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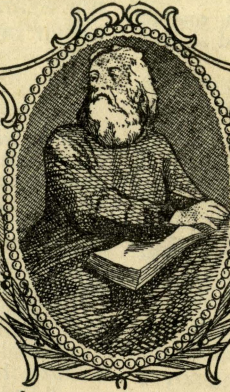
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# The REMNANT OF ISRAEL



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

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## CHRIST AND THE PASSOVER.

(Continued from last issue.)

We would next call attention to the history of Israel's deliverance. It was thus: First, the passover was killed the first part of the fourteenth day, as the sun went down. Second, it was eaten the same night. Third, the same night at midnight the first-born of Egypt were slain. Fourth, they and all their host left Egypt the same day with their unleavened bread in their dough trays with all their herds, women and children. This is all well to be noted for we now examine its observance by Christ and His disciples.

### The New Testament Record.

"Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?"

"And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand: I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

"And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

"Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve." Matt. 26:17-20.

"And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?" Mark 14:12.

The above shows positively the disciples made the preparation on the first day of the feast and not the day before the feast.

"Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

"And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

"And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?"

"And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

"And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?"

"And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there made ready." Luke 22:7-12.

Jesus knew before the feast His hour had come.

"Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

"And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him." John 13:1, 2.

The last quotation says, "Before the feast of the passover." That is, as the connection shows, before the regular time it was celebrated. Jesus was to meet the antitype on the same day so he ate it earlier than the

regular time adopted by the Jews as the comparison shows.

We now have it clear that both the preparation by the disciples and the eating of the passover by Christ and the disciples all occurred on the same evening of the fourteenth day, which was the first part of the day or dark part.

### The Next Step.

From this supper Christ and the disciples went to the garden to pray.

"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

"And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

"Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me." Matt. 26:36-38.

"And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

"And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

"And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

"And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

"And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

"And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Luke 22:39-46.

"Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him." John 13:31.

The above all agree, so thus far there is no question about the order. Thus far all happened on the same day—the first day of the feast.

### The Next Step was the Betrayal.

"Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.

"And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.

"But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people." Matt. 26:3-5.

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

"And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

"Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

"Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?"

"They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto

them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them." John 18:1-5.

"And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

"And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely.

"And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.

"And they laid their hands on him, and took him." Mark 14:43-46.

"And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

"But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" Luke 22:47, 48

The above shows conclusively that while they were eating the night of the betrayal they ate the passover supper. Every thing happened on the same day. Some get the thought that Christ had told Judas to get something more for the feast they were then eating.

The next step was Christ being led to the house of the High Priest.

"And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

"But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

"But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

"And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days." Matt. 26:57-61.

"And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

"And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

"And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

"For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

"And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

"We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands." Mark 14:53-58.

"Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

"And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

"But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

"And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

"And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not." Luke 22 54-58.

"Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,

"And led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year." John 18:12, 13.

### The Next Step was Before Pilate the Governor.

"When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took council against Jesus to put him to death:

"And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor." Matt. 27:1, 2.

"And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate." Mark 15:1.

"And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

"And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King." Luke 23:1, 2.

"Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

"Pilate then went out unto them and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?" John 18:28, 29.

These Scriptures state plainly that it was the same day and that the Jews were then preparing to eat the passover, also they would not enter the hall of judgment for fear of being defiled. As the result of this, Pilate

came out to them not less than three times to report on his examination of Christ. From this, Christ was next taken before Herod.

### Christ Before Herod.

"When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

"And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

"And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracles done by him.

"Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

"And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

"And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate." Luke 23:6-11.

### Again Before Pilate.

"And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

"And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

"Said unto them, "Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

"No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

"I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

"(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

"And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

"(Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

"Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

"But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

"And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

"And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

"And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required." Luke 23:12-24.

This all from the betrayal to the crucifixion happened the same day. The crucifixion took place about the ninth hour of the day. His last visit before Pilate was the sixth hour.

"And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

"And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

"But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away." John 19:12-16.

