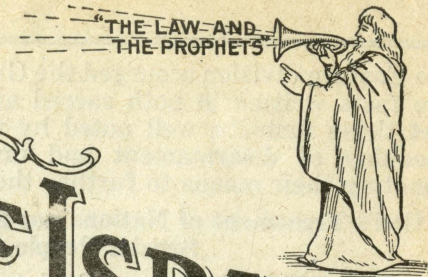


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# THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL



"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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## WILL THE FUTURE BRING PEACE OR WAR?

Under the above title the following was written and published by us in 1911, six years ago. We republish it that all may see the truth as viewed then with the war now.

Like the knight's shield which had both a golden and silvery side, so this question presents more than one aspect. What we might wish in this matter is far from determining the actual facts. The Prince of Peace said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." The inspired writings further exhort us to seek peace and pursue it by departing from evil (Ps. 34:14). "As much as lieth in you be at peace with all men," (Rom. 12:18). Everyone at peace with God and his fellowman enjoys a contentment of which the world knows nothing. But in the world there are two opposing forces; and, since the days of Adam, strife and war have existed. Individuals, families, communities and nations have ever been more or less at war with each other. A bird's-eye view of the world, as revealed in both sacred and profane history, tells of the many changes brought about by the rise and fall of kingdoms causing the slaughter of millions of people.

The record is made that before the flood "The earth was filled with violence," (Gen. 6:11). Following the flood we find that Abraham was engaged in war with the neighboring kings. As the descendants of Noah settled the earth, over and over were nations built up or thrown down, through strife and war, till we reach the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, who sat as ruler of the world on his throne in Babylon. But his northern enemies, the Medes and Persians, overthrew his kingdom. They, in turn, were overthrown by the Grecians of the west; and they were succeeded by Rome where the Caesars reigned.

Rome, through war and strife, was divided into the Eastern and Western Empires. The Western Empire, as the result of war, was divided into ten kingdoms. These kingdoms, sometimes more and sometimes less in number, have existed in the Western Empire's territory from that day to this.

Drawing a line north and south, east of the territory of Italy, we have the western boundary of the Eastern Empire whose seat was at Constantinople. This Empire was known as the Greek division, while the Western Empire was known as the Latin division. In reading the history of the Eastern division we find its picture a most dark one from civil and religious

wars. These continued until 1453 A. D., when the Arabian followers of Mohammed captured the city of Constantinople occupying it until this day.

Thus, in brief, we have an outline of profane history. All these changes were brought about by war. Sometimes religious, sometimes civil rights, were in dispute. The results were determined by force.

### What is the Cause of War?

We answer, the cause of all strife and difficulties is the selfishness of man. Sometimes the wrong is on one side, oftener on both sides. When selfishness comes in, righteousness and true judgment go out. Never can peace reign while the carnal mind, or selfishness, is the ruling element in the hearts of men. (Rom. 8:6). Any effort to bring about peace, which does not remove the carnal mind from individuals, will ever prove a failure. (Isa. 57:20, 21).

"In the world ye shall have tribulation." "Whence come wars? Come they not of your own lusts?" When lust ((unlawful desire) can be removed from the human heart, then war can cease. And when the world is converted to Christ, then we may look for universal peace. Said the prophet, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin? or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13:23).

### Justice Demands the Punishment of Evil Doers.

There is a principle laid down in the sacred writings to which we would call especial attention and that is, crime deserves punishment. This is recognized in every well organized government: It was laid down by the Lord himself in the writings of Moses: "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." ((Ex. 21:24). "He that killeth any man shall surely be put to death." (Lev. 24:17, 21).

Following this principle the Lord gives a more extensive punishment for those who would not regard His statutes and laws whereby they might have peace, viz: He would punish His disobedient people by the sword of other nations. Anyone reading the Sacred history will learn how often this punishment was inflicted upon Israel under the direct providence of God. When Israel mingled with the nations God designed should be driven out; and, taking up with their idolatrous ways, living like them, over and over was the sword sent upon them by means of the Canaanites, the Assyrians, the Midianites, the Philistians, Babylonians and Romans. Later when the Latin division of the Christian church had apostatized the barbarians of the North swept over Western Europe and slaughtered the professed Christians. Still later the Mohammedans, in

the Eastern division scourged the Greek church. These are facts written in both sacred and profane history. Let these facts be well noted by those who are now speaking of disarmament and universal peace, and donating their means to further the cause.

