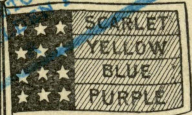


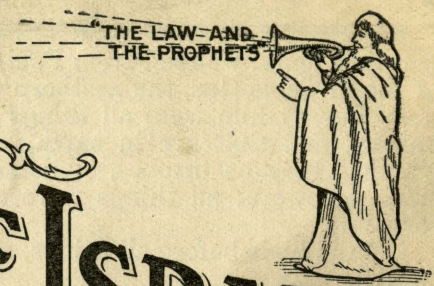
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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3

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THE PHARISEES WERE UNITARIANS.

The question of Unitarianism is an old question. With it is also the question of the pre-existence of Christ. These were questions which troubled the early church. As a result of the discussion the church was divided into the Eastern or Greek Church and the Western or Latin Church. The Greek held to the unitarian while the western church held to the trinitarian view. The claim of the unitarian is that there is but one God, and the Son and Holy Ghost are in him. The trinitarian holds to a separate existence of the three, but they are one in action. Thus the unitarian is one in three, the trinitarian is three in one. It reminds us some of the political question of one to sixteen, so commonly talked a few years ago, while so few understood the phrase. So now with the Trinitarian and Unitarian doctrine. It is often difficult to tell one from the other. It is shown in the conversation of Christ and the Pharisees that the latter were of unitarian faith. Christ asked the scribes, "How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David. For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, the Lord said to my Lord sit thou on my right hand till I make thine enemies thy foot-stool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord and whence then is he his son?" To this they could not answer. Mark 12:35-37.

The Unitarian holds that Christ was the literal son of David, and was not a begettal of the Holy Ghost as recorded. They claim that record was introduced during the apostacy to sustain the Trinitarian doctrine. Hence we see the scribes taught the same as the Unitarian of today, that Christ was the literal descendant of David and was the real son of Joseph. The Unitarian now says Christ became the Son of God at his baptism. But Christ met the argument square, and put a question to the Pharisees and Scribes which they could not answer. Now if we have those who are wiser than the scribes, who can answer Christ, now let them do so. If they do it will prove at once they know more than the scribes for they could not answer the question, how Christ could be both the Lord and son of David at the same time. This leads us to the teaching of the scriptures on the pre-existence of Christ. Did he pre-exist as taught in the Bible or did he not? John speaks of Christ as one who existed in the beginning as follows:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
"The same was in the beginning with God.
"All things were made by him; and without him

was not any thing made that was made.
"In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believeth in his name:

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."—John 1:1-5, 10-14.

It would seem useless to try to refute this plain statement. First. "He was in the beginning with God." Second. "The world was made by him." Third. "He became flesh and dwelt among us." Fourth. "He was not born of blood, nor of flesh, nor of the will of man." We say how could we doubt such plain scripture by believing he was the literal son of David's flesh? Yes, but says one, Does not the scriptures say also the promise made to David was that God would raise up one from his own loins and of his seed that would sit on his throne? We reply, yes, it says so, and it is further a truth that in tracing the geneology of Christ that through that blood he, Christ came to the family of Joseph. But does that hinder his begettal by the Holy Ghost? We think not. Moses said of Judah, "that the scepter should never depart from Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet, till Shiloh come." That is still future, but must that be fulfilled by a literal blood birth by the will of man from Judah in order to be fulfilled? We say no, neither would any claim such a thing.

Here is another statement from Paul on the pre-existence of Christ:

"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."—Collossians 1:11-14.

And again we read from Paul: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; * * *"
Colossians 1:15-18.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

"Hath in these last days spoken of to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds:

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

"And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thine hands:

"They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment."—Heb. 11-3, 8-11.

And once more: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

"And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

"Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

"For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."—Heb. 2:14-18.

If Christ was with the Father in the beginning, and then took upon him the nature of man that he might be tempted in all things, that he might succor those who were tempted, then in his birth and conception, he changed his nature from what he was prior to that. Hence he pre-existed. It could also easily be shown it was Christ that was with Moses in the wilderness. It was he who Abraham met and honored as High Priest, and so on. But this is all useless to enter into, for those who will not believe what has been given on the pre-existence of Christ would not believe any evidence that might be offered.

