



# The REMNANT OF ISRAEL

"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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## WISDOM HATH HEWN OUT HER SEVEN PILLARS.

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

"She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

"She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city.

"Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither, as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

"Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

"Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding."—Proverbs 9:1-6.

It is not difficult to see that the above scriptures are speaking of the church of God, the house wisdom hath built. The table prepared with food of beasts, bread and wine, are the symbols used in teaching the lessons of doctrines by which the Church is governed. The pillars on which this house stands are seven hewn out for the purpose upon which to build the house. Paul said that certain men "seemed to be pillars in the church." John in speaking of men who would bear burdens and teach the truth of God would be made pillars in the temple of God. That is, they would build the house on divine principles of doctrine. We ask, what are the seven pillars of faith upon which the Church stands as the foundation upon which the whole structure of the doctrines of the Church stands? Pillars are for the purpose of holding up the house. As to the foundation there is no question, for it is said, "other foundation can no man lay but that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." He is also the rock foundation on which all must build, but under lying the house there are seven pillars on which the house stands which are the fundamental truths underlying the structure here represented as the pillars. These pillars were laid before the Church, (House) was begun, laid in the very earliest conception of the plan of Wisdom. Is it too much to say that the weekly cycle of seven days are the pillars here referred to? I think not. First all readers of the Bible have had their attention called to the frequency of the number seven being used in the Bible. This is not a happen so but **divine wisdom has made it so.** The weekly cycle in the beginning is associated with the revolutions of the earth, moon and sun, thus establishing God's great time keepers in the world. It will appear clear that God has taken this

great weekly cycle as the seven pillars upon which to build the Church as pertaining to the doctrine.

The Bible is the most scientific book in the world and is the representative of Wisdom in the world. God has taken the weekly cycle therefore to represent seven thousand years in which Christ would be in redeeming the world in order to carry out the first purpose. In the beginning God said to Adam multiply and replenish the earth. Had not sin entered through the fall when that would have been accomplished then birth would have ceased, and man would have lived forever, so you will see that in order to carry out that purpose God saw it would require seven thousand years to gather out the number from the greatly multiplied number born as stated to Eve to find a loyal people that would carry out the original purpose. That is, it would require six days or six thousand years to find the number. Then as the seventh day was the Sabbath of rest so the seventh thousand year would be the millennium or Sabbath of the earth.

We are now prepared to show as often stated by us that the whole Bible is built on this plan. The time allotted to gather out a people for the new earth would be six thousand years then Christ would come, no sooner, no later. God does all his work on time which any one can readily see if they will but study the prophecies of the destruction of Ninevah, the sojourn of Israel in Egypt, and so on. Time is always set for all prominent events so the coming of Christ is also set definitely. The **seven pillars of time** is what **wisdom** in our text has hewn out. This time question is the hope of the church, it is on what she stands. As Paul says, "knowing the time it is now high time to awake out of sleep." The man knowing he must awake at four o'clock in the morning to catch the train realizes when the clock strikes three thirty there is not time for slumber, he must awake now or miss the train. The seventh thousandth year is the point now to interest all truth seekers.

The millenium was taught in various ways during the object lesson system of teaching, in the absence of Bibles as we now have them. The land of Canaan was a type of the final rest or Sabbath to the people of God as taught by Paul. "While it is said, To day if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the pro- vocation.

"For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

"But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

"And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?"

"So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of you should seem to come short of it.

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

"For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

"And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

"Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

"Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

"For if Jesus had given them rest then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

"For he that is entered into his rest he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from his.

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." —Heb. 3:15-19; Heb. 4:1-11.

The following points should be carefully noted in the Scriptures. First, Israel did not receive the rest on entering the land of Canaan which had been promised to the people of God. They fell through unbelief. Had they believed and so lived as God desired they would have lived in Canaan till the final inheritance would have been realized.