It says that was the preparation of the passover. It don't say it was the preparation day of the passover, but it was the time of the day to prepare for the passover to be eaten that day. There is no place in the Bible that the day before the passover was called the preparation day to prepare for an annual Sabbath. Note this point well, for it may help some one to clear up some points in their mind concerning the time that was used from the betrayal to the resurrection of Christ. Also the time the Jews made their preparation.

### The Crucifixion.

"Then released he Barabbas unto them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

"And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

"And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

"And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

"And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

"And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

"And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull."

"The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani, that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

"Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias." Matt. 27:26-33, 44-47.

"And when the centurion, who stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

"There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;

"(Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him,) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem." Mark 15:39-41.

"And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

"And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." Luke 23:44-46.

The above all happened on the same day of the betrayal and trial. It says that day was the day of the passover and the preparation for the passover was, following the sixth hour in the morning of the same day, and further, from that hour till the ninth hour about three hours. This period of darkness was very significant at that time when they were preparing and eating the passover. It signified that the passover was being crucified for all who would accept Him. John says it was the preparation of the passover and about the sixth hour. John 19:14. That time was from nine to twelve o'clock in the day. The 9th hour was from 12 to 3.

### His Death.

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"Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

"And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink."

"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

"He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

"And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

"And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

"And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre." Matt. 27:46-48, 57-61.

"And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

"Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

"And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

"And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

"And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

"And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid." Mark 15:42-47.

Verse 42 says it was even when Joseph took the body of Jesus. That would be the beginning of the next

day or the second day from all that had happened thus far. Mary says the day of the crucifixion was the preparation day before the Sabbath. Matthew speaks thus:

"And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

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"Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

"Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

"Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first." Matt. 27:55-64.

This shows the night following the crucifixion Christ was buried in Joseph's tomb. That the day of crucifixion was the day before the Sabbath. Luke says:

"And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:

"(The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them:) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

"This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

"And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

"And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

"And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

"And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke 23:50-56.

The above states clearly that after the women saw the body laid in the tomb they prepared the spices and rested the Sabbath according to the commandment. Let not the reader confound this in any way with the preparation of the passover in the morning before the crucifixion. This is the preparation of the Sabbath, the morning preparation was to get ready to eat the passover, the same day. Thus both preparations were on the same day, one for the Sabbath according to the commandment, the other to get ready the passover to eat that day. Note this point well. John says:

"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away."

"And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

"And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

"Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

"Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid." John. 19:31, 38-41.

The coming weekly Sabbath was an high day. Why? We reply, The fifteenth was the day of unleavened bread, which followed the passover. The unleavened bread was a symbol of Christ's body as it would lie in the grave. Lev. 23:6. This explains why that Sabbath was an high day. Following the fifteenth day the wave sheaf was to be waved which represented Christ's resurrection and so we will find it so as we pursue the story further.

### The Resurrection Day.

Mathew says, "In the end of the Sabbath as it be-

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## TWO MORE TRACTS

Besides the above, two more important subjects are in the printer's hands for tracts which will appear later. Nothing short of the whole truth will ever develop the true Remnant. Every error must be given up. God is surely at work to restore his word to the true people. Satan is filling the world with false doctrines. The truth must meet it and overthrow it, which it can and will do.

## ANOTHER NEW TRACT

We have just finished reading the proof on the "Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ." It sets forth the full quotations of Scripture bearing on each point. It shows that if Christ did not rise on the first day of the week then he was *in the grave but one night*, but if he did rise on the first day *He was in the grave two nights* and no more. This tract is for the purpose of teaching the reader and those seeking for truth, that the teaching that Christ arose on the Sabbath, and also that he was in the *grave three nights* is absolutely a false teaching and not to be believed as truth. It should have a wide circulation as many Sabbath keepers are teaching an error on the question. Ten or more, six cents each. Single copy 10 cents.

## REPORT OF LABOR

The Pasadena meeting closed after speaking each night for twentyseven nights besides on the Sabbath. The meeting was a remarkable one in one respect especially. That was the attendance by those who lived in various states, we would mention one from Kansas, one from San Francisco who was employed in the treasury department in international service, one from Iowa, another who has traveled over the world, another who is a traveling secretary and translator of five different languages who left for New York soon as the meeting closed. Another who is a bank clerk who desires to return to Russia with his wife.

