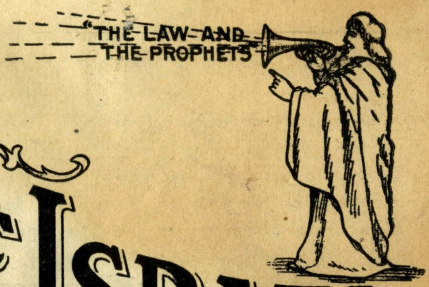


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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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THE GIVING OF THE LAW.

By Adolf Schenk

George Washington, who is called the father of our nation, in his farewell address to the people of the United States, emphasized certain principles which, if the American people would heed, and always would obey them would keep this nation great, happy and free, otherwise it would be their ruin.

Any wise Christian man who is a father, sending his young inexperienced son or daughter out into the world to take care of themselves and to take upon themselves the responsibilities of life, will certainly give them instruction as to how their conduct should be in order to make a success in life before they start on their journey. In his instruction he will always emphasize those points which have a direct bearing upon their happiness and welfare, because it is his heart's desire that it may be well with them always.

Even so it is with God our father. Of all the scriptures ever given to mortals none were emphasized so strongly, none were ever given in such an impressive manner, with such awful grandeur and terrible majesty as the ten commandments were. The giving of the ten commandments is one of the most remarkable events recorded in this world's history. The way and manner in which they were given to the human race will command the respect and attention of every intelligent being in God's great universe. No language can be found to describe that great event, but I wish to give a few scriptures here relating to it. It will help us to see that when God spake the ten commandments to the people he emphasized them so strongly that the whole solid earth trembled at his voice. No other scriptures were ever given in this way.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud, so that the people that were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of

the camp to meet with God: and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended upon it as a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake and God answered him by a voice. And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. Ex. 19:10-12, 16-21.

"Lord when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. The mountains melted from before the Lord, even that Sinai from the Lord God of Israel." Judges 5:4, 5.

"Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. There went up smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea he did fly upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. Yea he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils." Psa. 18:7-15.

"O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness: the earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God; even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel." Psa. 68:7, 8.

"Whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And so terrible was the sight, that Moses did exceedingly fear and quake." Heb. 12:20, 21.

"And all the people saw the thunders, and the

lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they removed and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear, but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said to the people, Fear not, for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was." Ex. 20:18-21.

"Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments; and madest known unto them thy holy Sabbath, and commanded them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant." Neh. 9:13, 14.

"And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude: only ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments: and he wrote them upon two tables of stone." Deut. 4:12, 13.

"The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; and shined forth from mount Paran, and came with ten thousand of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them." Deut. 33:2.

"Ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Deut. 4:32, 33.

Who can read the above scriptures and not be deeply impressed with the sacredness of God's law? This remarkable event of overwhelming and unspeakable greatness, the giving of the ten commandments to the human race, the like never was seen from one end of the heaven even unto the other end, was to be made known from generation to generation as long as people would live upon the earth.

"Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them to thy sons, and thy sons' sons; specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my commandments, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness." Deut. 4:9-11.

The above passage shows the reason why God gave his law in such an impressive way, that we all might learn to fear him and his sacred commandments and do them that it may be well with us. David the hero, a man after God's own heart, said: "My heart standeth in awe of thy law." David read of all these great things in the book of God and he took it home to his heart like wise did Moses and all the prophets. Says God, "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things hath been, saith the Lord; but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isa. 66:1, 2. "Whoso des-