Next, Paul, in order to correct the wrong idea the Jewish people held in his day said, If Joshua had given them rest then would he not afterwards have spoken of another day? So there therefore remaineth a rest for the people of God. That rest was promised them in the beginning. Paul further says, "if they had received the rest promised they would have ceased from their work as God did from his" on the seventh day when he created the world. Therefore he says that the promised rest still remains for the people of God. The seventh day is a day set apart for rest from all toil. The same was the seventh year, they lived off of the things that grew of their own accord, and what had been provided. In like manner then when the rest comes, here spoken of, all toil will end, the land will enjoy her sabbaths as she did each seventh year and each sabbath of the week. Paul further says he that hath (present time) entered into rest, that is, he who now keeps the weekly rest day signifies by that act he does it in harmony with the final rest. The final rest is the seventh thousandth year, the millennium. That is the seventh hewn pillars wisdom laid for the construction of the Church and any structure not built on these pillars is on the sand. The apostle Peter wrote concerning the coming of the Lord and the end of the world thus, "Be not ignorant brethren of this **one thing** that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." He emphasized the point "not to be ignorant of this one thing." Namely, that one of the creation days was to be taken in the study of the coming of the Lord and the end of the world as one thousand years. 2 Peter 3:8.

If all in the study of this question had known these

seven pillars of truth they would not have blundered as they have. The number seven is used in many ways to teach this truth. Every seventh year a release from all debts was provided for in the law of Moses. Thus teaching the lesson that when six thousand years were up there would be no more debt of sin against the Lord's people. It was taught by the release of the slaves. Every seventh year they were made free. The land rested every seventh year, as before noted, showing the seventh thousandth year would be the millennium. Every one who keeps the seventh day Sabbath of the weekly cycle should realize it is a lesson not only to teach that in six days God created the world and rested the seventh but also they should remember there remains as stated by Paul a final rest to the people of God when they shall reign with Christ a thousand years and further, no one can expect to reign with him who will not love him enough to observe the true Sabbath.

The blood was sprinkled seven times before the veil when the sacrifice was slain. Thus signifying again the seven pillars of truth that Christ would be seven thousand years in completing the redemption of the world and restoration of the earth. All who build any different faith than this and have the earth restored during the seventh thousandth year are mistaken. Like the land lying waste each seventh year the earth will lie waste during the millennium. Not tilled. Jer. 4.

Jacob as a type of this period, served Laban seven years for each of his wives. The dream of Pharaoh, seven years of famine and seven years of plenty as interpreted by Joseph was on the same principle. The surrounding of Jericho seven days and the seventh day seven times, all happened to impress, both them and us, of this great truth. The circumcision of the male child on the **eight day** as a **token of the final inheritance** of the new earth involved this same truth, which will meet its anti-type the eighth thousandth year. The keeping of the feast of the jubilee after seven sabbaths of weeks on the fiftieth day was also connected with this great truth, and grew out of the seven pillars, under the whole plan of salvation and redemption of the world. If these pillars of time were taken out of the Bible and all the truths resting on them the Bible would be of no use to us. Man may make a mistake as to the age of the world and think the coming of the Lord will take place at a certain time of our count, but he need make no mistake as to the principles on which the Bible is built, that is too plain for any mistake. If we think the time is up when it is not then all we can do is to hold on to the principle and wait a little longer for he will come and will not lie. His word is out, and the pillars are "hewn out," and every true believer must believe it and act accordingly. So we again say, we are not far wrong on our chronology if wrong at all. The records of the age of the world seem to us quite plain.

**Awake, Awake, Awake, Awake, Awake, Awake,  
Awake, Shake Thyself From the Dust.  
---Isaiah 5:9, 17; 51:1, 2.**

Seven times does the prophet use the word awake as an admonition to Zion, and with this awakening he says "put on strength. Put on thy beautiful garments O Jerusalem." As to the cause of this awakening the chapters in which it is found tell clearly. It is regarding the importance of being prepared to meet the Lord at his coming and to arise and deliver the message to be given. Verse 7 says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good

tidings." "That publisheth peace," "That bringeth good tidings of good that publisheth salvation," "That sayeth unto Zion, thy God reigneth. Paul says knowing the time that now it is **high time** to awake out of sleep," "for our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." Rom. 13:9.