Sister Drury who is still here at work reports she has more work with the people than she can do. We mention the above as a few who attended many meetings and were more than ordinarily interested. Some new ones accepted the Sabbath. In addition to this, the father of the young lady Jewess mentioned in our report came from New York in time to attend some of the meetings. He is an honest man and desires to know truth. This shows how God is now opening the way for the truth. It should encourage every

believer of these things we teach. The work is gaining a new impetus as never before in its history. Besides these, there was a man from North Dakota, a Norwegian who attended and was baptized and with this brother there was a man from Salt Lake baptized at the same time.

These meetings are not of the emotional character, but the success is the result of the power of the Word as it is presented in its harmonious historical connection as given in the Bible narrative. Thus they are born by the Word and grow thereby.

The day is not far distant when the work will go in power to every child of God in the world and call the honest to the truth for this time. As we view the past twenty years in our experience it is very dear that God has been performing a great work. It now at last looks like the time was now here for the execution of the work. Surely it looks so as never before, God knew how long it would take to get Israel out of Egypt on the exact time so now the preparation for the work is mostly completed in Bible doctrine. So now is the time to teach a whole truth to the Remnant.

## THE CLOSE OF PROBATION

The Pharisees also with the Sadusees came and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

He answered and said unto them, 'When it is evening ye say it will be fair weather; for the sky is red.

And in the morning it will be foul weather today for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?' Mat 16: 1-3.

The above words were said by Christ to a people who made a very high profession of godliness, and who claimed to be the only true people of God on earth. These words of Christ show that it is possible for a professor of godliness to make a failure in discerning the right thing at the right time. Christ rebuked his people for being so blind in not discerning the signs of the times pointing to the first Advent of Christ. In the Old Testament prophecies the exact place where Christ would be born, and the exact year when he would be revealed to men, is plainly given. Many other things were written, calculated to help men to discern the Son of God whenever he would appear among men. But in spite of all this they failed to recognize him as the one for whom they had been waiting so long. Because of this, he uttered the following words:

"And when he was come near to Jerusalem he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side. And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19; 41-44

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10: 11, 19.

Years ago through the help of God, the author of "Time, Tradition and Truth concerning the end of the World" discerned that the 1200 years of Daniel 12th applied to the duration of the reign of Turkey.

The 391 years of the 6th Trumpet of Rev. 9, also apply to Turkey and both of these two periods would end together in the year 1918. The end of those two periods in the year 1918 was marked by the downfall of Turkey.

For years I have been looking forward to that year wondering what might take place then. When at last we reach-

ed that year and the events took place which all the world has witnessed with profound interest. I was struck with awe when I remembered those predictions made years ago about Turkey in "Time, Tradition and Truth." I was then convinced that the 6th Trumpet had certainly ended and that we are now facing the seventh Trumpet, the close of probation, and the seven last plagues. The German translation says that after the 6th Trumpet ends, the seventh will follow soon. How solemn the days in which we are living, yet the masses of professed Christians act as though they were all ready for the issue. In spite of the greatest and most fearful wars the world has ever seen and in spite of such striking fulfillments of God's prophetic word it does not seem to lead men to repentance. God foresaw this hard hearted condition of the last days. In the very closing verses of the record of the 6th Trumpet He gives us a hint that in those days men would not repent. During the world's History up to the day when the 6th Trumpet ended God did never utter such words as these, that "*men would not repent.*" This is very significant. In former centuries when wars and troubles came upon the people there were always many who would repent, but it does not seem to be so now. At the close of the 6th Trumpet Rev. 9:27, It is the first time during the world's history that God uttered such words as that, "*that men would not repent.*" As recorded in the 16th chapter of Revelation from now on until Christ comes, God says again and again that men would not repent in spite of the fearful plagues that are upon them.

Not long ago the President of the General Conference of a certain denomination said with emphasis that the year 1918 was the best in the history of that denomination in winning souls to the truth. Listening to those ministers it appeared to me that the world is getting more and more willing to repent. How glad I would be if it only were so. However according to the word of God it is just the opposite. Not everything is repentance in these days that is called repentance by men.