The scripture says, "He was the express image of the Father's person." It was he whom the Father said, "let us make man." It was he who created the world in six days and rested the seventh. It was he who blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it, in the beginning. It was he who led Israel through the wilderness. I Cor. 10:1. Thus we conclude the story of the begetting by the Holy Ghost of Christ is a true one, and we hold the doctrine of the Trinitarian to be also true that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are three separate and distinct beings in the God-head. All acting with one mind and one purpose and in per-

fect unity as stated in John seventeenth chapter. We therefore conclude that the doctrine of Unitarianism is not true when it says Christ was the literal seed of David according to the flesh. Second, that he became the Son of God at baptism. Third, that there is but one in the God-head and that the Son and the Holy Ghost is a part of that God-head inseparable from it. Space forbids more being said at this time.

GAUTAMALIA IN ANARCHY.

Christ said "there should be earth-quakes in divers places" as one of the signs of the last days. But the Russellites, as followers of Charles T. Russell, say these earth-quakes are but upheavels in society which they call anarchism. So according to Russell's interpretation of scripture, Gautamalia had a little brush of anarchy the first of 1918, and killed some two thousand people; tearing down the city with a wonderful upheavel of society, till society (not the earth) opened and swallowed up much of the city. These fits of anarchy have become quite common the past few years. San Francisco had one of them, Valparaiso had another, Martainique had another, wherein thirty thousand were lost and the city swallowed up. In brief these fits of anarchy have been visiting the whole world in various places of late years. But they are nothing to what will be, for John says that under the seventh plague there will be such an earth-quake as there never was in the world. Isaiah says it "will turn the earth upside down" and scatter abroad the inhabitants. Isaiah 24:1. It says, as a result, the streams will be turned into pitch and the air will be set on fire from the gasses which escape from the quake. That surely will be a period of great upheavel of society, and anarchy. Mr. Rutherford, upon whom Mr. Russell's mantle fell, said in our hearing, this last quake would occur when this war was over and the crippled soldiers returned and wanted their places which had been given the women who were now filling positions which the boys had before the war. But as a comfort to the hearers, he said, out of this there would be a restoration of society and the Devil would be bound and the work of saving all would be then begun in the millenium, and so there was after all a bright future for the people of our day, for said he, "Mark it well, this war will be over this year. Mark what I say," said he, "then comes the great earth-quake in society, then out of that comes the bright future of the millenium." Now in contrast to this we will still look for some more of these so-called fits of anarchy in divers places which will destroy human life and we shall still expect there will be no trouble between the boys and the women on their return home as predicted, and while the war might cease for a very brief period, we will still look for a time of trouble such as there never was still before us, covering a war which this is but small as compared with the one to come.

Where Mr. Russell and His Followers Utterally Fail.

It is this: Mr. Russell had no authority to interpret an earth-quake to be an upheavel of society and anarchism. Such authority cannot be found in the Bible. If you do not believe what we say just find it, then we will all believe it.

The next trouble with Mr. Russell was, he used the scriptures in a reckless manner to suit his purposes, when they would not sustain such uses made of them. For instance, all will admit that things of nature are used as symbols in certain scriptures to teach certain lessons. But these same things in nature also are used literally and must be applied

literal. Hence the necessity of using good judgment ascertained by reading the connection where these things of nature are spoken of. If this rule is carefully observed, then there will be no trouble. It is also necessary where God uses anything of nature symbolically to get his interpretation of the symbol. To illustrate. In Genesis we have the use of the sun, moon and stars. There it is shown the sun, moon and stars stand for the parents and brethren of Joseph. That rule will hold good where these literal things are used symbolically. For instance, in describing the woman of Revelation twelve, she is "clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, twelve stars on her head." The purpose of this use is to show the history and parentage of the woman and also her family. Namely, Jacob, Rachel and the twelve boys of Jacob, or twelve tribes of Israel as her family, and doctrine governing her. Here it is easily seen these things of nature are used symbolical. Now turning to Matthew 24th chapter we again have these same things spoken of. First, is this chapter speaking of symbolical things or literal? We say natural historical facts to occur in the world.