John says of the last church "because thou art neither cold nor hot but luke warm I will spue thee out of my mouth." A luke warm person is always a sleepy person. A certain degree of heat produces drowsiness. This contented, luke warm, and sleepy condition is where the people of God are at this time in their spiritual condition. God says awake, remember that when he says it seven times, that is the limit and if we do not awake we are lost. Paul says "knowing the time." Some say we cannot tell the time. God says, "the wise shall understand," while "the wicked will not understand." He further says, "ye brethren are not in darkness that day should overtake you as a thief in the night." He says, "let us not therefore sleep as do others." If there ever was a dangerous time of missing the train so to speak it is now. The true watchman should do all in his power to awaken the people to the true situation that now exists. The people are to blame also. They love to have the smooth things preached to them like the person who is dying begins to slumber in unconsciousness, so the pall of sleep and death has crept over the world at this time and it seems that no amount of admonition will arouse them. The scriptures teach that when it is too late then they will arouse to find the opportunity past. We are glad that some of the little flock have their eyes open to the situation and are coming up to the help of the Lord to send the message to the people. It is God's children that need to be awakened. The day for true conversion of sinners is about a thing of the past.

A real Godly sorrow for sin and an experience like that of Paul, when "sin by the commandment is become exceedingly sinful," is scarcely known these days. Every thing is formality and ease, seeking through some organization where Christianity is carried on by proxy. We say to all if ever you expect to be saved you must awake and shake off the dust, which means bad habits of every kind, and be in earnest and join in the work God has for you to do. **How easy it is to see things wrong.**

It is only a few years ago that we thought when the long looked for trouble would set in then the people would arouse and a general demand would be created for reading matter on the question of the coming of the Lord and kindred truths connected with the event, but in the place of what we expected, now it is easy to see that as those things creep over the people rather gradual the tendency is only to cause them more unbelief and less interest. The final suddenness of the event has not yet happened but it will come. This will arouse them but it is too late then. They will only cry "the summer is ended and the harvest is past and I am not saved." Oh awake, awake, awake, awake, awake, awake, and "shake off the dust and put on strength. Put on thy beautiful garments O Jerusalem," and again as Paul says, "Knowing the time it is now **high time to awake out of sleep.**" "The night is far spent, the day is at hand therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

### FIRST MONDAY.

All southern people know what First Monday means. That is a day when most all go to the county seat the first Monday of each month. It started when railroads and autos were not common. County court

was in session and this was a day for visiting and exchange of thoughts on farming, horse-trading, and such things as the people needed. On that day they could meet all without making a special trip. Conferences remind us of "first Monday." There the officials come together to transact business of the church, swap preachers, and visit. Horse-trading being one of the principal things on "first Monday," so the preacher swap is no small part of the conference. These swaps are generally founded on troubles arising either with the laity or because the officials in the dioceses cannot manage the preacher in charge. Hence he must be swapped. The preacher is generally lauded very high by those who wish to make the trade. It is now the season when conferences will be called to swap preachers like the first Monday horses. The people pay all expenses of the swap and believe the Lord called brother Jones to go. But in reality brother Jones is simply a "first Monday" preacher from some other cause than the Lord's call and is traded off.

### KISSING THE CALF.

A token of loyalty and devotion to baal worship was to kiss the calf. The calf was the emblem of the god they worshiped.

The Roman Catholics in the days of their establishment when they came from Rome kept up the heathen practice of kissing so they erected a statue of St. Peter and kissed the great toe of Peter. It is said by those who have visited this statue in Rome that the toe is greatly worn by the process of kissing. Hosea in his prophecy of the last days in speaking of the fallen condition of Christendom says they kissed the calf. It is not only the idolatry of our day is shown by kissing the calf or the toe of Peter but every one who bows to things they allow to come between their duty and God is kissing the calf. They are devoted to it and worship it. The child of God cannot do it. He cannot bow to that which is a friendship of the world in fashion, riches, amusements, and a thousand other things now so prevalent in the world that leads away from God and his truth. We can't join in and kiss every calf of enthusiasm that comes along; many of which are devised by men for the purpose of gain. It will do for idolaters to kiss the calf but not for the children of God. They worship God only and serve him.

### CREEDISM.

It seems that some get the idea that because they do not believe in federated denominations they do not need to believe any definite thing for fearing of establishing a creed.