Many who have heard that probation would close in the year 1918 or soon after are pointing to the many supposed conversions that are taking place all over the world at this time, saying, according to this probation has not yet closed, neither will it do so until Christ comes. But we need not be in darkness in regard to these things. We can learn the whole story from the past experiences of the professed people of God. Whatsoever is written afore time is written for our learning. Rom. 15: 4.

It seems to be natural for the Church of God as a whole to lose the truth and its power as time goes on. This has been demonstrated many times since the fall of Adam.

There was a time in the history of Israel when the hearts of the people were so hardened as a result of their continual backslidings that God was compelled to destroy them and to drive the rest away into heathen slavery. This calamity overtook them because of their unwillingness to keep God's Commandments. It was about 41 years before this calamity was visited upon them that God sent Jeremiah the prophet to warn them of the coming judgments and if possible to lead them to repentance. It was in the early years of Jeremiah's ministry when God uttered the following words of the prophet,

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it." Jer. 5: 1. From the foregoing words of God we can clearly see that true repentance had completely ceased in Israel for that time, that from that time forward there would be no more true repentance and no more seeking after the truth. When that sad time had been reached and the last true repentance had taken place, God informed Jeremiah about it. So Jeremiah knew that probation had ceased for that time. However the church leaders and members did not know their true standing before God. They always said, 'The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord

are these.'" They belonged to the church and attended services and did pray too as they always did before. They regarded Jeremiah a fanatic for telling them to repent. The prophet told them of the Commandments of God but they were considered a strange thing.

About 22 years passed away from the time God informed Jeremiah that true repentance had ceased when Nebuchadnezzar's terrible army appeared before the gates of Jerusalem who had already been there about 6 years before true repentance had ceased and led away captive some of the people.

Because people did not repent God caused the army of Nebuchadnezzar to return the second time. At this time the oppression became very sore. In this time of trouble and fears Jeremiah succeeded in causing the people to repent and to return to the commandments of God. Upon this the Lord removed the army of Nebuchadnezzar and led them to fight against Egypt. Then the Jews finding that the way was now clear again and no danger in sight, again began to transgress God's law as they did before until in the Year 588 B. C. the army of Nebuchadnezzar again appeared before Jerusalem. At this time he knew no mercy, the city was burned up and those who were not killed were led away captive to Babylon. Now I want the reader to mark well the following points. Jeremiah began to warn the Jews about 41 years before Jerusalem was destroyed. It was in the early years of his ministry, in the 5th chapter of his book when God told him that the Jews had ceased to repent, which is the same as the close of probation. The next point of importance is, that after probation closed for that time, people still continued their church services and prayers as though nothing had happened and that even great religious movements took place among them during the time between the close of probation and the final destruction of Jerusalem. However when the 41 years of Jeremiah's ministry was up it was seen that God had told the truth to Jeremiah in the early years of his ministry that there would not be those any more that would truly repent from that time to the final destruction of Jerusalem. In spite of all the church services and prayers and religious movements during that period there was not one single conversion that God could have accepted as genuine. So it was demonstrated to every intelligent being in the universe that God had told the truth and that everything that possibly could have been done for them to save them had been done on the part of God but all in vain. If there had been some soul who would have heeded the message and truly repented those terrible judgments would not have come upon them at that time. Whenever God says that men will not repent any more remember he knows what he is talking about.

We need not be deceived by religious movements and the peace and safety talks by professed Christians. It is much safer to believe the message and truly believe God's word and get right with God, than to point to conversions taking place in different parts of the earth. How do you know that those conversions are genuine? How was it in Jeremiah's time after God had declared that there would be no more seeking after the truth? There were always conversions taking place but what kind of conversions were they? God says of that particular time that those who profess are like a half baked cake. Again he says: "From the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest everyone dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying peace, peace; when there was no peace." Jer. 6:13, 14.