piseth the word shall be destroyed; but he that feareth the commandments shall be rewarded." Prov. 13:13. No man it seems to me can fail to see that the law of God is no trifle, but a very important and exalted thing in the sight of God and also in the sight of every true child of God. Of Christ it is said; "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. . . . The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable." Isa. 42:1, 21. In giving the law upon Sinai in such awful grandeur, God hath exalted it before the world and the entire universe, but in Christ it was still higher exalted; Christ, by whom the father created all things indeed did magnify the law in all his words and actions. And how highly did he magnify it? In Psalms 138:2 it is said that he did magnify it above all his name. This was done on Calvary when Christ the great maker of the universe gave up his life in vindication of his law and also to redeem the world from the condemnation of the law to give them another chance to do right. Yes, our creator thinks so highly of his law that he would rather give up his life than to have it changed or abolished. He farther says that it would be easier for heaven and earth to pass away than one tittle of the law to fail. Luke 16:17. God would sooner make an end of the whole universe than to permit one tittle to be lost or changed in that law. To change or abolish anything in that great law would be nothing else but to justify sin and Satan. And to justify sin, would be to establish the order of things which has been in existence for now nearly 6,000 years. The history of this world is, so to speak, written with blood as a result of disbelieving God and setting aside of God's law. Every true Christian, through the grace of Christ, will do the very thing that his Master did. He will magnify the law and make it honorable. See John 13:15, and 14:12. Christ said, "I have kept my Father's commandments." John 15:10. And we are told that, "as many as receive him, to them he gives power to become the sons of God." John 1:12. In other words, as many as receive him to them gives he power to keep the commandments of God even as he kept them. "He that believeth in me," said Christ, "the works that I do he shall do also." John 14:12. "But every branch in me," he says, "that beareth not fruit, he taketh away." John 15:2. It is possible to enjoy much of the blessings of the glorious gospel in this life and yet be lost. Only those who are actually doing the will of God will go into the Kingdom of God. See Mat. 7:21-23. The will of God for every intelligent being both in heaven and earth is expressed in that great law which was given upon Sinai in such a remarkable manner. God warns us to take good heed to ourselves that we never forget these great things. It is to be remembered as long as man lives upon the earth. The reason why the seven last plagues will be poured out upon the world to destroy man, and to make the earth utterly empty, is because man has forgotten God's law. Isaiah speaking of the final destruction of professed Christianity says, "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." Isa. 24:5, 6. The few men that are left are the remnant people of God. Of them it is said: "They keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus." Rev. 12:17 and 14:12.

(To be continued.)

TWENTY-FOUR PROPOSITIONS.

President Wilson issued fourteen points setting forth the principles upon which the United States entered the war and he further said that on these principles the United States would settle the difficulties with their enemies.

We have twenty-four scriptural prominent points of faith which we herein set forth. On these subjects we invite any denomination or their representatives to meet us either in an oral or written examination of the same on the following terms:

We will give space in our paper, "The Remnant of Israel," each month on each subject for those who differ with us a full page of the paper for any denomination or their representatives to set forth their position in scriptural quotations and their reasons, showing the scripture used to teach such position as they hold. They are to use nothing but the scriptures and their own reasons for its use to show that it teaches the position held by the writer and the people he represents.

The Editor will then be governed by the same rule to reply to the same, showing why he cannot accept the teaching on said scriptures as they claim such scriptures to teach. Thus those who differ with our teaching are to take the affirmative. In some cases if the investigation should be in print the space might be extended to a page and a half for each, the affirmative and the reply. We are not making this offer in the shape of a debate in the common acceptance of the term but for an honest scriptural investigation that the people may see both positions. Nothing but Christian language will be permitted.

The points to be discussed are as follows:

First: Does the scriptures teach that Christ will come just six thousand years from the creation or do they teach that no time is set for that event?

Second. Did the prophetic period of 2,300 days of Daniel 8:14 end in 1844 as taught by the Seventh Day Adventist and others?

Third. Does the scriptures teach that the remnant of Israel are now represented by any one denomination now existing as organized by men and named, or are they to be gathered out of all denominations and from the people who do not belong to any organized church organized by men?

Fourth. Have the three messages of Revelation 14:6-12 been given since 1844 as taught by the Seventh Day Adventist or are these messages still future and due to be given after probation is closed?

Fifth. Is the judgment of Revelation 14:6 an investigative judgment to take place in heaven as taught by the Seventh Day Adventist or is the judgment there mentioned the seven last plagues to fall on Babylon?

Sixth. Did the last generation mentioned in Matthew 24:34 begin in 1833 A. D. as taught by the Seventh Day Adventist or is that generation still future after all the signs mentioned in that chapter are to be seen as fulfilled?

Seventh. Is the Elijah message mentioned in Malachi 4 to be given by any denomination organized and named by men or will it be started by some individual?

Eighth. Does God mark the definite time for events of note in the fulfillment of prophecy or does the fulfillment depend on such a time as man can control and according to circumstances?