Creed is from the word credence and means a belief. If a person knows nothing and believes nothing what is he. Nothing. If I did not know whereof I speak what business have I of editing a paper? And if that paper is to be filled up with every thing till the reader cannot tell what it stands for and is really a hit and miss paper what good is it? This hit and miss principle they call liberality. We say if you do not know and feel sure the Bible teaches certain things which the people ought to know then don't print. If you do then stick to what you think you do know and contend for it till it fails by being overthrown, showing it to be wrong. A hit and miss paper is like the women's fruit jars marked tis and the other tisent. When she came to look for certain kinds she could not tell which was which. The teaching of the day is largely tis or it tisent.

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## SURPRISED.

We are most happily surprised to receive so much mail from the old readers of the paper expressing their appreciation to again have its visit to them. Many subscriptions are coming in and that is not all two more have subscribed twelve dollars to aid the paper to keep going. One is H. E. Morton, the other the name is withheld, God bless all the dear children of God who love the truth.

We have so much to say now on Bible teaching the people need that every space is filled or we would give some letters received. One wrote, "if they had it they would give a thousand times twelve dollars." E. Coleman sent us fifty dollars, Elder I. C. Sultz and George Sultz agrees for four hundred & fifty dollars. These last three names mentioned their sums are for the purpose of printing our new book on the gathering of Israel and what is left will go to the paper if any left. This five hundred was entirely unsolicited. They have made a careful study of the teaching and know whereof they act and do. We say this work is not ours it is for all who love truth and love to work for God and we are co-laborers together, each has in every respect all privileges in every way and own just as much of the work as I do. We want all to feel the work is God's, we are his children in one common cause. If we know our hearts we have no desire whatever as to who shall be the greatest or who shall have the greatest benefits. We want to see God's work prosper and we shall be satisfied.

## WHAT THIS PAPER STANDS FOR.

This paper stands for the teaching of the whole Bible in one harmonious unbroken line from the first verse in Genesis to the last verse in Revelation.

Second. It could not accept teaching in its columns that taught that one part was for one class and other portions were for another people. Thus making certain portions for us and other portions for some one else.

Third. It could not accept any teaching that would lead its readers into doubting the Bible as to its inspiration coming from God, and it being all it claims for its authority. This paper admits that each age of the world had its special questions such as the flood, the exodus, the captivity, the birth of Christ, and so on which called the people's attention at the time to special questions due in their day, which in no wise interfered either with the general plan of salvation or continuance of the one story.

Fourth. This paper therefore in the same sense

stands especially for the questions which now confront the people of God due at this time.

Fifth. These questions are, first, the coming of Christ and the end of the world. Second, the special teaching of the writings of all the prophets which point out that event.

Sixth. It stands for any effort based on scripture that will give a correct chronology of the world, for it holds that when six thousand years from the creation is up Christ will then come and not a day sooner or a day later. For that is God's plan and ways of doing things.

Seventh. This paper stands for the teaching of the whole law given at Sinai as binding now as the day they were given, and these laws were written for our learning now as well as then, and should be taught giving the lesson taught by each code, just the same now as they were taught by all, kings priests, prophets, scribes, lawyers, doctors of the law, Christ and the apostles. Thus establishing in our day God's two witnesses, namely, the law and the prophets in the heart of every true believer.

Eighth. It will in no wise accept teaching that teaches that any law God gave or had given at Sinai was abolished, or done away when Christ came, or that such laws were a yoke of bondage to any people, enmity against any people, or contrary to any people.

Ninth. This paper stands for the teaching of the Bible that there will be a literal gathering of Israel called the remnant. That gathering will be similar to the work of leading of Israel out of Egypt.

Tenth. It stands for the teaching of the Bible that the typical day of atonement will meet its antitype still in the future which will take place at the close of probation. It holds that the feast of ingathering meets its antitype in the resurrection of the just following the close of probation. It holds that the feast of tabernacles meets its antitype at the same time when the remnant will again dwell in the feast forty years as did Israel in the wilderness. It teaches that the feast of the jubilee will meet its antitype in the new earth. These feasts all from the passover forward are consecutive in their order leaving the ones mentioned still future.

Eleventh. This paper stands for the teaching of the Bible which teaches that the remnant people of God are gathered out of all kindreds of the earth, and especially is the message addressed to those who are in Babylon to come out and be not partakers of her sins. Those gathered ones are gathered under the names of Israel, Jacob, and the Lord. Thus leaving all denominations, and organizations. They are not defiled with women (churches) they are joined by the Lord among the twelve tribes under the name of Judah and belong to that House, with Christ their King on the Throne of David.