Christ showed the disciples the buildings of the temple. It was literal. The disciples, as he told its history, asked him "when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the world." All was literal. His reply was, "There shall be wars and rumors of war. There shall be famine and pestilence." These things were literal, not symbolical. He further said "they would be hated of all nations for his sake and because iniquity should abound, the love of many should wax cold." Literal of course. Next in reply to the question, what should be the signs that would precede his coming, he said, "the sun should be darkened, the moon should not give her light, and the stars should fall from heaven." Now, did he mean the parentage, who were Jacob and Rachel should be darkened? Mr. Russell says yes, the spiritual rulers shall be darkened in council. Did Christ mean the twelve tribes should fall? Yes, says Mr. Russell, "The heads of these churches shall tumble in the time anarchism and upheaval of society when the great earth-quakes take place. We say no. Mr. Russell is using the scripture in a way which is turning the truth of God into a lie. These signs are given by Isaiah, Joel, and John. All, as we read them, teach any one that these things are spoken of literally as signs and not in any spiritual sense whatever. Thus Mr. Russell and his followers go on in the use of the Bible. The same rule is used in turning the literal appearing of Christ into a myth, a spiritual presence. We do not hesitate to say that the whole fabric of Mr. Russell's teaching is based on a wrong use of the Bible, caused by not following Bible rules of interpretation of the scriptures. But I don't know that it makes much difference, for those who seem to stick so closely to it want it so. They seem to be fascinated by the thought of the millenium giving them a chance, which is too great a thing now to embrace, and it is pleasing to the hearer. God gives us what our heart calls for. Baalim wanted the reward offered by Baalick, so the Lord told him to go. That was what Baalim wanted. Some don't like to think of the situation as it actually now exists, which says, "to day if ye hear his voice," "Now is the accepted time," "Repent ye therefore and be converted," "Repent and bring forth meat for repentance," which is an amendment of life.

It is much easier to put these things off till the millenium when Satan will be bound, and not allowed to deceive. They forget the story of our fathers who sailed through bloody seas to win the crown. The martyrs who gave their life for the truth sake, and

even now, when God is calling on men to obey the commandments of God, The Sabbath included, which is so great a cross. Time will tell the story and reveal all. It will then be determined who has been willing to obey God and who was not. The Russellite is fully as good as the rest of Christendom, there are few who are willing to love God enough to keep his commandments now.

FOR THE HOPE OF ISRAEL I AM BOUND WITH THESE CHAINS.

Paul was an Apostle sent among the Gentiles to bring them to the Gospel that they might be saved.

Did you ever stop to think what the above text taught in Acts 28:20, means? This was the last utterance almost the apostle made before his death after thirty years labor. Why did he not say for the hope of the Gentile I am bound with these chains? We reply, it was because he had written before that "a Gentile was without God and without hope in the world." There is no hope to one that is a Gentile. There is no promise of his salvation. "He is a stranger from the covenants of promise." Eph. 2. Paul was sent to give them hope through the Gospel, but that hope was the hope of Israel. The poor blind Gentile of today is opposing every thing that pertains to Israel, thus shutting their eyes to their own salvation. They are closing their eyes to every truth of the Bible in doing so. Their blind guides, they call preachers, are teaching them in a way which will surely lead them into the ditch. All who teach there is salvation outside of the hope of Israel, are a shame and a disgrace on the profession. Paul as he stood before King Agrippa said, "and now I stand and am judged for the hope of God made unto our fathers, unto which promise our twelve tribes instantly serving God day and night hope to come, for which hope's sake King Agrippa I am accused of the Jews." Acts 6, 7. Even the ignorant class of the Jews in Paul's day did not know the truth, neither knew what they were opposing. Just so now. The hope of Israel is the hope of every child of God. Who dares deny it? Only the ignorant, I am sure. We must call things by their right name, there is no other, and that is ignorance of the Bible.

Paul went with that hope of Israel and offered it to the Gentiles if they would accept it and become grafted into the household of faith, and "made partakers of the root and fatness of the tame olive tree." Recently, in a little talk with others, one said, You are not living under Moses are you? Meaning his teaching. I replied, sure I am, and am glad of it, for there was no other in history of the Bible that was so near like Christ as Moses. Moses said he was like Christ: Christ acknowledged it; and John says the Remnant sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. No more was to be said. No more was necessary.

NOTICE.