Ninth. Does the scriptures teach the literal

national Jew and literal Israel will return to Palestine or do they teach Palestine was a type of spiritual Israel's final inheritance, and that the gathering of Israel refers to the gathering of the people of God of all nationalities and from all nations?

Tenth. Did the death of Christ pay the Adamic debt and remove the curse pronounced against Adam and his posterity, or did the death of Christ open the way for Adam and all men, whosoever would might be saved through Christ and the resurrection from the dead?

Eleventh. Was Alexander Dowie, Charles T. Russell, Joseph Smith, Mrs. Eddie, and Mrs. White true prophets of the Lord or was their work a false move and calculated to deceive the people?

Twelfth. Is the Bible a perfect and complete guide to the children of God when accompanied by the Holy Spirit to lead in all truth, or is it necessary that God should raise up others to whom he gives visions and revelations in addition to the Bible?

Thirteenth. Is there a true church now existing as organized by men and named by men, and if so which one is it?

Fourteenth. Was there a new church started by Christ or his apostles when they were here or did they recognize the church from the beginning of the world which Christ is the head as the only church, and was it recognized by them all as the church of the First-born whose names are written in heaven of all who belong to it?

Fifteenth. Was the laws written by Moses and God or any part of them abolished and nailed to the cross, or are they still obligatory on us now for the purpose for which they were written?

Sixteenth. Shall we accept the Bible as a whole as teaching one doctrine, one faith, one story, one plan of salvation for all men of all ages, or shall we accept it as divided into dispensations with different doctrines, different faiths, and different laws and plans to save men in different ways and in different ages of the world?

Seventeenth. Is it possible to know the age of the world and to be able to tell the year when Christ will come, or is there no such evidence given in the Bible on that point?

Eighteenth. Does our salvation depend on our obedience to the laws of God or are we saved by faith regardless of obedience?

Nineteenth. Does the commission commanding us to be baptized refer to the baptism of water or of the Holy Ghost?

Twentieth. Has man by nature an immortal soul? Will man go to either heaven or hell when he dies, or will he wait till the resurrection to receive his reward of life or death?

Twenty-first. Was Christ in the grave three nights? Is the heart of the earth the grave?

Twenty-second. IS the seventh day of the creative week now to be observed or shall we observe the first day or Sunday?

Twenty-third. Will the coming of Christ be visible or invisible?

Twenty-four. Will there be probation after death during the mellenium or will the earth be desolate during the mellenium?

The above are some of the questions which the people now need to investigate. Says the prophet, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." We will say, if any paper will make the same offer to us we here make we will surely accept it. We think many will surely do so with us. All we ask is sincerity.

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THE FUTURE OF THE PAPER.

We have been so taken up with other matters in meetings the paper has not had the attention it should have had of late. Now other writers are giving us excellent articles which will appear, thus relieving us personally. We want short articles on present doctrine for our times. All such will be printed as the space will permit. The paper has been full of articles which we have placed in tract form. When these are ground through, then shorter articles will be more frequent than they have been.

THE NEW TRACTS.

The first one of three new tracts is "Another Error Refuted About the True Resurrection Day of Christ." It seems that many are now accepting the error claiming that Christ was resurrected on the Sabbath in the place of the first day of the week as the record shows plainly in the Bible.

It is surely time the true children realize this and prove all things and hold fast to that which is true. We have therefore taken pains on the above subject to give a full scriptural examination of the truth on the above subject. We hope no one who desires truth will fail to secure one of these tracts and read it and also use as many as you can to furnish others. The price in quantities of ten and over four cents. Single copies ten cents.

The second tract is, "The Little Book Opened." Showing what it is and that it is represented by the seven lamps on "the golden candle stick," "The two olive trees and the two candlesticks," "The seven eyes," "The seven spirits of God," "The law and the prophets," and "The two witnesses." All covering the seven periods of time from the creation till the close. We think some valuable things are in this tract.

The third tract is an exposition of the woman of Revelation and the beast upon which she is sitting, "The seven kings," "The seven mountains," and so on. This is also a valuable edition to our list of tracts at this time. Single copy ten cents, quantities of ten or more four cents. These prices will apply to all our tracts. The above prices are very low considering the size of our pages and present prices of printing.

THE PAPER.

