shall we do then—sit still and say or do nothing? Arouse ye!

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### MALACHI AND THE LAW OF MOSES.

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Num. 18, was paid to the Levite. They were workers of various kinds and represented the various gifts in the church. One part of that work to day is to print the pages of truth to be scattered to the people. No more rapid way and no cheaper way to get the truth before the people is now in use than the press. The truth should be sent broadcast in printed matter. If the money that is paid to men today who are simply hirelings was paid to print the clear truth there would be, in a short time, hundreds of times the amount of good accomplished than is now seen. May God raise up those who will be faithful and also raise up those who are capable to teach in every way their gift may lead them, until the earth is lightened with his glory.

### CONCLUSION.

In closing these brief comments on the Book of Malachi, the reader can see clearly that the whole book points out a great evil on the part of the children of God, both *the minister and the people*, for neglecting the duties *required by the law of Moses*.

And that one of those great evils is the unfaithfulness in not giving to the cause of God that which belongs to Him for His labors.

We have said very little, in fact, nothing, about raising funds for fear we would be looked upon as so many are looked upon; namely, as after the money. As said by Paul, God forgive us for this wrong. We now lay the responsibility where it belongs; namely, *on the people who believe the things we are teaching*. As to the future of the work in which we are engaged, we wish to say first, there are those who have helped us and for this we are very thankful. If they had not, the work would have stopped long ago. But two, at least, have stood faithfully by us with their tithe for years, and others have helped in offerings. To such we have nothing to say. But there are many who have not taken it to heart to help forward this work. We can further say there has been continually a diminishing of our own funds which we need for actual comforts of life. And that is now soon out and what will you do? Will you do as the Lord requires? If you do, there are followers enough now who believe these things to cause the work to go ten times faster than it is now, if they will be faithful. On the other hand, if they will not, the printing of the paper, from present appearances, must cease within the next few months. It is now for the readers to decide and act. We are so thankful for what the paper has accomplished and it don't seem possible it will cease. We do not believe it will. We want you to be one to help it along to much greater usefulness. Some definite step is now to be taken, and we ask you before deciding, what you will do, to ask yourself the question, "Where will the Lord's money which comes into your hands accomplish more than to aid the circulation of the 'Remnant of Israel' and the publications it represents?"

Could you see the letters received at this office you would certainly say it is helping many people to see and understand the Bible as they never have before. And if you have read these publications carefully, tell us where in all the printed matter now sent out is there so much truth brought out as is brought out in these publications. Religious teachers are simply guessing at an interpretation of prophecy, overlooking every fundamental principle which God has given us—rules whereby we might know the truth. The teachers of today are simply ignorant of the fundamental principles, how to study the Bible, as a result of abolishing the law of Moses upon which the whole system of Bible study is built, also the gathering of Israel and many more such things. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised annually to further such teachings as taught in the various denominations, which only *add confusion to confusion*. Now shall the true light not shine for want of faithful people who love it enough to now stand by it in its early shining when needed the worst. We can't believe this will be. Let the few faithful ones now pray that God

will raise up those who will be true to him and set our shoulders to the wheel in earnest. Why should there be such a thing as a paid subscription on the part of the believers? Is not the work one? Is it not yours? Is not what we do as a servant of yours your work? Then why not have the publications free to all who pay their tithe and offerings for its support. I am sure this is the way it should be. Now, after giving you a sample of six months of the paper and filling many orders for other reading matter, we ask your co-operation to forward the light the people need and rejoice in when received. See the tract, the call of the ministry and their support.

### PRESENT WAR ONLY STEPPING-STONE TO UNIVERSAL CONFLICT AS VIEWED BY DR. W. W. WALKER FROM A BIBLE STANDPOINT.

Many are viewing the existing war with Europe and the orient as the universal conflict spoken of by almost all the Bible prophets.

Here is what Joel, the Prophet, says the nations of the earth will do, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up; beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say I am strong." Joel 3:9-10.

The Gentiles referred to here are so-called Christian nations, as hereafter shown. When these supposedly Christian nations prepare for war, that will arouse the mighty men or the heathen and wake them up, who number two to one, and all who have made preparation for war will be drawn into the conflict. Instead of destroying their weapons of war, as the people say, the nations will change their implements of agriculture into weapons of war.