All who would like our visit the coming summer write us and tell us how the land lays. One of our burdens now to preach is the same as John the Baptist REPENT. Then next is the War, and third, the story of Israel and their Gathering. We hope to speak at least once on each of these points in each place, if no more. Write us. Our work now is something definite. We expect this paper and all our preaching to be on the definite points of that the people now needs.

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WHAT SHALL THE BELIEVERS DO THIS COMING YEAR.

In reply to this it is very clear to my mind what we should do. That is, work for God with all our soul, mind, and strength. I wish to lay before the readers this proposition. It is just as easy on our part to write for a million as it is for a hundred or even one. The paper now costs, each paper, about four cents to get it out. Yes, more than that. If we were to increase the issue, ten thousand could be printed for possibly a half a cent each. Why not do it? There should be fifty thousand each month printed. There is money among us to do it, and why not do it? Can you give any good reason why not? Others are printing hundreds of thousands each month of the grossest error and placing them everywhere, while we are not doing scarcely anything. May God place it in the hearts of some to give hundreds of dollars to this and from that down. Every dollar sent in will be used for that purpose.

OUR HOPES.

We hope to be able the coming summer to spend considerable time in the field. Nothing has ever given us the satisfaction that talking directly to the people has. Nothing fills our heart with joy as to see those who wish truth receive it by the word spoken as we preach the gospel to them. Over forty years ago on our first trip to preach the gospel, when we knew nothing of a conference or man's authority, as we rode our horse through a dense forest in western Ohio to hold our first meeting, we stopped the horse and got down to pray. In that prayer, we told the Lord of the evidence we desired that he called us to the work. The test was souls for our hire. We there promised the Lord as long as we could see fruit of our labor we would give our life to his service. He gave us the first

fruit and from that day to this, that has been our test for life's service. Hence nothing is so precious as the gathering of souls. It is that above all else that counts with me. I love those who accept the gospel under my labors as my own dear children in the Lord. All who would like our presence with them to spend one more summer in the good work, write us. If the way opens and God wills we hope to go out once more in the field. We may plan a trip to various places. Let us now begin to work to this end. If a good book man has an auto let him write us and we will see what arrangements can be made. I can still preach the gospel, but cannot do as much active work as in former days.

THE SONGS OF GOD.

For forty years at different times the question of using the Psalms of the Bible in divine worship has come to me as a thing that should be done in divine worship. Many years ago the question came up in General Conference while we were among the S. D. Adventists, but from some cause it was allowed to die without being put in practice. I have just read a tract on the subject written by Dr. T. E. Reed, of Middletown, Ohio. This tract appealed to me so forcible and truthful that I have decided to write on the subject. I will say to begin with, the Bible never seemed more precious to me than now, when I come to realize that God has not left any part out of it which was for our good, and as song service is a part of divine worship, it appeals to me wonderful that God has given us so complete a book covering every phrase of worship, and when I think of the advantage the Psalms are as an educational benefit to the people on the doctrines of the Bible I am amazed when I think what the people are losing by not using what God has given them to use in the place of using what man has substituted in their place. Never have we been more impressed with the full meaning of the text which says "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people," than now, as I realize there are so many things for us in the word we do not have, being in such gross darkness. I have had glimpses of this great truth of singing what God has given us. I have noticed that the Remnant "sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb." In commenting on this I saw that the book of the law, written by Moses, was the song of Moses. Deut. 21:28 says this over and over. I also noticed how often the law was to be sung in the Psalms. Christ gave the law on mount Sinai. He wrote the law on stone and Moses wrote the statutes and laws in the book of the law. The Remnant people are the only people since the days of the apostles who will be able to sing these laws. Hence, no one else can learn them, but the Remnant who are led out of Babylon.

When we think of the difference between the songs which God has given us by inspiration and those written by men, of whom many have written who did not even know God by a personal experience, there is no comparison. Then, too, there are very few of our songs today written by men which are free from error hence how can God be worshiped in singing those errors, when he says he hates false doctrine and says "if any come to thy house, bringing not this doctrine, receive him not into thy house, (congregation) neither bid him God's speed." And again, take the quick step, light, trashy music now in vogue, it is simply, much of it, a disgrace to offer it to God in worship, and again, in much of it the greatest thing in it is a jingle of a tune attached to it with a chorus which is almost all there is in the whole thing. Of the whole list of

this no one can either sing with the spirit or understanding either. And once more, the solos and individual offerings of music in worship is often more of a squall, than the heavenly tone of the beautiful human voice when filled with the sentiment of the words of God, spoken clear that others may catch the thought and join in the true sentiment of worship.

