



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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THIS WAY ONCE.

You'll not pass this way again
 So the good that you would do
 Must be done at once, whate'er it be,
 For moments and hours are few.

You'll not pass this way again,
 So speak kindly to your brother,
 'Twill make your own heart better feel
 To help along another.

You'll not pass this way again
 So that letter be sure to send
 That might encourage a sister
 And help to save a friend.

You'll not pass this way again,
 So look each side of the way,
 To find the poor and needy,
 'Twill all the trouble repay.

You'll not pass this way again
 So smile to each and all,
 No matter how low and degraded
 You know not the cause of their fall

Ah, when we go away but once,
 We may have cause for regretting,
 When we glance back the path we've trodden,
 At the time when life's sun is setting.
 —Leuceil Rupert.

THE CLOSE OF PROBATION AND THE END OF GRACE.

The close of probation and the end of Grace is one and the same thing. There is another thing that means the same, that is the iniquity is full. Abraham was told that his seed could not enter Canaan till the iniquity of the Amorites was full. That meant the time would come when there could be no more done for the Amorites. They had rejected every offer God had for them and the iniquities of the fathers had been visited on the children through inheritance till none of the offspring could be reached with the Gospel: When that point was reached then Grace for the people ended. Note. The people determined the end of grace themselves by the course they pursued. In this man-

ner will the close of probation come to the world. The world determines their own destiny, God seeing from the beginning the whole story of man and the course man would pursue saw the end from the beginning and so gave the information to his children through the prophets, when that time would be. Hence when the time comes then the decree is due the world, "he that is filthy let him be filthy still and he that is holy let him be holy still."

Following that decree he says, "behold I come quickly," (not immediately). At that point begins in earnest the events which are to prepare the world for their destruction in the order specified. This destruction of the world is to mark such a time of trouble as never was. Dan. 12:1, 2. The trouble as to what it is, is plainly told, namely: War, Pestilence, and Famine.

The present condition in the world only leads to the final. Whether there will be a period between the present conditions and the final, of peace, we do not know but we can say this, we know of nothing which teaches there will and it seems not probable at all there will be. That there will be a change in the issues between the nations now at war there is no doubt in our mind. The way of "the kings of the east is not yet prepared," but that is being done just as fast as possible by the present war. Every man, and every dollar spent by western nations is preparing that way.

The United States being one of the western nations it must necessarily come into the war. It is both logical and reasonable it should. So when the time comes that the present issues among the western nations is far enough advanced new issues will arise from other sources. We do not hesitate to say the next issue will be between the East and the West, between Christendom and Heathenism, with two thirds the population of the world on the eastern side and one third (and much less counting out their present losses) on the other side. Russia and Japan will be the leading factors on the eastern and England and the United States on the western side.

The present outlook from our standpoint is as stated above. But how is it received? The answer is this: Most every one replies "that will not come in my day," "The world will stand a long time yet," "It looks as you say but I think you have some wrong views and interpretations of the Bible." Thus there is shown a lack of faith both in the Bible itself and second in all interpretations placed on it pertaining to the end of the world. Thus business and all things go on the same and no heed is paid to what any one may say. This shows me that the world has closed every

avenue to help them and the world is ripe for the harvest.

The Conditions of the World in Knowledge Of the Bible.