#### God's Treatment of Nations not Recognized as His Special People.

When Nebuchadnezzar had taken Jerusalem and was surrounded by success on every side saying: "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?" God taught him through sad experience that there is a God who rules in the affairs of men. (Dan. 4:28-37). When his grandson, Belshazzar, was drinking from the golden cups, taken from Jerusalem, accepting the adulation of his lords, there appeared a hand writing upon the wall saying: "Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians," (Dan. 5:25-31). When the Persians marshaled the greatest army ever formed, there was an adversary arose against them from the West. God had said: "The third kingdom of brass shall bear rule over all the earth." (Dan. 2:39). Before Alexander had conquered the world and given himself to riotous drunkenness, the inspired penman had predicted that four kingdoms should arise from his territory but not to his posterity. (Dan. 11:4). In less than fifteen years after his conquest was accomplished not one of Alexander's relatives was left alive. When Rome should reach the height of its glory, we read in the Bible that a "vile person" should sit on the throne (Known to the world as Tiberius Caesar), under whose reign the "Prince of the covenant" (Christ), was to be "Broken" (crucified). (Dan. 11:21, 22). From that day forward Rome waned. Thus does God punish not only his people with violence and the sword, but he also punishes all nations with the sword, when they reach a certain point of independence from Him and ignore righteous principles.

#### Our Day.

Have we become so righteous and just, in all our religious and civil experiences, that God will not now interfere in the affairs of nations? Is the present peace movement based upon the Divine Word? Or, are its adherents inspired by a visionary dream and desire of their own heart of what they would be glad to see? Is the world getting better by an inborn principle of righteousness in the hearts of men? Is the world growing worse from a lack of inborn righteousness? Is the present preparation for war and its enormous expense all unnecessary, or is there an inward teacher saying to every man, There is trouble ahead?

The facts are God's Word teaches different from the present peace movement. Those who ignore the teaching of the Bible, upon these questions, are surely making a fatal mistake.

The present condition of mankind is plainly set forth in the inspired Word. It speaks plainly saying that as it was in the days of Noah (when the earth was "filled with violence and every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil." Gen. 6:5), so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man (Matt. 24:37). The apostle says, "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived," (II Tim. 3:13). In this same chapter Paul enumerates eighteen sins as being especially prevalent in the last days; and this, too, under the form of Christianity. In his letter to the Thessalonians (II Thess. 2:9, 10), he says, all power and signs and lying wonders and deceivableness of unrighteousness, will be manifested **BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE NOT A LOVE OF THE TRUTH.** Of such he further says they "are ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the

truth," or are of no judgment concerning the truth. (II Tim. 3:7, 8).

We need not itemize nor give statistics for every intelligent reader is already familiar with the awful criminality that exists in our day; in cold-blooded murders, suicides, and infanticides, also in the thousands who go annually to drunkard's graves. The insane asylums are filled with inmates, many of whom, though not all, are there as the result of ungodliness in parentage and person and people. The reform schools are filled with unsubjected children and youth. The liquor traffic licensed by law; the white slave trade in all its defilement and defamegment; the divorce evil and infidelity in the home; unrighteous taxation; the extravagances of the rich in dress and feasting; the oppression through monopolies and trusts; the oppression of the poor by the rich; jealousies of the poor against the rich; racial and political prejudices; gambling, fraud and dishonesty; with much ungodliness practiced by those who profess Christianity, will never produce peace. All these speak to us daily in thunder tones saying we are far from the kind of peace advocated by the Master. If these are truthful indications on the dial of history, we may look for these Christian nations, who have reached a high standard of so-called civilization, to soon be on their downward road to ruin as all nations before us have gone who have lived as we are living.