I can say nothing of the merit of Dr. Reed's prepared Psaltry for use in worship. I can only say I have ordered one and can say further I for one will join in any move which will bring us back to the use of God's songs of praise in divine worship, and may the day speed on when God alone will be recognized in all his ways. The true Remnant are truly learners and are bound by no creed or organization which will hinder their progress in spiritual things. If the mothers of Israel will educate their children in God's music, how to praise him, they will accomplish much more than to be so careful to give them a worldly education in the music of the world. One is of God the other of Satan. The world has great musicians, Cain was one. We prefer the music God has given us as sung by David and others like him.

OUT OF THE NORTH.

The expression, "the north" is frequently used in prophecy pertaining to the last days. In this article I wish to appeal to the reader to study till they get a clear idea how God works systematically in teaching his word. First, get it clear as to the age of the world in which we live. Second, learn that when six thousand years are up, no sooner and no later, Christ will come. Third, get the geography of the world clear in your mind. For God, in prophecy, uses the term North, South, West and East, frequently in locating certain nations which he wishes us to understand who they are. Fourth, learn that all directions are taken from Palestine, the home of the prophet.

With these suggestions we study the prophecy introduced by Jeremiah in a latter day prophecy. It says this, "Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land." Jer. 1:14. Now having the age of the world which shows the time is here for the fulfillment of this prophecy, we inquire what nations are located in the north? We take the whole north from the east end of Asia to the west end of the Baltic Sea and we find three nations cover the distance of ten thousand miles, namely, Germany, Austria, and Russia. Jeremiah says further in Jer. 1:13, "I see a seething pot with its face towards the north." Following this he says, "Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land." If this be true, then we would not look for the war of the last days to begin with some nation in the west or east, neither in the south.

The present war, therefore, is, first, on time; second, it begun **in the north with Germany**, which has been preparing for it for many years. Thus far, remember, there is a power back of what we see in man, which brings things to pass. The Lord says to Jeremiah, "See I have this day put my words in thy mouth. See I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." Remember the next point is this, the word of the Lord must be fulfilled in the destruction of the nations and what God has said will surely come to pass.

There is another scripture we would cite the reader in speaking of Satan, who sits behind these nations whom God permits to fulfill his word, says, "I will sit

also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13, 14. Again we see the hidden power in the fulfillment of prophecy. God used Nebuchadnezzar, a heathen king, to do his bidding in the destruction of Jerusalem. So here Satan is behind the curtain doing his work of destruction in the wars of the last days. Again we introduce another scripture by the prophet Ezekiel. This time it is spoken of Russia, directly under the name of Magog; Magog being the grandson of Noah who settled north of the Caspian sea, now the land of Russia. It says, after describing the greatest army in all the world's history, "Thou shalt come out of the north parts and it shall be in the latter days." Thus it is clear that the trouble is to begin with Germany and Austria **in the north**. Second, the greatest army is yet to come from Russia. This includes the **whole east**. But in Ezekiel 38 where it speaks of Russia, it tells us what nations will be joined to Russia in that day. Namely, "Persia," "Armenia," "Turkey," "Libya," "Ethiopia," and the "kings of the east," who are the "many people" besides those mentioned by name. they, as shown in Revelation 16, are there called "the kings of the east." So it is clear that while it begins with Germany and Austria, it finally centers in the north and east, with Africa of the south, thus leaving the west for them to come against, and they, the west, are called Israel, in this remarkable thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel. Why are they Israel? Because they are professed Christian. This shows the final issue will be between professed Christian and those who are not.

The history of the war during its progress is also foretold by the prophet. In speaking of Russia it says, "I will turn thee back and put hooks into thy jaws and bring thee forth, thou and all thine army that are assembled with thee." Turning back when looked up in the scriptures means defeat. So we expect in the world's war Russia to be first defeated in her purposes, but she will overcome that, and come forth with a mighty army when the issue is developed between the professed Christian and those who are heathen. So look well to this point. This vast host is called by the prophet Joel **the northern army**. Joel 3. This shows that Germany and Austria will never be the warmest friends of Russia. Neither will Turkey and Germany always be united. One belongs on one side, the other on the other side of the final issue. point is understood, then you have nothing to fear as point is understood, then you have nothing to fear as to the out come. Just remember what is said and expect it to come just that way, for it will surely do so.