Twelveth. There is no other rule whereby we may know modern nations and divisions of Christendom only by ancient names being carried down to modern nations bearing the character of ancient nations and their experiences with the Lord's people in ancient and modern times compared.

Thirteenth. This paper stands for the Bible teaching which shows that there is but one true church of God. That church is invisible, made up of individuals whose names are written in heaven, those whom God has added to his church. Man cannot add to it nor take from it.

Fourteenth. This paper holds and teaches the scripture which teaches that the various organizations now federated together bearing certain names, regardless of that name, are daughters of Babylon, in whom the children of God are now largely found. From

Babylon will be gathered every honest soul when probation closes remaining in her.

Fifteenth. It holds to the teaching of the scriptures that teaches that when a nation fails to fill in civil government the will of God then the Lord overthrows that nation by other nations by the sword, famine, pestilence, and the judgments of God. The moral condition of the world today being in such a condition that God can no longer tolerate rulers and people. The world's war now in operation is the fulfillment of the predictions of the prophets from most ancient times. The cry of "peace and safety" on the part of the modern teachers is also another fulfillment of the prediction of the prophets. Hence we are now living in the great day of his preparation foretold by all the prophets regarding war. We hold that the condition now confronting us will never be removed till Christ comes. If it ceases at all (of which at present we see no prospect) the cessation will be but brief till it will be renewed with greater fury of which the present is but a shadow to the substance.

Therefore in addition to the need of the whole Bible teaching we have given some of the special points which pertain to our present needs which we need to know for which this paper was brought into existence. We only wish it was many times its present size and many writers added that would teach the whole council of God for this time. "My people perish for lack of knowledge," says the prophet. How true. Our books are all prepared for this very time who will profit by our efforts for them?

## COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE.

The above title is a direct and positive command of God. Rev. 18:1-4.

Those who do not heed the command are unbelieving and rebellious, hence must reap the consequences which are the seven last plagues of Rev. 16th chapter. We need not repeat that Babylon is fallen organizations of Christendom for most all if not all students of prophecy know it to be so. Notwithstanding each sect admits the others are but in some way they are accepted, so each claim.

### When Is This Call to Be Given.

We reply when Babylon becomes as here described. That will not be till her cup is filled and no more can be done for her and she must meet her punishment. As her plagues are visited without mixture (of mercy) it is settled that the call does not take place till probation closes. It will be then as stated by Zechariah: "Flee out of Babylon and deliver every man his soul." Zech. 2:6, 7. Babylon's plagues are called judgments. It is said in one hour and in one day her judgments will come. Rev. 18:8-10. That is suddenly, unexpectedly. That is just the manner probation closes. With these facts settled as to the time when the call is due it will aid in the understanding of other texts of truth.

### The Three Messages of Rev. 14:6-12.

The first says, "Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of his judgment is come."

What judgment and its nature is the question? The scripture that follows must explain. Verses 19, 20; of the fourteenth chapter states these judgments as the wrath of God:

"And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

"And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

"And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs..." Rev. 14:18-20.

Chapter 15:1 says, "And I saw another sign in heaven great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

The sixteenth chapter gives a history of the plagues as they will fall. Verse 7 says these plagues are "righteous judgments."

Chapter 17:1 says, "Come hither and I will show thee the judgments of the great whore," (Babylon).

Chapter 18:10 says, "For in one hour has thy judgments come." Chapter 19:2 says, "For true and righteous was his judgments, for he has judged the great whore which did corrupt the earth." With these plain statements before us it is easy and clear to see the first angel's message of Rev. 14:6 gives us plainly what judgment it refers to and, second, time the message to Babylon is due, namely the close of probation when no more can be done for fallen Christendom. The second message of Rev. 14:8, is a part of the first and due at the same time for it gives the reason why the judgments are due, namely because Babylon is fallen as stated in Rev. 18:1-4. She "has become the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit. The cage of every unclean and hateful bird," therefore "come out of her and receive not of her plagues."