The faithful soldier or policeman who has at heart the protection of good citizens and the justice of the law being meted out to the lawless, who hazards his life to maintain the principles of good government, even though it require him to take life, is far more commendable and entitled to the respect of all good citizens than the minister of the gospel, who fails to declare the whole counsel of God; and seeks to please his congregation for gain, popularity and ease. He who preaches smooth things, telling of a peaceful time coming and fails to warn his congregation of their moral condition, when sin abounds among them, is not only an unfaithful watchman pertaining to this life, but also for the life to come. The lawyer who seeks the release of the criminal and lawless at the expense of justice is doing a work which demands the criticism of every good law-abiding citizen. God says the murderer shall surely be put to death, but how few in our day ever pay the penalty of their crimes.

The sure counsel of how to obtain peace is given by Jeremiah the prophet:

"If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

"Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. (Jer. 26:3-6, 13).

"And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

This process saved Nineveh and it is the only process that will save any unrighteous people or nation. So let the rulers, ministers and all people see that justice and right is maintained between man and man, even though it take the power of the sword behind the law to do so. This will bring about more peace than all the political reforms and Hague conferences devised by man.

Coming directly to what the Bible says of war, the

whole scripture teach that our day is the day mentioned by John in Revelation 16:14-16:

"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

The direct command is:

"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."

"Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord."

"Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about."

"Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great."

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:9-14.

Let not false teachers deceive you. King Jehoiakim burned the written prophecy of Jeremiah (Jer. 36:21-23), concerning Jerusalem's downfall; a lord on whose hand the king of Israel leaned mocked when Elisha told them that on the morrow food would be plentiful in the besieged city of Samaria (II Kings 7). But the Lord had spoken and it came to pass. When God says a nation will be overthrown, don't you doubt it even though the peace and safety cry come from every pulpit.

But to return to the command of Joel to prepare for war. This command is being fulfilled by the nations, unconsciously though it may be, and for a movement to arise at this time for disarmament, we cannot but believe that it is a movement in direct opposition to the command of Almighty God, who says: "When they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them and they shall not escape." (1 Thess. 5:3). Through its various organizations and creeds the church has lost its power and much of its knowledge of the real teachings of the Bible. The church has become a follower of the world and not of Christ. Its dress, its conversation, its doctrines, its organizations, its hired ministry, are all patterned after the world. The prophet John says: "The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Rev. 18:3). These delicacies and amusements engaged in are expensive to the people and destructive of real Christianity.

Members of the church both men and women are united to untold numbers of societies and clubs outside and inside the church. These clubs and societies take the time and means and energies of the members from the very work in which the church ought to be engaged. (I Jno. 2:6; Matt. 28:19). Many times in order to keep up these expenses dishonest means are resorted to, such as false balances and false measures and other get-rich-quick schemes, obliterating the line of demarcation between the church and the world. The children are robbed of needed attention from the mother that she may attend these functions; the family is robbed of the father's evening companionship that he may attend the lodge and various meetings. As a result family troubles come and divorces increase. Parents have forgotten that the All-Seeing Eye is upon

them and that the seeds they are sowing will soon produce a harvest, not of peace, but of sudden destruction. The church is no longer the legitimate spouse of Jesus Christ, but Mystery, Babylon. (Read Rev. 17 and 18).

Thus we are brought face to face with the issue, an issue upon which every intelligent person should be informed.

#### Justice in the Punishment of Nations.

Another point should not be overlooked. When a nation becomes so negligent in performing its duty, and the morals of the people are permitted to become so corrupt that they no longer fulfill the purpose of national life, viz: "The punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do well," then God manifests his power in behalf of righteousness in the punishment of that nation. "Rulers are not a terror to good works (Rom. 13:3). "The powers that be are ordained of God." The Lord has never turned this world over to men nor to devils, neither did he leave it to run by chance. He is still the Ruler, and all men are subject to his laws and their enforcement in civil matters. Thus we see there is more to be considered than our mere opinion or wishes.

Punishment has been visited by Him in plagues of various kinds and the sword of other nations. He says (Jer. 18:5-10):

"Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

"At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them."

"And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them."

Thus it is plain that because of the transgression of His laws, God is frequently the chief cause of war. We have many instances of this on record; when Deborah and Barak fought against Jabin, king of Hazor; Gideon against the Midianites; Moses against the Amalekites; the Babylonians and Romans against the Jews; and our own late Civil War, when millions of black men cried for liberty and God heard and answered by the sword. These and many more instances which might be cited prove, unquestionably, that God directly interferes in the affairs of nations, and raises up adversaries; the case of the Canaanite nations not being alone of whom He says (Deut. 9:4): "For the wickedness of these nations the Lord doth drive them out."