We must call attention to the circulation of the paper. We have said nothing for a long time, as a result not many subscriptions are coming in. We will

say the paper has never been self-supporting. This should not be so. There should be new subscribers enough to pay the expense so that the fund paid in as tithe could be used for other purposes. We want all who support the work with tithes and offerings to have both the paper and tracts free so they can do missionary work with them. So the more subscribers we get for the paper the more means we will have for other purposes. All I want is to see the cause prosper and all means coming in to the office is used for that purpose.

THE RACIAL AND COLOR LINE QUESTION.

The work of the gospel always has and will continue to have difficulty as it is introduced among men.

The work of Satan is to divide and scatter the flock in everyway possible. He has succeeded in division by introducing false doctrine till hardly any true union and fellowship remains.

He also works with all power and signs and wonders to deceive if possible the very elect. Still another of his devices is to create race and color lines among the people till each must have separate places of worship and separate ministers. Thus dividing and placing extra burdens on the people to build and keep up these divisions and support them. Thus hindering them from doing the work with their means they should do. It is too bad people will be so blinded and serve such a task master.

In the days of the apostles the racial question was to be met. Peter was blinded and could not work for the Gentiles till his mind was changed. The bitterest hatred existed among the Jews against the Gentiles. It was the cause of the bitterest persecution of the apostles by their Jewish brethren. It was so in the days of Moses. Even Aaron and Miriam, his brother and sister, had to be taught a lesson by God by bringing the plague of leprosy on Miriam. Satan blinded Cora, Dathan, and Abiram with jealousy over the priesthood and they wanted the work which God had called others to do. Envy, jealousy and hatred is always the work of Satan wherever seen. It is unpleasant to work where it exists. However, it will exist more and more till it is destroyed in the end of the world.

We will now speak more particularly of the racial question. Most all religious bodies in their early history have endeavored to show no partiality. Believing the scripture which says that God is no respecter of persons and that which says that "God made of one blood all men which dwell on the face of the earth." But as they become strong with numbers and those come in who are more selfish things change and the pride of heart is manifest and these lines of division are seen. It is not our aim to enter into the social and political divisions that exist. All such must be regulated by those of the world and governed by circumstances. But one thing is certain, the congregation of worshipers all worship the same God and must obey and believe the same truth and God meets with all on the basis of character and not on the basis of color or nationality, and if we would meet the Lord we must go where he is and it is left to each one to decide whether they will meet the Lord or not. God can't cater to our desires or notions as to what will please us. Peter was led to the house of Cornelius. If he had hesitated to go Peter would have separated himself from God and that would have ended his ministry. A true servant heeds the call without ques-

tion. Where God leads there he goes asking no questions and should doubt nothing.

The messenger who gathers Israel will gather them from all classes and nations. He must follow God's leadings as did Peter.

Those who live in the solemn feasts of tabernacles will see all colors and races assembled. They will there worship together. They will do the same before they get there.

The true remnant will know no distinction. It could be and may be that if any class refuses on account of another class, God may, as he did with the Gentiles, choose those who have been rejected to do his work. Let us be careful not to dictate to God how he shall do things. More than one people have lost their hold on God by drawing a line. Let us not be guilty. Remember God is not dependent on us, but we on him. It is all left to each one to do their choosing, and God will settle with each accordingly. It is a good point to reach the place where we can cheerfully say the Lord's will be done and not ours.

We are very desirous that everything in the beginning of the great work now just starting that it should start on sound principles as God would have them. If it does not the blessing of God cannot follow with us. But if we please the Lord nothing can hinder or prevent the work we are doing. It is far more to have God as our helper than to have all the money and help of men in the world. So our motto should ever be, "The Lord's will be done and not ours."

CHRIST AND THE PASSOVER.

(Continued from last issues.)

"He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was in Galilee,

"Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

"And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

"And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

"And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

"But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

"And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

"And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

"And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

"And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

"But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done." Luke 24:1, 2, 4-7, 13-21.