There are those who are looking for a thousand years of peaceful reign with all the nations of the earth dwelling here. This is also untrue, as the following scriptures reveal: "I beheld the earth, and lo, it was without form and void, and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down in the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn and the heavens above be black, because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it." Jer. 4:23-29.

Here the prophet saw the earth in its chaotic state without form and void, darkness, and it was uninhabited the birds had flown, and the fruitful places had gone back to a wilderness, and the cities were all broken down at the presence of the Lord or at his coming. Verse 22 says, "My people are foolish and have no understanding." This is a very harsh statement calling those fools whom he claims as his professed people, yet people read over this without notice.

The twenty-ninth verse shows that it will be wars that will cause the desolation, and the forsaking of the cities.

It is a fact well established by the scriptures that when Israel or Christendom rejects the council of God, and with madness establish false worships, that the heathen powers were brought against them, and this scripture teaches that there is a power coming against God's so-called people in the last days that will finally result in the extermination and desolation of the land, modern Christendom in universal conflict with the heathen will be affected by famine, pestilence, sword and captivity. In Eze, thirty-eighth chapter, we have the powers located that will make conquest against the United States in the last days.

In Eze. 38, we have the prophecy of the gathering of eight nations of tribes of people in the last days. This covers a large area of the northern and eastern hemispheres, as will be seen by the study of this chapter. Verse 2 says, "Son of Man, set thy face against Gog the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal and prophesy against him, and say, thus saith the Lord God, Behold I am against thee, Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal." Here Gog is introduced as a leader, and the Lord directs his movements. The Lord says, "I am against thee, O, Gog." The following scriptures reveal some of the movements of these eight ancient tribes, and says it will take place in the last days.

Gog is the second son of Japheth, and is a grandson of Noah. Gen. 10. The land of Magog lies north of the Caspian Sea, and is now Russia. Meshech and Tubal are also grandsons of Noah and sons of Japheth, and settled south of Magog between the Caspian and Black Seas.

For authentic information consult Smith's Bible Dictionary on Magog, and the first map in your Bible for the location of Gog, Tubal, Meshech, Gomer and Togarmah, for it is important that you understand where these grandsons of Noah located and what nations comprise their territory now, for the people that occupy their territory will, in the last days, come against Israel as a cloud to cover the land. Eze. 38:16.

Verse 3 says, "That the Lord is against Gog," even though He is going to give him the leadership of the greatest army the world has ever seen. Verse 4 says, "I will turn thee back (or hold thee back) for a certain time or till the last days, as is stated in verse 8 and 16), and then I will bring thee forth, all thine armies, horses, and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords."

It can be seen at a glance that the Lord is marshalling these powers against some one for battle, and in verse 5 it is stated that

Persia, Ethiopia and Libya will be with them, all of them with shields and helmets, Gomer and all his bands, the house of Togarmah of the northern quarters, and all his bands; and many people with thee.

Everyone is familiar with the location of Persia, as it still bears its ancient name; and Ethiopia and Libya are the African races. Gomer is the eldest son of Japheth, and located north of the Black Sea, and is now the territory of the Turks, and is the northern division of the Grecian empire, as divided by Alexander's four leading generals, Cassander, Ptolemy, Selucus and Lysimachus, after his death. These are the north, south, east and western divisions. Dan 8:8. These northern and southern divisions are carried down in prophecy to the last end of the indignation or the last end of the last days. Dan. 8:19. Daniel says these things will take place in the last end of the 2,300 days or years. Verse 14 and 19.

Gomer, or as it is known now as Turkey, is one of the tribes in prophecy that form the northern army, and is the northern division of the Grecian empire, and Russia will be their leader and is referred to by all the prophets, calling it (Russia) the army of the north.

Continuing our study of Eze. 38:6, Togarmah is the son of Gomer, and a great grandson of Noah's, and located in what is now Armenia.

These eight ancient heathen tribes are coming in battle array against Israel in the last days; besides these he says, "and many people with thee." The location of these many people, who are an addition to the eight already mentioned, are not given here, but I will say that they include the millions of China, India, Corea and Japan.

That this vast army of heathens is coming against Israel in the last days there can be no question if the Bible can be relied upon.

The verses following can hardly be misunderstood. Twice in this thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel it is stated that its fulfillment will be in the last days. "And after many days thou shalt be visited; in the latter years (or in the last days) thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste, but is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely, all of them." Verse 8.