Concerning God's apostate or backslidden people in the last days, Moses uttered a prediction of the Lord, saying:

"Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O, house of Israel, said the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say." (Jer. 5:15).

"The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flyeth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand." (Deut. 28:49).

Today, England has under her control millions of people in all parts of the world. The United States is increasing its territory. Germany, France, Spain and Italy are all possessors of territory outside their homeland. Russia's policy is enlargement of her

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## WHAT WE NOW NEED.

The truths which are now being taught by our publications are sufficiently established in the minds of many. Books have been printed and every preparation made till now the most that is needed is personal help, to get the truth before the people. Every reformation is established by educating the people to know the things taught. This can be done by those who now know the truth to take hold and help others. This can be done with the printed page and word of mouth. So now we need workers. Who will prepare themselves to carry the publications to the people? When our new book is out we can say no advocates of Bible teaching has as good books which teach the whole Bible as you can now have. The commission will be the most liberal to agents. God will also raise up teachers who can preach the truth. We feel that now all preparations are made for workers. Who will be among the first to consecrate themselves to work for God in his vineyard.

## TO THOSE WHO HAVE HESITATED.

We have no doubt but many have been impressed with the teaching of our paper and books in the past but hesitate to take a stand for the things which they believe to be truth. Some of these are represented by the Nicodemus class who came to Jesus by night. Others have seen so much humbugery among pretended teaching of the Bible in this age they are very skeptical as to what they accept. Still others say I was fooled once or more times and do not care to try it again till I know. These are all feasible excuses and they have all our sympathy for we came in along this same line in the past. This position is nevertheless dangerous, for the rule is given you in the Bible and that rule we have followed. Namely, to search as for a hid treasure and we are promised "ye shall find the knowledge of God." I am glad there is positive proof for every position but we are free to admit unless earnestness enough is manifest to find that proof it may not be found. The Bible is a book of scientific principles fit together, and it will require earnest study to know and learn those principles, and in addition to this it needs a touch with God and His spirit to lead us into all truth, as we compare scripture with scripture. We are plainly told it is to be found "here a little and there a little," when this is done then you can say **you know you are right**

In doing this searching you must be free as an individual and not bound by any previous education, or denominational influence. It does not matter how strong you have believed such and such to be true. All

must be given up if you would know the truth for this time. There is another point I would mention. It is this: I have before me my Bible and also the one used prior to this one. The former I used several years in the ministry. I look at it. I considered it worn out and compelled to get a new book. But on examination, I now see it to be worn out beginning with the Acts worn considerable, from that on still more till the last book of Revelation, it was really worn out. Then I turn to Daniels book in the Old Testament from the seventh chapter on it is also worn out. The rest of the old books are all intact as good as ever. It reveals to me I was no Bible student at all. I was simply teaching what had been taught me, things which were interpreted by the denomination I belonged to. This is true of every sect. For instance the Holiness people will have every text where the word holiness is mentioned marked and so on. This must be all changed if you would become acquainted with the Bible. Begin at the beginning and follow the story through, use all parts of the book, keep the story defined in your mind and soon it will be clear to you that **you will know you are right.**

## ONCE A DENOMINATIONALIST.

For near thirty years we were engaged in the Christian work and connected as a minister among the Seventh Day Adventist, for ten years or more past we have in no way been connected with them. A word about what brought about our separation. We can say for the great majority of that time we felt they were the true Remnant and all they claimed to be except certain Bible teaching which we became interested in. Feeling there was surely freedom among them as no other people we taught the same, one point was the literal gathering of Israel and certain prophecies on Russia and the Kings of the east which they did not teach. This gradually caused a friction but not until I began to publish in book form did serious differences arise as to my right to do so, and sell books not authorized by the denomination. There being a close tie between us which was not easily broken the friction kept up for from three to five years. Finally it came to a point when a division must take place. I regreted much to leave and I feel they in patience as I now look at it hated to have me go. The decision finally came and my credentials were taken. I naturally felt hurt to be turned out from all sympathy and associations. But my convictions were strong and strengthened with time and growing knowledge, so I have kept at work ever since.