The Next Step to be Taken.

The reader will notice that the above throws eventually the east against the west. The professed Christian, against the east or heathen world. Hence, what is the present condition in the west? We reply, they are now fighting against each other, only weakening themselves and thus "preparing the way of the Kings of the East," to come and punish Christendom with the sword as foretold by all the prophets, will be done.

Therefore the present situation must change before this matter ends. If we mistake not, the time will come when the present enemies of each other in the west will become friends, and look awful good to each other. What exists today is no evidence of what change may come tomorrow. We say to all who wish to know truth, get your geography clear. Next get the age of the world clear. Next get clear what God has said he would do in the punishment of the world for their sins. All seems clear to me after years of study and meditation and we have become familiar

with what the word says. A mystery is not knowing what God says, an understanding is to know what he says. So when we know what is said there is no longer any mystery. Joel says, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles." The Gentile is the first application applied to the descendants of Japheth, in the north, now Russia. Joel says, "Let the heathen be awakened." This includes the East. Hence Joel is speaking of the northern army of Russia and the East. Joel 3.

THE YEAR 1918.

In our age of the world calculation, our chronology shows, among other points of interest, 1918 A. D. to be the year when probation will close, and the time when the decree will pass, "He that is holy, let him be holy still, and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still." We took this position several years ago, long before the war and the things which are now perplexing the world began. We must say that things now seen, which stands on the same ground as spoken of in other lines of prophecy which we said would surely come, which have already come, makes us feel that the close of probation could also be a truth in 1918. In fact any one who knows anything about the Bible, will admit that things now look like it was more probable than it was when we took the position years ago. The outlook for the year 1918 is one of most intense interest to both the Bible reader and the world at large. We have held all the time that the world is to be consumed prior to the coming of Christ by the sword, the famine, and the pestilence. The sword has wrought much the past four years, to say nothing of other things mentioned in prophecy, such as earthquakes, fires and storms by sea and land. The situation now fulfills the statement that perplexity of nations with distress is here, in addition to the sword which has mowed down its millions. With all this, yesterday's paper (Jan. 11) says, "The Allies are facing a crisis for bread." The United States has agreed to furnish them with ninety million bushels of wheat even at the risk of next May being a wheatless day for America, as the result of drought and winter killing of wheat."

All this indicates to me that the chances are good as we have been writing, that the next thing in its order was famine, and that would be followed by pestilence. Also at this time there is much talk of peace. The world is hoping for it and such may appear to come in this year, but it is said that should such a thing look most favorable and even come to appearance, "Then sudden destruction comes upon them." So we say the year 1918, to the student of prophecy, is one of intense interest. And to one who believes God will do what he said, the year 1918 is sufficient in interest to absorb every thing else in the mind of the child of God. We need not say it does absorb every thing else to those who are carrying the responsibility of nations on their shoulders. The year is of more importance to the world than any year that ever existed since the creation of man on the earth. To one class from our view point it means the final step to begin the destruction of the world by the sword, famine, and the pestilence. To the other class it will mean that they are saved to all eternity and that God "will keep them through the hour of temptation which shall come on all the world to try them." If we have been mistaken in the exact year of 1918 to settle all this, we again say we have not missed it far, and if 1918 is not the vital year to all the world, the year is not far off that will be. Let the reader study what is to follow the close of probation in which all must take part in some way be-

tween that point and the coming of Christ. Now is the time to decide individually on which side you will be found. When the decree does pass then all is forever settled and the destiny of all will be forever settled.

THE MAMMOTH MAGNITUDE OF AN ARMY AND ITS EQUIPMENTS.