We have noted in all we have read and heard spoken about the war not one word has been said as to the cause from any Bible stand point. Leaders are blamed, and issues are discussed but not a word as to God's cause of war. In this respect they are different from the prophet Daniel, when the great calamity came upon Jerusalem he said it is "because we have sinned," "Therefore the curse is poured upon us which Moses had written." Then with prayer and confession to God he prayed most earnestly. Also when Ninevah was to be over thrown the king and all his subjects repented of sin in sack cloth and ashes and God changed the decree. Not so today, no one seems to see the real cause of the present war and the future out look. Not a minister raises his voice to teach the people the truth. All they can see is that "it is the Kaiser," "It is the course the United States is taking," "It is England that is to blame," but as to the moral condition of the world nothing is said. No repentance is advised. No study of the Bible is referred to. No desire to see what the prophets have spoken in the name of the Lord is looked after. Everything else is examined, High cost of living, How to make money out of the war, How to avoid famine. All this is considered and noted with deep interest, but how to seek God, how to know his truth, how to break loose from creeds and isms and receive the truth, all this is of no avail and unpopular. "The wise forseeeth the evil and hideth himself but the simple pass on and are punished." So the day is near when not a soul will be reached with the Gospel in its purity. Then probation closes and the decree passes. Thus no one is responsible but the people themselves. They reap just what they sow. They get just what they have chosen.

They have lived for the world and it is all they can see in it. They do not realize that "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people." They do not realize that ruin is staring them in the face. They haven't the faintest idea of the time of trouble before them. We feel some what as Christ did when he saw the fate of Jerusalem by the Roman army. He said, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings but ye would not." He said "she knew not the time of her visitation." She could have known but light was rejected. How glad would we be could we see on the part of the people a seeking of God and true repentance and desire to know the truth that the people might be saved, but each day seems the people is harder to reach and true repentance is so scarce we no longer see what we call "a godly sorrow for sin." Grave is soon to open. The Throne of Grace will be no more, The Throne of Glory will be set up and Christ will then reign. Who will prepare with us to be His subjects where war will be no more and peace will eternally reign?

CHARLES T. RUSSELL OF MELLENIAN DAWN FAME AND HIS TEACHING AND CHRONOLOGY EXAMINED.

In his book, "Helping Hand," series 2 we find the following statement, recorded in chapter two, Page 33.

"In this chapter we present the Bible evidence which indicates that the six thousand years from Adam were completed in 1872, and hence since that A. D. 1872 we are chronologically entered on the seventh

thousand or the millennium—the forepart of which is "the day of the Lord" "the day of trouble is" to witness the breaking into pieces of the kingdoms of this world and the establishment of the Kingdom of God under the whole heavens."

Question. What does Mr. Russell mean by the **forepart** of the millennium. "The time of trouble" and "the day of the Lord"? We will let him answer the above questions. On page 76 and 77 of the same book. Here it is: "in this chapter we present the Bible evidence proving that the full end of the times of the Gentiles, i. e. that is the full end of their lease of **dominion** will be reached in A. D. 1914, and that date will be the farthest limit of the rule of imperfect men," "that at that date the Kingdom of God for which our Lord taught us to pray saying thy Kingdom come will obtain full universal control and then it will be "set upon," firmly established, on the earth on the ruins of present nations. Secondly. This will prove that he whose right it is will then be present as earth's new ruler and not only so but it will prove that He will be present for a considerable time before that date, because the overthrow of these Gentile governments is caused directly by His dashing them to peices as a potters vessel, Psalms 2:9; Rev. 2:27, and establishing in their stead his own righteous government. Thirdly. It will prove that some time **before the end** of 1914 A. D. the last member of the divine recognized church of Christ, the Royal Priesthood, the body of Christ, will be glorified with the head because every member is to reign with Christ, being a joint heir with him of the kingdom, and it cannot be fully "set up" without every member. Fourthly. It will prove that Jerusalem will no longer be trodden down of the Gentiles from that time forward because the time of the Gentiles will be fulfilled. Fifthly. It will prove that from that date or sooner Israel's blindness will begin to turn away, because their blindness in part was to continue only till the fullness of the Gentiles come in. Sixthly and seventhly. It is there stated that the spirit of anarchy unsettled conditions of society and distress will then recognize the Kingdom "set up," quietness will then be the order following the upheavel prior to the establishment of the kingdom in 1914."