The third angel of Rev. 14:9 is also a part belonging with the two former and due at the same time, saying "If any man shall worship the beast or his image, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God," (seven last plagues.) How easy, natural and plain that these three messages are one. All due and all to be given at the same time and that time is when the Remnant knows probation is closed.

Next. They are not given to convert people but they are given to the children of God not to yield to the decree that will then be passed that "All who will not worship the beast and his image shall be killed." "The remnant" must then stand as did the Hebrew children when asked to fall down and worship the golden image. We advise all our readers to get the messages located correctly for it has not been done by those who claim they were due years ago and are now giving the third angel's message. Such teaching is wholly false and a mistake.

### Isa 18th Chapter.

The 18th chapter of Isaiah brings clearly to view the work of those messages. Study our comments on this chapter in the Gathering of Israel, Vol. 3 Inspired History.

## WHAT IS THE SOUL.

Every one thinks he has a soul, and most of them think it is some thing within that is separate from the body and is capable of an existence separate from the body, which leaves the body at death. Some think when it leaves at death it goes into some other form of animal life according to how it has lived here. They think their punishment is meted out by either going into some lower animal or being elevated to greatness according as they have lived here. This is called transmigration of souls. The American Indian thinks the future life of the soul will be in some happy hunting ground or spirit world. The large majority

of professed christians believe that when a man dies the real man does not die but his soul either goes to hell or heaven, to remain through out eternity. The latter class relies on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, as the Gibraltar for his belief and for eternal torment where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched, and a few other similar statements.

We wish to say all these beliefs are unscriptural and cannot be proven. We wish to say there is but two elements in man which causes his existence either here or hereafter. They are both plainly defined in the Bible and stated plainly what they are. The first statement is that God made man out of the dust of the ground. That is man as long as any form exists whether dead or alive. Second, that dust in making man was converted into flesh, bone, skin, and sinews, it was formed into the image of God. All this was done before any life was possessed by him. Who will deny this? No one I am sure. Next, after this was done it says God breathed **into man** the breath of life and man became a living soul. It is the man all the time before he received the life giving power and also after he received it, and that man was said to be the soul, made alive by the breath of life. Paul says the first man was of the earth. Then one of these two things, which is the earthly man is called man and soul. Paul plainly says the first man was made a living soul. 1st Cor. 15. Now the second thing given man to give him life is the next question. What was that? Job 27:3. "All the while my breath is in me and **the spirit of God is in my nostrils.**" This tells the story of the second ingredient that possesses man **while alive**, and that is called **the spirit of God**. Who will deny that? No one, I am sure. Next, when man dies what becomes of him. "Then shall the dust return to dust as it was and the spirit return to God who gave it." Ec. 12:7. This settles the whole question to all who believe the truth. Note it does not say the spirit of a good man goes to God and the spirit of a bad man goes to some other place. So then a division of good and bad does not take place at death. Note it does not say that any thing goes to God, but the spirit that he gave and that was his (God's) spirit, not some thing which was a part of man which we are told is the thinking part of man. No, it is the spirit of God. But the spirit of God we are told is what makes all life exist in all of God's creation, so it returns to the fountain of life from which it came and man ceases to exist. This is the truth in a nut shell. What is the next step in the history of man? It is the promise of a resurrection from the dead, and what is a resurrection? It is a **reproduction of man**? How will it be then? Ezekiel 37:1, tells us plainly that the graves will be opened and they will be brought forth and they will possess bone, flesh, skin, sinews, then the Lord will put his spirit in them again and they shall live. That is reproduction. That is the hope of the overcomer. It is also stated plainly that all shall be made alive, those that are Christ's at his coming and the rest of the dead one thousand years later. Those who come up first will possess the land promised to their fathers which is the new earth. The others will also come up on the earth, Rev. 20, and battle against the Lord and fire will come down from heaven and devour them, that is called the second death. Then the righteous will take the earth purified by fire and possess it for ever. The wicked will be ashes under the souls of their feet.