I now after reflection wish to say I view things different from what I did at the time of the separation. It is this. Then I felt they had done me a great injury, I still think so and from one stand point they too agree with me. But there is another side which I did not consider at that time and that was this. They were a denomination, I an individual, if they let me continue what did it mean? It meant this, no more, no less, namely, the denominational part was given up by them and from that time on every man was for himself. That was the right way to have done and it is that which I now enjoy so much. But that means what no denomination ever did to any of its members. Neither did they. My mistake was I should not have expected to stay with them nor expected real justice, for a denomination cannot do that to its members and maintain their existence. So I now see they were compelled to do what was against their own judgment at the time. Hence, as I view it correctly I feel in a way charitable towards them for what they have done

to me, for no doubt but I would have done the same thing if it had come up for my consideration only a few years prior to the case of my own. So after all when correctly viewed the question is this: Will we hold to denominationalism in preference to the truth or will we give up denominationalism for the truth. If we choose the truth and stick to it, we should not feel hurt for doing that which was our duty to do, even though others do wrong; so we should feel happy at all times that we can suffer for the truths sake, and pity and not hate those who choose otherwise. We can say the time has never been that individually we held any feelings against any but have felt kindly to all, but we should have seen that to treat us justly was something they could not do and continue to exist, and to give up all was more than we could ask or expect, for no denomination in history has ever done it before them. We have never felt we were "Cast Outs" and should not, for it was our real choice. It was all our own choice, even when we joined the denomination. We will look for any good we received when in it and thank God for the good and praise him still for the light that brought us out. Neither will we find fault for being out when we are better off out than in and if right to be out we will go clear out and not straddle the fence and try to live off of them and then pretend we are the true light and leader of the sect, and try to build up something so near like it no one could tell the difference, we therefore say, get clear out or clear in. If out remember to still do by them as you would be done by.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

In this age when every position taken in Bible study is denied as truth by some person or persons. It is time that the children of God find out their bearings and know some thing for a certainty.

Therefore beginning with the beginning of the story we will state some things which we feel we know, and while we do this let the readers ask themselves how much of what we claim to know they also know with us that it is truth.

First. From the descendants of Seth from which the line of righteous people in their history is reckoned. There were ten generations to Noah covering a period of 1656 years to the flood.

Second. We know according to the record, the whole earth was covered with water and all people were drowned except Noah and his family, consisting of eight souls.

Third. From the three sons of Noah and their wives the earth was again populated. The descendants of Japheth taking the north country. Ham taking the south and Shem taking the central.

Fourth. We know from the continuance of the story that ten more generations as descendants of Shem reaches to Abraham with whom God made a covenant that through him and his seed all nations of the earth should be blessed. This covenant was renewed to Isaac, then to Jacob, and then to the twelve boys of Jacob, thus bringing the story down to Moses and the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage 2513 years.

Fifth. We know they were then ruled by Judges 450 years or 480 years till the fourth year of Solomon's reign as king. First Kings 6:1. A total of 2993 years from creation.

Sixth. We know from the 37th year of Solomon's reign it was 390 years to the Babylonish captivity. Or a total of 3416 years from the creation. Ezek. 4.

Seventh. We know that at that time the crown and diadem, the Ephod, and the sacrifice were all re-

moved and plainly stated that it (the theocracy) should no more exist till he comes whose right it is and then God will give it him (Christ). We also know that the children of Israel should abide many days without this kingly authority but in the latter days they should return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. Hosea 3:4, 5.

We know, that this prediction with all others of which there is hardly a limit says this gathering of Israel. They are called the remnant people of Israel in the last days, and wherever the Remnant are spoken of in all prophecies it is a part of this one story, unbroken from the beginning to the end. Question. Do you know this dear reader? If not, why not? You will never understand nor teach the true gospel till you do know it.

Eighth. We know that the work of the sixth seal, the three messages of Revelation 14:6-12; Isaiah 18th chapter and scores of other texts mentioning the Remnant, the seed of Jacob and Israel all pertain to the closing part of this story in the last days.