Note. The period between 1872 and 1914 is forty years. This period is called by Mr. Russell as "the harvest age." "The time for the selection of the special few called the bride." The date 1872 is located by chronology as the end of the first six thousand years from creation and located as the time for the coming of Christ spiritually and invisibly. That date marks also the beginning of the seventh thousandth years or millennium age of the world. The second period is located to end 1914 by a supposed prophetic period found in Leviticus 26th chapter, supposed to begin at the Babylonish captivity 606 B. C. and lasting 2520 years ending 1914. Thus leaving forty years difference in the two endings. This second period is interpreted as being the time when the fullness of the Gentiles will be ended and also blindness of the Jews will be past. The Jews will then return to Palestine and Christ will then set up his visible kingdom manifest to all. Mr. Russell also teaches that at the end of the six thousand years all the righteous dead was then resurrected. He also teaches that all who died were unconscious in death, but since that time those who die of "the special class," the Bride class do not become unconscious at death but they are translated like Elijah and are now with Christ. The above we hold to be an honest representation of the teaching of Mr. Russell's books on the points mentioned.

We might further state that during the thousand years Satan is to be bound. The wicked dead are to be gradually resurrected, and given an opportunity to

gain a true knowledge of God and given an opportunity to be saved. "The Bride class" are then to work especially with Christ to influence them to every thing that is right, as stated by Mr. Russell in our hearing "they on seeing any one inclined to do any thing wrong will take them by the arm and show them the right way." The above is sufficient to cover the main foundation of the teaching of Mr. Russell and his followers. With all respect to both he and his followers we examine these foundation principles of the teaching. We understand that when we place in public print our views they then become public property for any criticism. The good book says, "Every man seemeth right in his own mind but his neighbor cometh along and searcheth him."

Question. Where has one of the predictions come to pass. We reply not a single one. Where are those who have seen any of the multitude of righteous who Mr. Russell said would be resurrected in 1872? None. All that have ever been resurrected such as Moses, Christ, Lazarus, and the many bodies of them that slept who were resurrected when Christ was resurrected were all seen by people by the natural eye. But not even a glimpse of any of the multitude claimed to have been resurrected in 1872 have ever been seen; Second, who has ever seen any of the bride class who have died since 1872? None. Who has ever seen Christ himself? None. Next who believes Satan is bound since 1872? No one. Who believes that the prediction has been fulfilled that the city of Jerusalem after 1914 would no longer be inhabited by the Gentiles? None. Who believes that Christ has been manifest to the world since 1914? None. Who believes the Gentile governments have all been overthrown and the government of Christ set up prior to or in 1914? None. Who believes the fullness of the Gentiles have come in since 1914? None. These predictions were all written years before 1914. Hence all must now admit they were a mistake. But now it is 1917 and not one of them materialized. What must the honest believe? We reply that Mr. Russell was mistaken. We do not mean by this any criticism only he was mistaken. But there is another side to it that we cannot speak favorable of. That is the course taken by his followers. We hold they should acknowledge the mistake if they would carry influence and the power of the Gospel. But contrary to that they said the war beginning in 1914 was the fulfillment. No brother that will not do. If you will read Mr. Russell's statements which we cite you to he plainly says the time of trouble would all be **over before 1914** "and then the Kingdom would be 'set up' on the ruins of these governments." The present course is a dodge taken to evade the truth of his teaching which will not stand in the mind of any candid mind, and further it is easy to be seen in reading the teaching Mr. Russell had no idea of any such a war as now exists and it can't be shown. Jeremiah told the people of the destruction of Jerusalem, and who would do it. The Bible in its latter days of war speaks giving the names of nations that will lead the armies and whom against. Did Mr. Russell do this? No. He dwelt more especially on ecclesiastical distress, upheavels of society, anarchy, and so on, none of which described such a war as is now raging. Such twisting will not convince fair minded people of sincerity. But if a confession was made that a mistake was made all would be greatly stirred and led to believe in such sincerity. They also with the Gospel would be exalted.