This is the short cut to the story, but is a true one, hence souls in its primary sense means person. Eight souls were saved in the ark. Seventy souls came out of the loins of Jacob. So many souls were with Paul in the ship when he was shipwrecked. The word is used in its secondary sense in the scriptures, meaning affections, appetite, life, breath, and so on, but in no

sense to mean what the people are taught it means. Darkness covers the earth and great darkness the people on most every Bible subject. The immortality of the soul, The conscious state of the dead, and kindred teaching leads to error of every kind and should be given up by all who wish to know the truth. The preachers who are leading their flocks in such error will realize too late their great mistake. We say to those who are straight on these things don't be afraid to take the animal by the horns and face the error. God wants men just now who will not shun to declare the whole truth and open their mouths boldly. The time to work is so short, you will wish very soon when too late you had been more brave in defence of the truth, and stirred up the people with the word of God. Cry aloud and spare not is our advice to all who know the truth.

## LOYALTY TO GOD AND MAN.

It is a nice thing these days to know where we stand both in our relations to God and civil government. This a time when the world is in war, the children of God will be brought into trying places. Hence they should know their duty to God and also to civil governments. For this information we have no place to go to but the Word of God. There we find that God tells us to "pray for kings and for all that are in authority that we may live a peaceable life." We are further instructed "not to speak evil of the rulers of thy people," for rulers are not a terror to evil works. They are for the punishment of evil doers and for the praises of them that do well." Christ said, "pay tribute to them whom tribute is due and honor to whom honor is due." It is further shown that rulers get out of their places some times and they with all men are chastised by the Lord and even their kingdom is overthrown. This is shown in the case of Nebuchadnezzar when he issued the decree that all should fall down and worship the golden image. This decree was not regarded by the children of God and God vindicated their cause. Other instances of the kind are recorded for our instruction. Thus we see kings are not God's but men, subject to like passion as we. So loyalty to man or governments has its limit.

True loyalty is ever based on true principles. God's principles always being good we can in all circumstances be loyal to God, but to nothing else. Civil governments are supposed to be based on right principles for the government of men in their duty to other men. But that is not always the case. Hence the children of God cannot always sanction every thing which exists. Neither can they be loyal to all things that are done. Some say we must be loyal to civil governments whether right or wrong. We say no. This principle is some times forced by kings and potentates but a government formed by the people and for the people grant freedom of speech, freedom of thought and appeals to reason. Not violence or harsh words, for where such things exist reason and justice are dethroned and strife takes their place. The government of the U. S. in its constitution says, "all men are born free and equal and shall enjoy the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Our fathers said they would come to America "where there was a state without a king and a church without a pope. For these principles our fathers fought and their children should do likewise if need be. Upon these principles the American flag, "Old Glory" was made, its colors teaching those principals of obedience to the constitution as expressed by

the blue. Its righteousness as expressed by the white. And a Christian nation as expressed by its red. Christianity is brotherly love, justice, and truth. We say every child of God will never curse that flag, neither will they trample it under foot as a vile thing. No child of God will ever denounce the constitution of America framed by our fathers on such righteous principles, but will love it and cherish it.

Nations change their principles. Rulers some times do not act wisely in filling the position they are called as servants of the people to fill. In such cases the child of God is not to shut their eyes to such facts but pray for those them and if they so desire to speak with freedom of such mistakes in the right manner, and thus bring about a remedy if they can. In so doing they are not disloyal to the nation but are its best friends and well wishers. Such freedom of speech should never be discouraged or called disloyal by those who might not be half as true to right principles as the one speaking. Many a man has been disloyal to things which even become a law in America and went about to correct the condition, but at the same time loved his nation and prayed for its welfare. These last days are days of great peril to the children of God it stands them in hand to have right principles fixed and know where they stand on true issues as to what is true loyalty and what is not.

## THE USE OF THE SWORD BY AN ISRAELITE.

Another question closely allied to loyalty is the proper use to be made with the sword by a child of God. Under what circumstances can a child of God kill his fellow man? The Bible is our only guide. We have much said of war in the Bible. Before the flood the earth was filled with violence. That was one chief cause why the Lord destroyed the world.

The next record is the experience of Abraham. In this case his nephew Lot had been taken by the warring tribes and carried captive. The record says Abram armed his servants and followed the band and rescued his nephew, family, and all the goods that had been taken. As a result of this slaughter by Abram of the Kings, Melchisedec, "priest of the most high God" met him and blessed him. This shows that it is our duty to defend our relatives and stuff from the hands of those who wrongfully kill and destroy innocent people. God defended the helpless Israelites from the sword of Pharaoh and his host. Thus setting us an example that a defence in such cases is justifiable.