The time in which we are now living, and the doings of professed Christians today is exactly the same as that in the days of Jeremiah the prophet. In the year 1918 when the great world war closed the 6th Trumpet ended and behold the seventh cometh quickly. When the seventh Trumpet begins then probation closes. The Good News of the Christ will then have reached every heart that will ever be reached. From that time until the final destruction of the

world by the coming of Christ there will be no more repentance that God can accept. God has loved them and longed to help them but they would not obey him.

It is almost unbelievable to many that Probation would close so long before Christ comes. It was hard for me to believe it at first, but since I studied the subject a little closer I am forced to believe it if I believe the word of God at all.

We have seen from the study of Jeremiah's time that men ceased to repent long before the final destruction of Jerusalem took place. Now let us see how it was in the days of Noah. Ezekiel said the iniquity of Judah would be 40 years. Ezek. 4th chapter.

It was a hundred and twenty years before the flood when God uttered the following words to Noah: "And the Lord said, men will not be reprov'd any more by my spirit, yet I will give them an hundred and twenty years. Gen. 6:3 (German translation). In other words, the above scriptures mean "men will not repent any more." Verse 12 says: "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. . . . But with thee I will establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy son's wives with thee" (verse 18).

How many years before the flood did God utter these above words? One hundred and twenty years.

What did God say men would not do any more? They would not repent any more (according to the German translation).

How many righteous souls were there in the earth? Eight righteous souls.

How many righteous souls were found at the end of one hundred and twenty years? The same eight souls.

How many true conversions then took place during the period of one hundred and twenty years? None.

Did God tell the truth, then, that men would not repent any more? He did. (This position rests upon the German translation).

What does Christ say in regard to the spiritual condition of the days before the flood and the last days? "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as it was in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark. "And knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matt. 24:37-39).

"The thing that had been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9). "That which had been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past" (Eccl. 3:15).

"No past event has any intrinsic importance. The knowledge of it is valuable only as it leads us to form just calculations with respect to the future."—Macaulay.

Now since I learned from the experiences of the past, especially the experience of Noah's time, where people ceased to repent an hundred and twenty years before the flood as God had said they would. I am sure that in the last days people will do the same. They will cease to repent long before Christ comes. Elder Rupert's calculation that it would close in 1918 or soon after is certainly not far out of the way. How daring the people are to scoff at these things. How much better would it be for a Christian to be wise and prove all things before they judge a matter. How much better to spend our time in searching our hearts and the Law of God to find out our standing before God. If we would do this it would keep us humble; we would then not be so hasty in condemning a matter of which we have no understanding.

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, ye

hostile people. Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you; before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye men of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be kind in the day of the Lord's anger" (Zeph. 2: 1-3. German translation). ADOLF SCHENK.

1. The article is worthy and also requires real study.
2. Don't draw the conclusion that it will be 120 years again, but it will be, as then, some time, as then, before the destruction comes.
3. Weigh the matter and ask God to interest you to know real truth on the question.—Editor.

## THE CRUSADES.

There is a period in history covering two hundred years, beginning with the date one thousand years A. D. and lasting till 1226 A. D., known as the period of the Crusades.

During this period there is a record of nine separate and distinct crusades, all of which were inaugurated and managed by the principal Christian powers of Western Europe. The leading nations engaged were England, France, Italy and Germany.

The purpose of them was to recover Jerusalem and the Holy Land from the Mohammedan power that controlled that country. The different popes were the prime leaders in the movements.

The customs of the Christians of the west were to annually visit Jerusalem and view the sepulcher in which was supposed to be the one in which Christ was placed after the crucifixion.