One of the real causes of Mr. Russell's mistake was the fact his chronology was wrong that the six thousand years ended in 1872. Second, there was no such a period of 2520 years to be found in Leviticus 26th chapter. Third, the fullness of the Gentiles did

not end in 1914 nor will not till probation closes. Fourth, blindness will continue in part with the Jews till probation closes. Fifth. The Jew will not go to Jerusalem in fulfillment of prophecy at all. Sixth, there is no period of forty years of harvest as taught by Mr. Russell. Seventh, and last the whole fabric of his teaching is a wrong use of Scripture and originated in a visionary mind. It has prospered because the people at large are unacquainted with the Bible and its teaching, and the use he made of Scripture seems plausible to the people who know no better than to accept it as truth. In conclusion we will say it was no dishonor in accepting it for if all the uninformed in Bible teaching had accepted it, it would have taken most all. Hence it showed this, that the seeker after truth and those who desired truth accepted it more than those who did not. We say in conclusion there is but one way out of the error and that is to still desire truth and with humility confess the mistake and go on again to seek truth and God will lead you on to greater things.

REFORMATION.

Much has been said about the reformation by Luther and his followers. We can safely say that work was nothing to be compared to the truth we now have to teach the people which has never been taught since the days of the apostles. Just compare the subjects demanding our attention today with those of which Luther or any other reformer taught in their day. Now if you do not believe this to be true just try to give your reasons and you will see you are very short of evidence. You may call it boasting when we tell you we have ten times the light and are printing it what any reformer ever thought of teaching. If you do not believe this just compare our teaching with that of any writer then. If you do not believe it just try to overthrow it with the Bible. Then you will see the greatness of your task. If you wish to be in the greatest reformation of truth ever given to the people join with us. It is as sure of success as that God lives. It is all based on His word and He will not go back on His own testimony. This work is not of man. It did not come from man but from God. Man is simply His instrument and it is His own matter of choice whom he may use. So don't look at it as the work of any man for it is not, and you will see it is not if you will only believe and personally know the work now being done and the truth now being taught. Come and be one of the co-laborers and servants of the Lord with us and join in all the reward for all who will be faithful. This is not boasting but facts, facts are far better than boasting. Why God could use such weak instruments to bring out such great truths from His word has been the greatest mystery to us of all mysteries. It is too great for us to comprehend. All we can say is that it is true and leave it there.

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OUR BIRTHDAY.

The twelfth day of this month (May) was our sixty-ninth birthday. It was a nice day and my children and three grandsons came to spend the day with wife and myself. My children are all alive but one, the oldest daughter Josephine. She died an earnest Christian. We are happy to say the son and eldest and three daughters are all in harmony and sympathy and help support the work we feel the Lord has called us to do. While much sorrow has come in life with sickness and death of my companions we can say the Lord has gave good help in them. We are happy in the Lord's work and no desire to accomplish anything but to finish the work given us faithfully. The past twelve years has been one of continual trust with no salary and no means ahead. But by faith "we have stayed with the stuff" and kept at work and we can say God has fully from day to day made his promises good. God has sent us each day as it were, our income so that we can say while we have lived the most

economical life we have never been hungry nor naked. We could not enumerate the many tokens of divine providence. For example think of it. We have had during this whole time not one source where we could look for support only just as it came from an order for a book, a free will offering, tithe and so on coming from Maine to California, north to south without asking or no system to bring it. Many times down to almost a penny, never over a few dollars. Never without money never had to buy to eat or wear on time. My heart is touched as I write this and say I will continue the service and trust him.

Now as I start on my seventieth year it is the brightest I have ever had for the work God has called me to do. More believers, more in sight to do the work with, more hope of a soon realization of our hopes. More earnest if possible to push it forward. Pray for us friends that God will give us strength to finish with joy the work He has called us to do.

NOT TO BECOME UNCIRCUMCISED.