Ninth. We know that when probation closes then these messages and work will have their fulfillment and the Remnant will be gathered. We further know when they are gathered they will again live over the experience of ancient Israel in the wilderness in the antitype of the feast of tabernacles for forty years. They are then called the hidden ones; Psalms 83. There is plenty of scripture to sustain this also.

Tenth. We know that whoever does not follow this line clear through and become acquainted with it cannot understand the Bible nor teach the truth for this time.

Eleventh. We know that since the national Jew rejected the truth and God has gone to the Gentile to take a people for his name the Gentile is grafted in and becomes one of the household of faith, bearing the name of Israel and will be joined to one of the twelve tribes if saved.

Twelveth. We know the messages which gathers Israel goes to all nationalities of people regardless of blood or color.

Thirteenth. We know ancient Israel was divided after the death of Solomon into two houses, Judah and Israel, and Israel was sub-divided with one place of worship at Bethel the other in Dan. The one at Bethel became the division of Ephraim.

We know that since the Gospel goes to the Gentiles these three divisions still exist under the same names and houses and that all latter day prophecies use these names in latter day prophecy.

Fourteenth. We know that any one who does not recognize the fact of Bible teaching on these divisions and also ancient names and ancient worship being carried down to our day in nations to be designated in prophecy in our day are utterly at sea and cannot teach the Bible correctly, either in national prophecy or prophecy pertaining to the people of God in the last days. The above are just a few of the things we know the Bible teaches on this one line, as given through the entire scriptures in one unbroken story. Reader you had better study this line if you wish to know truth for our day.

The next thing to know, when you have learned thus far in the story is to know that the woman seated on the beast of Revelation 17th chapter is a symbol of the great spiritual city representing Baal worship in contradiction to the woman of the twelvth chapter of Revelation which is a symbol of the true church.

Fifteenth. We know the city or woman of the 17th chapter is divided into three parts and these three divisions stand in Gentile times to the three divisions of professed Christendom. Namely, the Greek Catholic, the Roman Catholic and protestantism.

Sixteenth. We know that the children of God are now largely scattered in these divisions in their various organizations from which all are more or less divided into, and in the last messages before described every honest soul will leave them and be a free people, no longer bound by any of them either in doctrine or organization.

Seventeenth. We know they will be called out to again keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This reformation will not only cover the ten commandments but a reform on every law God ever gave at Siani, placing in their proper place each code where they will again teach every lesson of the Gospel as they did in the beginning, and with this reform on the law the spirit of prophecy will again be preached and taught as God designed the writings of the prophets should always be taught, thus establishing the law and the prophets among the Remnant people as of old.

Eighteenth. We know that whosoever would understand the Bible must take the whole scriptures and study them as one story beginning at the beginning and place them in one harmonious chain in an unbroken connection. Till they can do this they are practically no teacher at all.

Nineteenth. We know by experience and observation and also by knowledge in Bible teaching, that Sunday school quarterlies or no other quarterlies or present systems of teaching and preaching will ever bring about a knowledge of the scriptures. But will ever prove to make the people as described by the apostle, "Ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." That being the case beyond all doubt the sooner the reader will give up depending on present organizations and systems of study adopted by them both in preaching and study the better.

All of the above we feel to say we know. Do you also know the same to be truth? If not give your reasons from the Bible, we wish to learn more.

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## HELPS TO BIBLE STUDY.

This is an age which furnishes many privileges. Men have divided the scriptures into verses, chapters and bound the books together. Then we have the concordance which all should possess. Bible dictionaries giving each individual and city in the Bible where found and their history. We have various versions of the Bible each expressing the thought in their best language. Also Bible geographies and manners and also customs of Bible times. Various commentators have written verse commentaries of portions and of the whole book.

Books on prophecy and law have been written. Also on Bible doctrine of many subjects. All can be used if desired. But remember, none of them take the place of a personal acquaintance as an individual and a personal comparing of the scripture by each one. These may all be used as reference to see what this one or that one believes but you must know **what you believe**. In doing so you will find you believe with them all on certain points and with none on other points. The real cause of this is first, the truth is progressive and much by divine providence is unfolded to those who search in the age in which they live for the truth applicable for that day and age. If this is true it is reasonable that those in past ages would not be interested in those things for our times, neither likely to understand them. Second. Another cause for the division is denominationalism. Nothing has caused more harm than they to the people in knowing the Bible. The cause of this is they have been built

on what some founder of the sect believed in his day. They have laid their belief down as land marks for that sect. It has been unlawful to both God and man, say they, as interpreted, to in anyway change such a position. Hence, that sect remains as expressed by the prophet by the wine which is settled on its lees, and not changed or drawn off from the sediment. Such is the condition today.