The Mohammedan city was the mecca where they made their annual visits to visit the place of Mohammed's home and burial. As the Christians of the west made their annual visits to Jerusalem, they were often mistreated and killed by the Mohammedan followers. Hence one crusade after another was inaugurated to recover Jerusalem and the Holy Land from Turkish rule. Eight of these crusades during the above period of two hundred years were organized for this purpose. During this period of the crusades hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of men, women and children lost their lives; the great majority of them perished on their journey to the Holy Land. The remaining portion was largely slaughtered by the followers of Mohammed. History shows the most brutal and cruel acts perpetrated by these professed Christians upon the people of whose country they traveled through. They plundered, looted, killed and destroyed the helpless citizens; regardless of sects or faith, through all their journey. Their armies were unorganized, unclothed and unfed. The superstitious mind was inspired by zeal given them by the church leaders of the west, who promised them forgiveness of all sin and an immediate transmission to heaven of all who died in the effort to rescue the sepulcher and to restore the black stone that was supposed to be the covering of Christ's sepulcher. This reveals the spiritual condition of Christendom of that age of the world. This zeal for relic worship cost millions of lives and untold misery from starvation, hunger, cold and the sword of the Mohammedan followers in their defense. Thousands upon thousands of Mohammedans were also slaughtered in their defense by those who carried the banner which they supposed represented Christianity. After these crusades were all over, costing millions of lives, the Turks rescued Jerusalem, which the crusaders had succeeded in gaining for a time.

Had the crusades then ended? No. Not satisfied with all this the ninth crusade was inaugurated against the Albigenses and Waldenses of their own country. The leader of this sect was Peter Waldorf, who was a rich merchant of Lyons, who resigned all his wealth from a motive of piety.

The growth of that heresy had already alarmed the advocates of Papal supremacy during the reign of Pope Alexander III., and a general supremacy of the church had pronounced a solemn decree, the doctrines of which these people adopted were not in accord with Papal teaching, and as a result of this the ninth crusade was inaugurated against them, in which the most brutal treatment of which devils could do in the form of men was practiced against this helpless people. This, too, was all under the name and supposed banner of Christianity. We simply give these sketches of the crusades wherein they could burn men alive, torture helpless women and slay their innocent children. This teaches us what men will do when they're led by leaders of a professed apostate, supposed Christian organization. Satan still lives and in our day the helpless Jew, because he has not seen fit to accept Christ, is under the ban of hatred of Christendom. Hundreds of thousands of them have been slaughtered under the name of supposed Christianity. Seeing the past it is not difficult to see and believe that this same element will endeavor to destroy the remnant people of God and finally there will be a federation of all nations headed by professed Christians to blot out the name of Israel "that it be no more in remembrance" (Psalm 83). When that time comes, which will come, then Armeggon is again fought, at which time God will deliver his people and fight against those nations as he fought in battle in the days of ancient Israel. The time of Jacob's trouble is just before the remnant people, the image to the beast, is to be formed. When done, it will exercise all the power of the Papal beast before it and the dragon will be wrought with the remnant of the church again. Knowing these things let no child of God expect a time of peace, for they will not see it, but it will be a day of darkness, a day of clouds and of gloominess. It will be a day of alarm and distress, a day of trouble. While this is all true and we must pass through the Valley of Achor, that valley, though a valley of distress, it is a door of hope that reaches hence, where peace and happiness will forever reign.

No crusades will be beyond the Valley of Achor.

### CHRIST AND THE PASSOVER.

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gan to dawn towards the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher." Matt. 28:1. Mark says:

"And when the sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

"And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

"And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

"And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great."

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils." Mark 16:1-4, 9.

Some say Christ rose on the Sabbath from the statement of Matthew saying "in the end of the Sabbath." Mark says, "When the Sabbath was passed." He further says, "When Jesus was risen early the first day of the week." The only way the whole narrative can be harmonized is to understand Matthew's expression in the end of the Sabbath to imply when the Sabbath ended. Luke says, "Now upon the first day of the week very early in the morning the women came to the sepulcher bringing the spices with them which they had prepared and certain others with them and they found the stone rolled away." Luke 24:1, 2. Note Joseph placed Jesus in the tomb in the beginning of the Sabbath. Pilate granted the privilege of sealing the sepulcher same morning. The first day of the week early in the morning they found the stone rolled away. This harmonizes with John that Christ arose the beginning of the first day. John gives the same report as Luke, only adding, it was yet dark. This harmonizes with Matthew, "As it

began to dawn towards the first day of the week." The dawning of a day is the early dawn of the day not the beginning of the day in the evening.

#### Recapitulation.

First. The night of the betrayal was the passover day.

Second. The passover day was the day of the crucifixion.