Paul says "if any man is called being circumcised let him not become uncircumcised." "If he be called in uncircumcision let him not become circumcised. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing but the keeping of the commandments of God."

First Cor. 7:18-20, versè 20 says "let every man abide in the same calling wherein he is called. He further continues "If thou art called being a servant care not for it. Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called."

Question Was Paul ignoring circumcision or any other thing the man was doing that was honorable? No. Circumcision was all right for the purpose it was intended to teach. A servant is an honorable calling. The thought is not to become dissatisfied with your acceptance with God and think you had to work out your salvation by doing some kind of works. Some have supposed Paul condemned circumcision by this text. We say no, no more than he condemned other things people were doing that was right. The thought is that some were teaching salvation by circumcision alone and Paul met the argument. The only way a man **could become uncircumcised** would be to deny the faith it taught, Paul says don't do that, the lesson is a good one and necessary, don't deny it, but do not trust in the act alone. The same thought is found in Galatians:

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

"Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

"For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

"For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

"Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

"This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you."—Gal. 5:1-6.

The above Scripture tells the point, namely, those who were trying to be justified by the law. He says to all such they were duty bound to keep the whole law, and that they could not do in their own strength

without Christ. Any attempt of that kind was salvation by works without faith, something no one can do is to keep the whole law without Christ. The Galatian brethren had been justified by faith and placed where they could keep the law but some teachers had come and taught salvation by circumcision and works of the law. Now says the apostle stand fast in the liberty whereunto ye have been called and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage, (working out your own salvation,) for I testify against you that every one "of you, if ye become circumcised Christ will profit you nothing ye have fallen from grace, whosoever is justified by the law. For we through the spirit wait **for the hope of righteousness by faith.** For in Jesus Christ circumcision nor uncircumcision availeth any thing but faith which worketh by love." Another text says "circumcision nor uncircumcision profiteth nothing but being made a new creature." Now in all these texts does the apostle condemn circumcision? No. Circumcision teaches a divine lesson the same as baptism teaches a divine lesson and every child of God needs the lesson taught by it, the same as the lesson in baptism but neither alone will save. Obedience to the commandments of God comes only by faith. "Our hearts are purified by faith, which worketh by love" which love is the keeping of the commandments of God, and by faith we are made a new creature. But remember the proof of our acceptance in all cases is the willingness to obey in all things God has commanded us to perform. "He that sayeth he knoweth me and keepeth not my commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." Obedience is always the test of faith.

The question of salvation by circumcision was the question to be settled at the council at Jerusalem as recorded in Acts 15th chapter. Some said "except ye become circumcised and keep the law of Moses ye cannot be saved." The decision of the council recommended the teachers of the Gentiles to instruct the Gentiles "to abstain from idolatry, things strangled, from fornication and from blood," as new beginners and to hear the law read written by Moses which was read in the synagogue every Sabbath and they could learn the rest. The difference in this instruction of the apostles and the teaching of the Jew who believed in salvation by works was this: The ignorant Jew went out making a hobby of circumcision and getting every one to submit to the act as stated that they might glory in the flesh, by saying so many were circumcised by my labors. The apostle who knew the truth went out preaching salvation by faith in Christ as the only source of strength whereby they could keep the commandments of God and as they grasped by faith the promises of God by faith they then began to teach the duty of obedience so they might bring forth fruit meat for repentance by an amendment of life. Being converts from idolatry they must give that up. Next being fornicators they must quit that. Next having the habit of eating things strangled which the Lord positively forbids they must cease that habit, and next the eating of blood which God forbids. If true willingness was manifested in these things they could then be baptized and put on Christ and learn further as they heard Moses read every Sabbath in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. And in this way all other duties could be performed as they learned them. This left some room for growth in divine knowledge how to be and live a Christian life. Now dear reader do for the sake of your own soul try and see that no apostle ever condemned any thing taught by Moses but condemned the teaching of the ignorant Jew as many of them were in the days when Christ was here.