To come more fully down to our day we therefore can't either look for or expect sound doctrine from denominationalism. Next, it must be looked for from those who are up to date, studying the truth for the day in which we live as revealed in the law and through the prophets. The teaching on those things must be carefully examined. For false teachers will arise and deceive if it were possible the very elect. Therefore we prove all things at all times and hold fast to that which is good. But we are thankful it is our privilege to **know what is right**.

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## ONE OF TWO THINGS.

There is but two choices to take with our finances. One is to keep it till the work of God is over and then during the seven last plagues "throw it to the moles and the bats" as stated in the Bible they will do. The other is as stated by Christ "sell that ye have and give alms and lay up treasures in heaven where thieves do not break through and steal."

Individuals must decide for themselves what they will do. God does not want rash things done, but he does expect that in view of the times in which we now live that each individual will be a faithful steward of that which God has committed to his keeping and given him talent to acquire. In doing so, he has obligations to his family, himself and to God, and also to do his duty to God in the Lord's work. All of which must be decided by himself. We say if that consecration has not been made by you which you will wish in the near future you had better get about it now. One thing is certain, that is, we can't fool God. No doubt but there will be again, in fact we know there will be a mixed multitude go out again into the forty years feast of tabernacles in the Wilderness, but only such as have been true before they go out will get to the promised land. They will fall in the wilderness, all who have not been true to God. From this on it surely means business and earnestness to be saved. No proxy through some denomination, no scheming, no such as Ananias and Sapphira will go through. If you have never practiced strict honesty began now both with God and man.

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## THE RECHABITES.

In the late study of Jeremiah, among the many things of interest I noted the obedience of the Rechabites. Isa. 35. Jeremiah taught Israel in many ways by object lessons before their eyes, how God looked upon things pertaining to their day and the future. One was he wore a yoke made of wood about his neck in the presence of the people to show them how it would be with them when God was no longer their ruler and when they would be ruled by civil governments of the world. It would then be a yoke of servitude on their necks which they would never get rid of.

Then on one occasion in the Rechabites who were the descendants of Jonadab. Jonadab had commanded his sons that they should never drink wine nor live in

houses all their days. The instruction of their father was strictly adhered to by his family and their children. So Jeremiah in order to teach Israel how they had regarded their Father who was God, the prophet poured before the Rechabites as they came in the house of the Lord pots full of wine and cups for them to drink out of, but they refused and would not drink, saying our fathers commanded us not to drink wine and we have obeyed him till this day. Then the prophet said to Israel: Ye see how the Rechabites obey their Fathers but God who has blessed you and led you all your life after you have entered into a covenant with him to keep His commandments but ye have refused and only do evil in all things.

Then the Lord said through Jeremiah that the Rechabites should never want for a man to stand before him all their days because of their true principle of obedience. The point is obedience. It teaches us the importance of obeying God. That nothing will appeal to God like pure simple obedience and reverence for his commandments. Obedience is the highest order of worship that can be rendered, and why men will oppose the laws of Jehovah surely must be that they are not willing to obey. God respected the Rechabites not that he had commanded them to do what their father had commanded but because they were willing to do the will of their father in what they supposed was right. Today the man who has never had the light and believes he is keeping the seventh day in keeping Sunday not having their attention called to the matter is far better than the hypocritical dishonest Sabbath keeper. Read Romans 2nd chapter.

## WILL THE FUTURE BRING PEACE OR WAR?

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borders. Japan has reached a standard among the nations already mentioned and her Emperor says: "I wish that we may finally succeed in farming the ten thousand miles of waves and extend the prestige of the country in the four directions and place the under-heaven in the firmness of Mount Fuji." (See *The Yellow Peril*, p. 269). These nations control, or are seeking the control, of the world.