The next history in the case of Israel is that of the Midianites before Israel crossed Jordan. In this case the Midianites had schemed through the prophet Baalim to destroy Israel through lewd women. In this case Israel destroyed the Midianites with a great slaughter. But by divine providence not one man among Israel was lost in the battle.

The killing of the Canaanites when Israel entered the land is another example. The Canaanites had filled up the cup of their iniquity and God could no longer do any thing for them, so they were fit for the slaughter and the command was given Israel to do that work. The next record is where Israel had sinned and God gave them over into the hands of their enemies. The people became great oppressors of Israel. At such times God would raise up deliverers such as Samuel, David, Sampson, Jephtha, and Gideon. In their deliverance war and slaughter followed, in such cases

God was on the side of the oppressed and delivered them from their enemies.

Still another principle is laid down, namely, when God's children sinned they were delivered to the sword of other nations as in the case of the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans and so on. These records are all written that we may know and study right principles. It is therefore clear that in all such cases either self defence, rescuing those who could not help themselves, the oppressed, and those who through sin was trying to destroy God's people either through witchcraft, whoredoms, idolatry and such like that God justified the killing of men.

### Murder.

Under this heading God says that "no murderer shall enter the Kingdom of heaven." "He who killeth another shall surely be put to death." "No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." Murder is to take life where no just cause laid down in the Bible can be sustained. Therefore it becomes necessary for every one before they enter either individually or collectively to kill and destroy their fellow men to examine the cause of the war or act that leads up to killing their fellow men very carefully. This cause must after careful examination come under some of the foregoing examples.

Next, God having no nation as he once had ruled direct by him now in existence. We have no example to carry out war unless it be self defence from those who are desirous of taking our property, lives and possessing our territory and breaking up our nation and such like. It would seem that in all such cases it would be clear to stand on the defensive. Even then if it could be made clear that our moral condition was such that God had frowned on us for not obeying his laws, and ruling the government in such a way as to please him, then if such was the case then we better far repent than fight even in defense of what we might deem our rights.

Some oppose the civil law to take life of the criminal. God says the murderer shall surely be put to death. The officer who takes the life of the murderer is not in any way guilty. That is duty which God lays on him.

In conclusion it seems clear that no child of God has or will permit any hatred to come in his heart sufficient to kill under a fit of enthusiasm or imaginary loyalty. Personally I think I could not be hired with all the money in the world to take the life of man without the very best of instruction from God governing the principle under which the act was to be done. I prefer to lose my life than to do it.

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Once when we were on a missionary trip many years ago in the southern states, after our meeting was out a friend who lived in the place invited me to go to a colored people's meeting. The custom for them was to begin very late as they used to do in slave times. The house was a small structure with very crude furniture and lighted with one little tube brass lamp on the desk of the preacher which gave more smoke than light. The pulpit was elevated quite well up in the gable. When we entered the congregation was mostly all asleep. The minister was preaching. The most attractive thing in his dress was an old fashioned congressional high standing collar rather unpleasant to his ears. With his index finger of the right hand in the palm of his left hand, he was presenting the needs of money to sustain his labors among them. He said, "now no man can preach the gospel for nothing, you can put your foot on dat. I is guying away but course if I do not go, I will stay. No man preach the gospel for nothing, you can put your foot on dat." His index finger still remaining in the palm of his hand he said "Now of cose if I do not go I will stay, but I was guying, no man can preach the gospel for nothing you can put your foot on dat. Now if I do not go I will stay, but if I stay I will not go, you can put your foot on dat." We supposed by this time the congregation would surely do something, but when through one of the two deacons seated on either side of a little table just in front and below him prayed, a verse was sung and the meeting dismissed leaving us to wonder whether he went or stayed. So with the preaching of the day there is always one point in it all. That is "no man can preach the gospel for nothing." As for the doctrine the people are left to wonder whether the thing is so or not. God loves a cheerful giver but has no use for church beggars or hirelings. He loves the trumpet which gives no uncertain sound but has no use for false doctrines and hit and miss preaching.

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