We are today just in the same condition unless it be that the professed people of God know less today

than the ignorant Jew did when Christ came to his own and they received him not. People through pure ignorance today condemn the true teacher now just as they condemned the true teacher then. Let the readers of this paper go forward in Bible knowledge and learn the truth so we can believe and speak the same thing.

"I WILL TURN THEE BACK."

Twice is it spoken of Gog the prince of the land of Magog, he would be turned back. One in Exekiel 38: 4. The other time in 39:2. By learning the teaching of the two chapters it will be seen there are two turnings back and two bringings forth. It is also seen that **prior to Gog** leading the host against Israel when he will be joined by the kings of the east. The first coming he will be turned back. Then he will come fourth with his army and destroy all with whom he comes in contact. His second coming fourth he is destroyed and left a defeated man on the mountains of Israel. Eze. 39. Let the reader get these points clear.

Thus we see that before he fulfills the prophecy in either chapter he is in war some where else or is not in the right place and must be turned back from that war and when once done then God will put hooks in his jaws and bring him fourth to fulfill the thirty-eight chapter. The question is at what point shall we expect to see him turned back. We reply it looks now very much like Russia was in the act of fulfilling the turning back prediction.

Russia said when the present war began they were right for once in taking part in this war. The hopes of Russia has for almost centuries been to gain the control of the Dardaneles and become the ruler of the world. The Allies were defeated in getting this control and now for some cause Russia is practically out of the war, and it is also to be seen clearly that **if she drops out** she will be promised the outlet she has desired, namely, through the Dardaneles. It would seem that she has been turned back any way either by divine providence or some other cause. We have said from the beginning Russia was not in the place prophecy put her and if the war was to continue and the Allies become victorious then Russia and England would have a settlement on the division of the spoil. For prophecy plainly teaches that England and Russia will yet come to that point of war from some stand point. So it now looks like she was turned back in the fulfillment of prophecy. If this is the cause or if it is not the time will soon come when the yellow peril will be a reality when Russia will lead the kings of the east against the kings of the west.

It is not difficult to see that the western nations are now expending their power and weakening themselves and becoming ready subjects for the kings of the east to do the very work predicted, when the time comes that all things are ready, then the hooks will be placed in the jaws of Russia and she will then fill the prophecy in the fullest sense. She will then accomplish on Christendom what is told in the 38th chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy. Then we shall also look for another turning back **prior to the battle of Armageddon** which is the battle of the great day of God almighty when all the remaining nations left will federate to destroy the true Remnant. Psalms 83. See our last issue of the paper on Armageddon. This time the hooks in Russia she is brought fourth to be a defeated nation with all associated with her, to fall on the mountains of Israel. Ezekiel 39. The fragments still left then will meet the Lord at his coming and be cast into the lake of fire and be destroyed by the brightness of his

coming. This is one of the short cuts to the culmination of the future which now confronts the world.

We will take our chances in the trenches of the Lord's army under the shadow of his wings and covered by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The second coming forth God will fight as in the days of battle. In the first, nations will destroy each other. In the second coming forth not a soul of the Remnant will be hurt. In the first coming forth professed Israel will be a defeated host. In the present conflict both sides suffer greatly preparing the way for the next coming fourth. Who will see the true situation and believe God has told the story correctly.

GET YOUR EYES OPEN AND KEEP THEM OPEN.

The man who cannot now see where we live in the world's history and see the fulfillment of prophecy around him is surely in the dark and to be pitied. The god of this world has closed his eyes lest he should see the Gospel and be saved. Many a person is blind with the god of this world, some through pride, some through covetousness, some through cares of this life, some through creeds, some through selfishness, and many are in such blindness they have become so used to it they don't know they are in such a condition. The various causes will include the great majority of the world. The blind lead the blind till they all go into the ditch together. Years ago we studied very hard day and night to know the truth of God. We believe we learned much of what God said would be and come to pass in the world. We wrote it out hoping to help others. It has done this to some extent at least and no doubt much more than we are aware of. Now we rejoice that that weariness of the flesh is done as far as it is and to day we read for instance the Yellow Peril book written before the war with new interest.