In the above it is plainly stated that he told the disciples **he would rise the third day**, to this the disciples testified that the **first day of the week was the third day since the Lord had been betrayed, crucified, buried and had risen.** The record further says that Christ began at Moses and showed them by the writings of Moses that **He would rise the third day.** Paul positively says, in 1 Corinthians fifteenth chapter verses 1-3, "**That he would rise the third day.**" That third day according to the plain record **dates from the night of His betrayal and no evading it.** Further if the **third day was the first day of the week** then the sixth day was the day of his betrayal and crucifixion which we call Friday. There is no possible way of evading it. We care nothing about the month Nison. Neither the preparation of the passover in the place of the preparation of the Sabbath. Nor any

other argument that can be produced. The foregoing is the absolute truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We leave it with the reader to adjust the three days and nights in the heart of the earth. Their interpretation must harmonize with the record written of the event and the prediction of the Scriptures and Christ Himself. If we are willing to admit that the heart of the earth is to date from the time of his betrayal and surrender to the powers of the earth, all is harmony, if not, then discord will ever result from all who reject the plain record. Christ said that night,

"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17:4, 11.

We greatly fear the argument introduced to prove that Christ lay in the grave three days and three nights was begun to prove that Christ did not rise on the first day of the week, thus meeting the argument that Sunday was sanctified as a day of rest by the resurrection of Christ on that day. It is a poor policy to evade a plain truth to head off some one else. In such a case as this they do not realize that their error when followed would cause Sunday to really be, according to such reasoning, an holy day. We sometimes prove too much in our false positions.

The resurrection of Christ could not sanctify any day. Neither could His crucifixion. It is the Word of God that appoints any day to be observed. That has been done in the commandment to keep the seventh day. That forever settles that day above every other day to be observed. On that Word we stand and need no far-fetched argument to sustain it.

Sunday is the old "venerable day of the sun," as set apart by Baal worship. On that authority alone it stands. It is sustained by custom of Baal worshipers of our day.

The Bible is the best argument any one can have. We hope this may result in overthrowing the false idea that Christ did not rise on the first day of the week. If he did not, then he **did not rise the third day according to the Scriptures.** The Scriptures said He would, and we believe He did. The apostle said it was the first day of the week, which the disciples said was the third day, and we believe what they said. We have no confidence in error, it matters not from whence it comes or who teaches it. **The error we will condemn and ask those who hold it to have grace enough to give it up.**

A Few Additional Thoughts.

The third day as spoken of by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-3 is found in Numbers 19th chapter. There the person which had become in contact with a dead person was to be sprinkled the third day with the water of purification, then again the seventh day, thus teaching faith in Christ's resurrection the third day and the general resurrection of all the righteous at the beginning of the seventh thousandth year. The next place it is found is in Leviticus 23, where the wave sheaf was to be waved the third day of the feast of the passover, which again symbolized Christ's resurrection on the third day. Then in Luke 24:21 the disciples said the first day of the week was the third day since his crucifixion. Thus we have three positive witnesses. If the third day was the first day of the week, then He was crucified on Friday or the sixth day. No evading this. The next point, Matthew says it was "In the end of the Sabbath as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week." Mark says, "Very early in the morning of the first day." Mark 16:1, 2. John says it was very early in morning. John 20:10. Let the reader note Matthew's statement is a

continued sentence, Yet dark as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, which shows the expression, the end of the Sabbath as it began to dawn, shows clearly the Sabbath had ended and so Mark says, "when the Sabbath was past." Why try to make these writers contradict each other to save a theory of error?

It says of the creation, "And God ended His work on the seventh day." Who that is honest will take the story of creation and say that God worked on the seventh day when He says in six days He made heaven and earth and all that in them is. So each of the other writers say positively the women did not go to the sepulcher till the first day of the week, in the morning. Why make them contradict to save an error? Some say Christ was crucified on the preparation day before the passover. There is not a statement that says so. Neither is there a statement that that any day before the passover was a preparation day for the event. The only preparation mentioned about the passover by the Jews was in the morning as they expected to eat it that day. The weekly Sabbath has a preparation day, but not the passover. **It can't be found.**

It is sad that such errors should be advocated contrary to every principle of Bible teaching and also the plain history of the crucifixion as recorded by the four writers about the event. Christ Himself said He would rise the third day. Matt. 27:63. Every writer said that third day was the first day of the week. They also said the day on which He was crucified was the preparation day before the seventh day or Sabbath according to the commandment.

"An High Day." John 19:31.

What made the Sabbath, or this certain Sabbath, an high day? We reply, It was the second day of the feast which was the feast of unleavened bread, which taught Christ would lie in the grave the day following the crucifixion. It was not the passover Sabbath as some teach. Far from it.