Hear the prophet Jeremiah: "Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed." (Jer. 14:13, 15).

Through the study of the Bible the world has for all ages looked forward to the time when there would be a time of universal war among men. They have not believed this in vain. **The day is hastening.** The outlines of national struggles are all foretold. The part each nation shall act is well marked out. The points of issue are already told in the forecasts. Why not then take the Book of all books as our guide, believe what it teaches and prepare for the event.

We would also mention the thousands of ministers, church congregations and other organizations petitioning congress in behalf of the peace movement. These know not of what they speak. Do they think they can take the management of nations, regardless of conditions, out of the hands of the Lord and bring about their fanciful dreams of a temporal millennium and a reign of peace when there is no peace? Now our

ignoring a fact will not affect the fact, but our relation to that fact may be of eternal moment to us. If they will study these divine principles herein set forth, they will see that God will manage his own affairs, and will measure out to all nations in justice, that which is their due according to the lives they have lived before Him, paying no attention to the desires of man's vanity. If these peace prophets and Christian people will exhort the nation to humble itself in sackcloth and ashes for its sins, as Nineveh of old humbled herself, then the calamity may be averted. Here is the plain Word to prove it:

"Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

"At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; and that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

"And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them." (Jer. 18:5-10).

As God sent the hand writing on the wall to the King of Babylon to tell him his kingdom was numbered and given to the Medes and Persians, so the Prophets over and over again have written similar messages to the kingdoms of the world and in their writings are found in unmistakable language the sentence pronounced against Christian America and Europe that **their number has been reached and they, too, will be overthrown.** Seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. \* \* \* \*

And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? (Dan. 4:25-35).

Six years are passed since the above was written. We are now in it. The future we now add is dark and no better for the world.

If God is in the present war as above predicted, then don't expect any change for the better till all is completed and the Lord comes. But rather expect the worst has not yet come till we see famine and pestilence added, when probation is fully closed. As we have found no cause for change in six years on the above scripture, why not still look for all to follow spoken of?

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## "THE WRATH OF GOD."

Under the above heading in the editorial items of "The Daily Oklahoman" of June 8, the following was written by the editor:

"War is desolating Europe and terrifying the world.

"Pestilence is mowing down thousands in the realm of Mahomet.

"Anarchy and revolution are pillaging and murdering.

"Tornado and earthquake sweep away peaceful cities and hamlets and sow death in their paths.

"Volcanoes spew molten destruction, boiling, burning suffocating hosts of people and burying every obstacle to their writhing, seething progress.

"The whole earth is in eruption and its peoples at bay.

"Has Isaiah's prophecy come to pass?

"Is the wrath of God visited upon us?"

As the two questions asked at the close of the article we will answer the first question thus: Not only is the prophecy of Isaiah being fulfilled in this war and the things now occurring but the writings of every prophet in the Bible tells the same story and the man who cannot see it is blind to what God says. To the next question we again reply emphatically: Yes. All any one has to do is to read the prophets writings to learn that when a nation or people fails to recognize God in their governmental laws and fill the office for which civil governments are brought into existence it is then but a question of time till that government is overthrown by the sword of other nations. God says, "because they have not hearkened to my law but rejected it therefore I will bring evil upon them. This principle was laid down in the law of Moses. Read Deuteronomy from the 27th chapter to the close of the book.

We wish to compliment the Editor for this thoughtful suggestion, by saying he is the only one who has yet struck the key note to the whole situation of our day and the things transpiring. It is a sad condition in which the ministry are in who pretend to teach the Bible when they will fall into the spirit of war and at the same time change from peace to war as the time comes and goes, but never has one of them saw in the situation now confronting the world what the Editor has suggested and is enquiring about. We have written long before the war begun it was sure to come not only in Europe but America. We gathered this information from the prophets. It is now here and we do not hesitate to say it will get much worse than we now see. Let those who have "The Yellow Peril" read the chapters under the titles of Egypt and Tyrus, if they wish to see what confronts England and America. Then read what Russia and the Kings of the east will do to us when we become weakened and have spent our force fighting among ourselves, as recorded in Ezekiel's prophecies in the same book. Now is a noor time to be lead by a ministry who does not seem to know the first principles of the Bible in national affairs.

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