Some years ago the question of preparedness began to be agitated in our country. It seemed to me then that was a step leading to the time when the nation would be in war. Now no sooner than the plan was laid the next step came on the war. Now I said in that book that famine would come with the war, I also said when the submarine was sinking thousands of tons of food that God in his mercy gave to the people, that some one would have to answer to God either those who for the sake of gain placed the food in jeopardy or those who sunk it. All engaged in it are liable to God. I now see the question of shortage of food being agitated and all advised to plant and so on. Who knows but this is an unseen forerunner of the need that will come the same as the preparedness was a forerunner. Next I notice now the ship building program where hundreds and thousands of "light swift ships are to be built." Who knows but those ships will be for the carrying of the remnant of Israel as one of their missions as we have already written it up on Isaiah 18th chapter. There are plenty of things now to see by the child of God who believes and keeps his eyes open. But the blind man says all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. He would not see one of God's signs if he was to meet it in the road. The picture show, the dance hall, the gambling den, the strong drink, the love of gain, of which many of such have eyes full of adultery till they are blind and see nothing but their own selfish desires. The preacher preaches for hire. "They preach smooth things." "The people love to have it so." and the Lord says "what will you do in the end thereof." I confess that I am a pessimist of the deepest dye as to the out-

look of the world. But an optimist of the brightest hue for the people of God who has their eyes open to things as God has written them in his word. The truth is light as we teach it. The hope of the child of God never shown brighter than now. His race is nearly run, his kingdom is soon to be realized, his reward soon to be received, "The path of the just is as a shining light which shines more and more unto the perfect day." In the child of God there is no darkness at all. The whole is light and glorious to behold. A good understanding have all they who keep his commandments. The Lord says with all things get wisdom.

THE ANSWER ALREADY GIVEN US.

All should at this time be established on divine principles and know where they stand if they would know what to do and say in the times we now live in, and especially the time before us.

Today the great question in the minds of both parent and children is what shall we do if we are called to the trenches to fight. In answering this question I would not dare to undertake to reply to the question for it takes more wisdom than man possesses to know what to do at all times. The prophet says "what will one then answer the messenger of the nations." The reply is given thus: "The Lord has founded Zion and the poor of his people trust in it." Isaiah 14:32. All any one need do to find out that this question is written and answered for this time is to become acquainted with the subject of the Remnant people of God as given in Isaiah and the other prophets. This answer is just what the Hebrew children did when the decree went forth that all "who would not fall down and worship the golden image should be cast into the fiery furnace." They said God was able to deliver them but whether he did or not they could not fall down.

We know of no way only to take the position laid down in the Bible and that is we trust in the Lord to deliver us. He will do it in his own way. That might even be through the prison. I would cite all who are in trouble at this time to remember that those "who now keep the word of his patience," "He will keep them in the hour of temptation which shall come upon the world to try them." Man cannot help. But God can. Obedience to His word now will cause Him to help. Poor time now for half service to God. The test is near, who will be able to stand?

SELL WHAT YE HAVE.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

"Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

"And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants." Luke 12:32-38.

For many years our attention has been called to the above scripture, but we did not feel clear to say the time had come for its literal application, but now with all the evidence we have on the return of our Lord from "the wedding," and the whole field of prophecy with the fulfillment of prophetic utterances before our face we feel with great solemnity to say the time has come when the above scripture applies. I for one fully believe that the person who has what they possess where they can handle it as developments may demand both for the cause of God and their own necessities are the wise people.