We give a synopsis of Secretary Baker's report of the United States' present standing of the army, January 10th, 1918, as reported to the Senate war investigating committee by Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker said that "every equipment necessary had been provided, including all modern inventions of warfare to furnish every man in France and all that would be sent there in the year 1918. The army at this date represents a million and a half of men." says the Secretary, "no such an army in size has ever been equipped and mobilized in so short a time in the world's history." In comparing the present size of the army with what it was during the Spanish American war he says, "The army now in the field and in training is roughly estimated six times larger than it was then." He further says, "the army is now one and a half times larger than was ever mobilized by this nation. For the training of officers two camps were devoted to this branch of the service, from which 45,000 officers have been commissioned. For the training of soldiers sixteen cantonments have been erected at a cost of \$134,000,000. For the year 1915 Congress appropriated \$138,000,000. For 1916 \$204,000,000. For 1917 \$403,000,000. For 1918 7,527,338,316. The total cost in appropriations in 1915 was 72,000,000. The appropriations for 1918 are nearly fifty times as great. Of this sum \$3,000,000,000 was for the ordinance department. They have already let contracts to the amount of \$1,677,000,000. This department has 3,040 officers and 26,120 enlisted persons. The trench department alone uses \$282,000,000. The supply under the Quarter-masters department uses \$3,018,000,000. There has been purchased 19,000,000 blankets, 90,000,000 yards of overcoating and over 30,000,000 yards each of shirting and flannel and suiting, and over \$345,000,000 in cotten goods. The department has contracted for 270,000,000 yards of various cotton cloths. \$714,000,000 is used for various purposes. The engineering department is charged with \$390,000,000. \$120,000 is used in training specialists in the different departments."

The above will give the reader some idea of the magnitude of the present war, even before any fighting is done by the U. S. If this is the present, we can only ask what will be the end and the result? This looks to us like the world's war as foretold by the prophets would come. We believe it has begun. The Bible alone can tell the end. Who will prepare to meet the King of Peace?

Maybell, Colo., Jan. 28, 1918.

Dear Brother and Sister Rupert:—

I suspect you have been looking for a letter for some time. We really should have written before this. I was glad that the surprise helped you out on your paper, but if every one had taken hold as they should it would have been a greater help to you.

I am sending a little article for your paper, if you wish to use it. You correct it in any way you see fit. This is my first attempt at such work and I really feel as if I don't know how to begin or where to end. But I feel as if I really wanted to say something to get them to working.

You let us know from time to time how finances are and we will help where needed. We won't see the paper go to the wall for another year at least.

I am Supt. of our Sunday School and I got the school to take up the Bible the first of the year in place of the quarterly, and they like it fine.

Ivel has been holding some Bible studies the past two weeks and we have several well interested.

I do love to study the Bible. I see so much more in it. The more I study the clearer it becomes. But I read so much at one time that I forget a great deal. Last Sabbath I read 34 chapters. I have just finished Chronicles. I read sometimes until I just feel sick at my stomach, just as if I was gorged on it, then I go for Rupert's books and take a rest.

I had a letter from Mrs. Daniels of Meno, Kans. She said they would like for you to come back and hold some meetings. She said that there were several who she thought were ready to listen to you now.

Roy Donald said he would like for you to hold some meetings out there, so Ivel and I are planning on stringing your meetings all the way from Okla., to Maybell, Colo., next summer.

I wanted you to come this winter awfully bad but we were afraid of the snow. And sure enough our R. R. is all snowed under and has been for three weeks.

We never got any snow until after Xmas and Ivel and I went to Craig last Friday but that is our last trip until spring. We went on the very last day that it was possible for a truck to get through. The snow it was hub deep. We don't mind the cold here like in Kans. The wind seldom blows.

Did T. J. Weese send you any subs? Wish you would send me Monroe's address. His letter was among those returned. I want to write to him.

It seems to me the last number of your paper was the best yet. I do hope the printer will get them out on time.

I must close, hoping these few lines find both of you well and enjoying God's blessings. I remain,

Ever your daughter in Christ,

Bell Sultz.

P. S. Send paper to the following addresses: S. A. Skelton, Price Creek, Colo.; Dan Hoover, Maybell, Colo.; Milton Wilson, Maybell, Colo.; and use remainder of check as you please.

A Letter Which All Should Read.—Ed.

Dear Reader:—

I am going to write to you through the columns of this little paper to ask that each of you consider what the paper means to you. Do you realize any benefit from its pages? Would you miss its visit were it to cease? Do you not feel that it contains a message now due the world? I for one am always anxiously awaiting to welcome it. I feel that I am always brought into closer contact with God's word, through the study of its pages. I wish that each of my friends might listen to the message it bears.