These verses declare that in the last days, Israel or modern Christendom will be visited by these company's of heathen, and will be led by Gog (Russia), and verse 4 says that the Lord will direct their movements. Verse 8 says, "They will come against a land that is gathered out of many different nations or people." Where this is done, is the home of Israel and the place the prophet saw that had been uninhabited, but later saw the different nations inhabited it. In verse 16 it says that these eight tribes of people are coming against Israel and it is called the mountains of Israel. Now the only question to be settled is to locate the country.

What country has had freedom and favored with Christian liberty so that they could have given the Gospel to all nations in the last days, and what country has been populated by emigrants from all atios of the earth? The only answer to these questions is *the United States*.

Verse 9 says that the countries occupying the territory of these ancient heathen tribes in the last days, "Shall ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, and many people with thee."

Think how completely the land is covered with clouds when a storm comes; then try to realize our helpless condition when these eight tribes and many other people come against us, which includes China, India and Japan.

Verse 10-11. "He shall think an evil thought, I will go to the land of unwarred villages." Verse 12 gives the motive of Gog's evil thoughts. "He is going to take a spoil; and to take a prey; he has turned his attention to the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of many nations." This describes the country that Gog is coming against.

In the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel. The Lord has given the movements of this enormous throng of people in battle array, the country affected and the time it will take place.

In verses 8-12, the description of the country is given, which only could apply to the United States. Verses 8-16, the time when these things are to take place; namely, the last days. Verses 9-16, the way they will come, "as a cloud to cover the land." Verses 6 and 15 tell that they will come from the north. Verses 3-18-19 say that "God is against thee, O, Gog," the leader of that vast host of people. At the same time God uses Gog to execute vengeance on the people located in the territory described as *the United States*.

Eze. 38 is of vital importance to the Bible student, as it is the key to the prophecy relating to the United States and the northern army in the last days. This chapter gives some of the movements of the northern army, and is connected with the work of Lucifer. Here Lucifer takes advantage of the power of God, and when he sees so-called Christendom fall by the forces of the north he directs his whole attention there, as you will see from the following:

"For thou (Satan) hath said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne (Satan's throne) above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north."

At this time Satan takes his position among the congregation of the north, and exalts himself, that he will be like the most high. Then the individuals only that know to leave the so-called Christian defenced cities will escape death by famine, sword or pestilence, or be taken captive, just as ancient apostate Israel fell in A. D. 70 when the Romans came against Jerusalem. Those who fled from Jerusalem

to the mountains as the Lord told them to do, saved their lives and liberty. Math. 24:16:18. Jeremiah says that the so-called Christian will make a proclamation to gather together, and say, "Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities." God says, "Retire, stay not, for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction." Jer. 4:6, verse 7. "The lion is come forth from his thicket and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way." The lion here refers to the northern army or heathen, and they are coming against the Gentiles. The Lord knew that in the last days the apostate churches would call themselves Gentile Christians, to avoid some of the Bible. "He is gone forth from his place (the north) to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste without an inhabitant." Verse 7. If the cities of Christendom are laid waste and the land desolate, then Satan will have nothing to do there, and as we have before stated in Isaiah, Satan establishes himself in the north, where the people have returned with their spoils and prisoners.

The Lord says that the false prophets will say unto the people, "Ye shall not see the sword; neither shall ye have famine, but I (the prophets) will give you assured peace." Jer. 14:13. Verse 14 says that the prophets prophesy lies. Verse 19, "They looked for peace, and there is no good; and for a time of healing, and behold trouble." This shows that this is in the last days, as there is *no healing* for them. The wilderness that the prophet saw in Eze. 38 was inhabited by all nations, and he calls them Israel, or his people. This is the same time that Eze. 38:9-16 speaks of, "that they shall come as a cloud to cover the land." Jer. 4:13 says, "He shall come up like a cloud, and his chariots shall be like a whirlwind." The prophet tells us that this will take place in the last days, as you will see from the following:

"Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind; it shall fall grievously upon the heads of the wicked. In the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly." Jer. 23:19:20. Also Jer. 30:23:24. This shows the co-operation of these two prophets, and we are admonished to lift up our eyes, and behold them that come from the north. What wilt thou say when *he shall punish thee?* for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chiefs over thee." Jer. 13:20.

Here the nations that have sacrificed so much time and money to give them what was supposed to be the Gospel of Christ, has only taught them to be captains over them.