Third. The day of the crucifixion, in the morning of that day, the Jews did not wish to enter the judgment hall of Pilate for fear of being defiled so they could not eat the passover that day.

Fifth. The same day was the preparation day for the Sabbath. The 7th day of the week.

Sixth. When the evening of the Sabbath arrived (the dark part of the second day) Joseph placed Jesus in his own new tomb.

Seventh. The tomb was sealed Sabbath morning.

Eighth. The women rested after preparing the spices and seeing how the body was laid over the Sabbath.

Ninth. Early the next morning while it was yet dark they came to the sepulcher and found Christ was risen.

Tenth. John says when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week. These are plain Scriptural statements as given by the four writers examined.

Eleventh. The Sabbath when Jesus laid in the tomb was the day of unleavened bread, making it the High day spoken of as the high Sabbath.

Twelfth. The day following was the first day of the week answering to the wave sheaf which pointed out the resurrection of Christ "the third day." This tells exactly how long it was from the night of the betrayal till the resurrection. Namely, the night of the sixth day and the light of the sixth day. The dark and light of the seventh day and the dark of the first day of the week total two days and three nights from the time of his betrayal till his resurrection. Hence the question is left with the reader to harmonize any other Scripture which in their mind may contradict this, such as Jonah was three days and three nights in the fish and the Son of Man was to be that time in the heart of the earth Matthew 12: 40.

The above record harmonizes with the teaching of Christ. Christ had said of His temple, speaking of His body, that if it was destroyed it would be built again in three days. This was the great accusation against Him by the false witnesses. Now let us see if it was true.

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared and certain others with them.

"And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre."

"And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

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## LOS ANGELES AGAIN.

There was another door opened in Los Angeles. This time by the colored people of the Free Seventh Day Adventist who own their own good house of worship and recently secured the labors of Elder J. Watson of Washington, D. C., He heard of the teaching and in company with brethren visited Pasadena and invited me to come. Sister Drury had given this people several books. We have been here two weeks. It is now settled that Elder Watson, a very capable and Godly man, with most all, if not all, the flock of some thirty are rejoicing in the light. One of the S. D. A. ministers attended two meetings. He was so afraid his conference would blame him he refused to pray when called on. The fearful will surely not enter the city.

We learn that our work is causing some anxiety. Let the good work go on. The truth of God when recognized by the spirit is powerful and cannot be stopped. Let all pray for the prosperity of Zion.

There are plenty of calls now in from other states to keep us till fall. It is a great pleasure to be able physically to work for the Master. We wish to see the work well established. Let all feel a burden and take hold with some spiritual gift which God wishes you to have. More about the work here in Los Angeles later.

### LATER REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES.

After holding about nineteen meetings with the church of Los Angeles at 1446 36th place we closed June 10th. We can report in the name of the Lord a complete victory. This people own house of worship, with Elder J. Watson, recently from Washington, D. C., as their paster. As the message was opened night after night to them all fears as false reports vanished from their minds, and they received the word gladly. So far as we know not one was left in opposition. One more baptism took place. A man fifty years of age who had for years respected and hoped the time would come when he would fully surrender to the Lord. He was the happiest man after the surrender we have seen for years. We expect to return for a short visit before leaving the state. We hope and advise those in the city of Los Angeles who have fully accepted our teachings and wish to now attend worship where this message in all its teaching will be taught to attend this place of worship on the Sabbath. You will find a class of intelligent, humble people with a comfortable house of worship.

In this work I watch the leadings of God and do not only sing "Where He Leads I Will Go," but do go and rejoice in every step of prosperity the Lord gives, regardless of where it may be. If I do not love the Lord enough to discern His providence and walk in it I fear I do not love Him enough to go through with His people in the time of trouble and on to the Kingdom of God. Satan tried to overthrow the work of Moses through jealousy and raise hatred and doubt, and he will make the same effort in our day, but he will not succeed with the true Remnant.

After about seventy consecutive meetings since coming to the state we are compelled to take a few days' rest. Just what is before us, or just what move we will make next is not now known. Let all mail be directed to us to the home office at Britton, Okla., and it will be forwarded.

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