I think it is the duty of all who believe the truths this paper contains to put it into the hands of all whom it is possible. I feel that it is selfish for us to love these truths and then make no effort to place them into the hands of others.

A short time ago I wrote a letter to each of you to ask your help in a little surprise for the editor by securing five new subscriptions. Ten of my letters returned unclaimed, so those who were missed by the invitation will know why.

Now I am going to ask those who love the truths this paper teaches to take hold and let's make it possible for many more to enjoy its blessings. I am not a natural born canvasser as some, and I really shrink

from the task of asking for subscriptions and under ordinary circumstances I simply would not do it. But as I realize that many are perishing for a lack of knowledge of God's word I feel it is my duty. When I undertook this surprise for Eld. Rupert, I said to my husband, 'You don't know how I dread getting my five subscriptions.' But the day I sent to Mrs. Harry Rupert to secure the mailing list for me, there were eight persons asked to stay over night with us. We kept them and the next morning I told them of my plan; five of them gave me a subscription. There, I thought, how easily I have gotten my five. Then the thought came to me, how selfish, you didn't have to make any effort, you expect others to go get theirs, but yours came to you. So I decided I would go as I expected each of you to do and solicit subscriptions. I went, worked a part of three days and secured thirty subscriptions. Now I am pledging myself to send in at least one new subscription for each month of this year, and as many more as I can secure. I have three to send in with this letter. Who will join me in this effort?

When I heard Eld. Rupert tell the story of Israel as outlined from the Bible and when I realized that every one on the face of the earth was connected with that story, I said, if I only could get the story so I could tell it as he did that I would tell it too. I haven't the story so that I can picture it as he did but I have learned it so I can tell it in my own weak way and I never let an opportunity pass. I love the story and I love to tell it. I also have found some who love to hear the story. But I feel that this little paper can do so much more than I can do that I am going to see how many will be blessed with its visits through my efforts.

I have friends in Ind., the home of my girlhood. I plan on writing to each of them and am sure that I will be able to get a number of subscriptions. Let's each of us think of our friends and help them to become interested in these precious truths.

The time is short in which we have to work. Many of our boys will soon be taken from us, the chance to talk with them will be gone. Let us do at once what we have to do.

Let all who feel like pledging a new subscription for each month of the year or one dollar per month to help the paper, write to Eld. Rupert.

Lets take hold of the work in earnest. God will bless our efforts.

Mrs. I. C. Sultz.

We take the liberty to publish sister Sultz's letter with this article. Such loyal helpers only reminds us of the faithful women who helped the Master and the apostles. All such are one with us in all we do or control in God's work. We ask all to write these folks and get in touch with them. It will encourage them and do you good.—Ed.

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The prophet Daniel said that the stone which the king saw "cut out of the mountain without hands" would smite the image on the feet and break them to pieces, "and the wind should carry them away," "and there should be found no place for them." The stone would "become a great mountain and fill the whole earth."

It says "the wind should carry these toes away." Wind is a symbol of war. Jer 25:31. We say the time is here when the story is to end. The coming of Christ symbolized by the stone is near. The war is now raging which will carry these kingdoms away till there shall be no place found for them. Annexation of territory will not be for it is plainly said they shall not cleave one to another. These kingdoms will fight till weakened sufficiently, then "the way of the kings of the east will be prepared," and they will complete the job.

If ever the feet of this image must be taught it is now. If ever the nations of earth should know what God says it is now. Thank God we have the promise that "kings shall come to the light" of this teaching. Thank God such teaching will bring the children of God to see the only true light for this time. Thank God for the light which shines through "the dark day," "the thick clouds and dark day," "the gloomy day" just now coming to the world.

OUR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

We have spent the past winter in most earnest study. It has resulted in rich finds of truth. We have the matter all written which will appear in the paper each month. If a special effort could be made on the part of all to secure new subscribers soon, so they could get the benefit of it all, it would be such a blessing. Also let all old subscribers renew as their time expires so they, too, will get what is to come. We feel safe to say the help you will get in the next six months from the paper will be worth many times its cost if you love truth. Don't fail to attend to this. You will be glad. Don't delay.

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