We now refer to a latter day prophecy in Deu. 28:1-14, which gives a review of the reward of the overcomer. The remaining portion of this chapter enumerates a series of sixty cursings, consisting of famine, pestilence, captivity, and the sword, inflicted on Israel by their enemies, the northern army, or the heathen, in verses 22, 24, 45, 48, 51 and 61, says that these curses shall continue till they are all destroyed. Verses 27:35:36 says *they cannot be healed*. (Probation is closed.) Verse 20, they perish quickly, and verse 21 that the plagues shall continue till they are all consumed. The plagues here enumerated in Deu. 28:51:68 are the same as those in Rev. 16, as they continue till they are all destroyed. In Rev. 16:2 the first plague is a noisome and grievous sore, and in the second verse, where the fifth plague falls, they blasphemed God because of their pains and sores, which they were inflicted with when the first plague fell.

We located eight tribes of people who were coming against Israel in the last days, and are to be led by Russia, and in Eze. 38:6-9, it says, "and many people with them." Here we have that *many people* located.

"The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as an eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young." Deu. 28:49-50. We have the same text referred to by the prophet Jeremiah. "Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from afar. O, house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandeth what they say." Jer. 15:15. This locates that *many people* as China and Japan. They are the most ancient nation, and they are the farthest away, and a people that we understand the least about their language.

And the text says, they are a fierce nation and will not respect the women or children. Here I will call your attention to another scripture in connection with those just referred to. "Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: What wilt thou say when *he punish thee?* for thou hast taught them to be captains and chiefs over thee." Jer. 13:20-21. The inhuman acts perpetuated by the so-called Christian nations now in war will be taken by the heathen nations as a basis for legalizing their cruelty "of not regarding the person of the old, nor showing favor to the young."

Many look on this subject with horror, and call the writer an alarmist and a pessimist, and at the same time condemn the antediluvians for not heeding the warning given them by Noah.

If some one held a mortgage on all you possess, would you be an alarmist or a pessimist if you should want to know when it would come due, and what the consequence would be. You would be considered foolish if you did not inquire into the details and be prepared to meet the obligation.

The Scriptures referred to in this study cannot be misconstrued, and it does not depend on whether you sense the importance or not, like the mortgage, it will come due at the time appointed.

Many seem to have lost the idea of studying the Scriptures for themselves, and have entrusted the interpretation of the Scriptures to what might be called specialists, simply depending on the carnal nature of another for light.

Unless the reader reads these chapters and verses from their Bible a few times they will not sense the importance of the scriptures referred to.

The above should be studied by all who read this paper and learn the truths given in this article. Also the article by A. N. M. In fact, all our contributors are good and to the point. This paper deals in facts and not in visionary guessing on Bible themes. We mention these two articles because they strike directly at the only way there is to obtain a correct knowledge on national prophecy. All other is but flickering lights to soon go out.

—Editor.

#### REVIEW.

In the few short articles printed in former numbers of this paper along the line of our study, the Scriptures cited, declare:

First. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and lastly "created" man in His own image, in the image of God created He him," the crowning expression of a plan, perfect in conception and perfect in execution, for;

Second. "God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." Gen. 1.

Third. Further, hear the "Preacher"; "Lo, this only have I found that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions."

Fourth. In this is seen the foreknowledge of God, that, in the use of power given and continued in him, of his own choice, under every possible test and trial, in the faith of him by whom God made the worlds (Heb. 1:2) man must learn to stand a prince, an overcomer, and Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile.

Fifth. In such created perfection there was no discord, no friction in any part nor throughout the whole in interlocked activity.

Sixth. In such unity, without friction, there was no waste, no loss. All moved in harmony, in the presence of God, able to exist in perpetual activity; to continue in all parts without end, man in dominion over all! This was nature—the natural, normal state.

Seventh. But man upon whom, under God, all depends, chose to forfeit the right to the power given and continued to him thus far, and act on the advice of another, contrary to instruction given concerning the law inherent in the plan on which his future happiness and life alone could continue; and fell into discord, destruction, death! Indeed, so great a shock from so fearful an act would have brought an end at once were it not that "they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day," calling, "where art thou?" followed by the blessed promise, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 1:15:8. But the discord, the friction, the inharmony, resulting from unlawful acts, brought thorns, thistles, pain, sickness, sorrow, bitter tears, death and final entire separation from God to the wilfully disobedient.