We have never believed in excitable rash moves with no scripture to justify, but now with all soberness and consideration we say the time is here when we are simply in the waiting time, like one waiting and expecting to start on a journey.

The final step of the nations begun with the European war. The world is now nearly all in it. It is at our own door. We need no further evidence, what more can we ask or expect? If the present developments before our face does not arouse us to action and decision, what would? I surely say to all who are still worldly in their minds in any way, they are in a dangerous condition. Let every believer in some way do some thing with their means to send the light we have to owners.

The Remnant of Israel should be published twice a month so as to get all the truths bearing on our day out to the people. We have plenty to fill it for time to come.

The books and tracts should be in the hands of the people who will do just as the above scripture teaches.

If you do not accept our teaching do something to help what from personal examination you do believe, thus you will prove to all and yourself you do believe something.

A HINT TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

"The wise forseeth the evil and hideth himself but the simple pass on and are punished."

Now is the time to keep your eyes open. Now is the time to know the truth, and above all now is the time to do what you expect to accomplish, for the time is not far distant when all opportunities are passed.

If you do not know that now is the time of Jeremiah's experience to be lived over by those who teach the truth it is time you do know it. And further you need not be surprised at any time that all opportunities will end to send the truth by public ways to your friends or obtain the information you need. The true messengers will soon be brought into the very experience of Jeremiah. They haven't the optimistic view to give the people regarding their own country the people desire. Jeremiah was compelled to say Jerusalem would be over thrown by Nebuchadnezzar. For this he was counted a traitor and cast in prison. When in reality his tears flowed in sympathy for his country and his people but he must tell them the truth. If you wish to know the story of the future on this point secure at once before it is too late when you can't get it the Yellow Peril and read the view God gives of the future of both this country and England and from that on through to the downfall of the world. We say to you in all candor now is no time for prejudice to be allowed in your heart which will in any sense keep you from knowing the truth. I can see as clear as daylight the time will soon come when you will not have the

opportunity to order and get what you want. Take a hint and prepare now. This is not an advertisement for the book but a reality.

Now is the time also to be circumcised and true to every principle of right in both civil and religious duties to God and your nation. We have as our home a nation second to none in its formation of government. It has been in many ways the very best nation to its citizens. We can say we love it as a civil government above all for it is our native land. But nevertheless in the sight of God's word we tremble for the future. If you are a real child of God get a move on you in Bible study.

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There is nothing wrong in doing this. The causes for this are largely owing to the desire for liberty which the older organizations have not granted their teachers. Some have been started from one cause and others for other causes. Among those that we know of at this present moment is the Bible Advocate, Stanberry, Mo.; The Evangel of Hope, Joplin, Mo.; The Gathering Call of Riverside, California; The Shining Light of Almira, N. Y.; The Mispah of Enid, Oklahoma and our own Remnant of Israel. Also a Religious Liberty paper of Washington, D. C. Each feeling they have a mission. We can say one thing in their credit, that is they all teach some truth and especially they are united on the ten commandments being obligatory on the children of God. They all believe more or less of the prophecies pertaining to the last days. They are all immersionist. All are agreed on man's nature and destiny. In brief we fully believe they all desire to do good and not evil to all men with Christ as their leader. We can bid them Gods speed in the teaching of every truth they teach. When we disagree with them it is the doctrine they teach which we hold to be error and no more. We would in no way prevent one of them if it was in our power to do so. Neither do we feel or say they are Cora, Dathan, nor Abiram, or Hymetus, or Philetus if they do not agree and even would oppose us. The world is wide and God will settle with all in due time and reward every man according to his work. We feel so confident we teach the truth for this time and they do not on many important points that we feel we can afford to wait till God brings it to pass. He can manage our brethren better than we can and let him do it. We will feel free to show what they teach of error from time to time (if they should) for all our good. Sa go ahead brethren, do all the good you can we will in no way obstruct. We feel we would a great deal prefer to help you than to hinder in any good thing.

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