Ninth. In the plan of creation provision was laid for the restoration of what might be lost in the event of transgression, whereby to accomplish the divine will concerning His creation as purposed in the beginning, for, "nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Pet. 3:13. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. \* \* \* And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:1-4.

Tenth. Note carefully. God did not experiment in the work of creating, nor does he experiment in recreating, redeeming. He does not try in order to adopt the best method. He was not surprised when man fell. He knows the end from the beginning. He made the first creation without man's choice and will restore all lost by sin and accomplish His primal purpose with man's choice!

Eleventh. Note further. Man, all of him, began in the image of God, head over all, in the wisdom and knowledge of God, seen to be "very good," perfect in organism and ability at the first, free in the school of Christ, to solve the deep mystery of his being; through the consummate skill of his divine Teacher to know "the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent which is the life eternal." He was fitted to grasp and hold these wonderful truths thus revealed to him according to the faultless method in his faultless creation as pupil, not as master! So he came, not to the point of manhood through the "survival of the fittest," in a death struggle to exist, or otherwise; he was fit to survive from the beginning! But he chose to assume the place of master and know in his own way, independent of God, and lost all. Now we see not man in the image of God, but in the image of sin; not the natural, but the unnatural; man ruled by "the carnal mind," which is "enmity against God!" for, "it is not subject to the law of God, neither can be."

Hence, thenceforth, man must seek after God under the same tender care of the same tender Shepherd or perish in his sown wilful rejection of Him who "is able to save them to the uttermost that come upon God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them! "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

What does it mean to create? Our next study.

B.

## THE TWO WOMEN OF REVELATION 12TH AND 17TH CHAPTERS.

(Continued from last issue.)

Under this form of Government she ruled as a Christian, representative of Christ. It was a theocratic form of government where the church ruled the state, (but it was a counterfeit). She is called the mystery of iniquity, the lawless one. No blue is connected with her clothing or in the color of the beast. In the seventeenth chapter her entire history is told. The angel said "I will tell the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carrieth her which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was and is not and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition; and they that dwell upon the earth shall wonder whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world. When they beheld the beast that was and is not and yet is." We now stop for a moment before going further. Let the reader remember this beast in both these chapters thus far gives the history of western Europe during the days of the Papal rule over the ten kingdoms there located. This was from 538 A. D. until 1798 A. D. when this point was reached she received her deadly wound as described in the thirteenth chapter and now she is not." But the seventeenth chapter says these ten kingdoms will again renew their allegiance to the beast and then she will be again. "Yet is." So much for that history. But that is not all. The prophet next explains the seven heads of the beast. Thus the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth." These mountains are explained thus: "And there are seven kings (governments) five are fallen and one is and the other is not yet come." We again stop and ask what and where are the five governments ruled by this woman which have fallen or had fallen in John's day, and what one was in his day then in operation? In order to answer this question we must go back and study the history of the woman and her worship and see what nations she had been associated with in her past history. If we will but call our attention to Baal worship (for that is ever her religion) we will at once see that the first mentioned in the Bible where she enticed the Lord's people in the worship of Baal, was the Assyrian, founded by Nimrod after the building of the tower of Babel. The second was the Egyptian, the third was the Babylonian, the fourth was the Medo Persian and the fifth was the Grecian, and the one that was as stated "now is" (in John's day), was Rome, which was the sixth, but none of those were professedly Christian. But when we come to the beast, representing the western kingdom of Europe, it was scarlet in color and was professedly Christian showing the blending of the two religions in one under that form of government, making it the mystery of iniquity. Hence the beast is scarlet in color. Now says the prophet, there is to be another, the eighth but "it will be of the seven," so we look for one more after probation closes, like the one that was and is not and yet is and when it comes it will go into perdition.

Every other nation ruled by her has fallen and now these kingdoms which stand for her and will again renew their allegiance to her after probation closes, are now under the rearing, tottering condition that marks their downfall. And their future attempt to save her and themselves will only increase their calamity. The story is told and the race is nearly run and note this point—there never was nor never will be but that one Government ruled by Her under professedly Christian rulership. The United States will make an image to her and unite with her but never will church and state be united in this country until after probation closes, for the two-horned beast is not scarlet.

Who will learn this lesson? Who will see that National religious liberty is secured until probation closes and then the remnant are cared for and flee out of Babylon. Let the effort now put forth to prevent laws being enacted that will prevent persecution, be put forth to save souls and teach how to flee out of Babylon.

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