John says the preparation for the passover took place following the sixth hour as practiced by the Jews at that time on the same day as the crucifixion. John 19:14. So any view point taken, and the whole theory, that Christ was not crucified on the sixth day of the week, which is called Friday, is a fatal error and must be abandoned if held by any true Remnant of Israel.

Said Christ: Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father shall be rooted up. The doctrine taught that Christ was resurrected on the Sabbath and was betrayed on Wednesday or even any part of Thursday is one of these plants of error. It has no place in the teaching of the remnant. Neither has the doctrine that Christ was in the **grave three nights**. No man on earth can harmonize such with the plain record written or with the perdition of Scripture. No such teaching should be recognized.

The Testimony of Two Angels.

These angels said, "He is not here but is risen." Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and the **third day rise again**. And they remembered his words." We can only say again, They have Moses and the prophets, Christ and the apostles, if they will not believe them they would not believe if one rose from the dead. We farther add, If any man can get Christ in the grave three nights and confine himself to the plain facts he is a success as a wrestler of the Scripture and can surely turn the truth of God into a lie successfully.

The Third Day.

Christ said:

"The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.

"And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the **third day I shall be perfected**

"Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem." Luke 13:31-33.

We again read:

"Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

"For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

"And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the **third day he shall rise again.**" Luke 18:31-33.

Next we read what the angels said about the third day.

"He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

"Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the **third day rise again.**

"And they remembered his words,

"And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest." Luke 24:6-9.

The disciples said **on the first day of the week** as they talked to him after his resurrection, "Today is the **third day since his crucifixion.**" Luke 24:23. And again the record says:

"Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

"And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

"And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:22-27.

Now once more.

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the **third day.**" Luke 24:44-46.

We can truly say with all these plain statements it would, as Paul says, close the mouths of all who have believed that Christ was in the grave three nights. Thus the book of Luke alone furnishes five testimonies on the point, to say nothing of Matthew, Mark and John's testimonies. Then let us add the testimony of Moses wherein he says the same, that Christ would rise the third day as recorded in Leviticus 23, and Deuteronomy 19, and finally Paul in 1 Cor. 15:1-3. Now if any one can harmonize any scripture they may use in harmony with the above to prove Christ was in the grave three nights, we are free to admit they could easily put the camel through the needle's eye and send the rich man to heaven, who trusts in his riches. Nothing would be too hard for them to do in resting the scriptures to their own destruction. Deut. 32:1-3 teaches how the term earth is used in certain scriptures. The statement which Christ made that the Son of man would be three nights in the heart of the earth had no reference to the grave at all. The heart of the earth is the life of the people on the earth, and into the people's hands Christ surrendered the night he ate the passover. Let the truth stand out clear though it make all men liars is our motto.

THE SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS AND THE SEVEN LAMPS ON THE GOLDEN CANDLE STICKS.

The little book opened, Revelations 10th chapter, is the Bible and is represented by the seven lamps, The two candle sticks, The seven spirits of God, The two witnesses, The law and the prophets, and The two olive trees.

In the study of Revelation the 10th and the 11th chapters as compared with Zechariah chapters 4 and 5, we obtain a strong evidence as to what the little book mentioned in the 10th chapter of Revelation is. The 11th chapter of Revelation is simply a continuation teaching us what the little book is in the 10th chapter. The prophet says:

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

"But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." Rev. 11:1,2.

Verse one says, "Rise and measure the temple and the altar and them that worship therein." As John in the 11th chapter treats upon the same events that Zech. treats upon, it will be necessary to frequently use these two prophets in order to get a clear understanding in the 11th chapter of Revelation and what the little book opened in the 10th chapter is.

Concerning the measuring of the temple, Zech. speaks thus:

"I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

"Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof." Zech. 2:1, 2.

The only rule the Lord ever gave for the measurement for His people is the law and the testimony, if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them. The prophet then says:

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

"These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." Rev. 11:3, 4.

The question now comes for our consideration, What are these two witnesses that prophesy in sackcloth and ashes during the rule of the beast of Western Rome? John says these two witnesses are "the two olive trees and the two candle sticks standing before the God of the whole earth." This again is identical with Zechariah's prophecy.

"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

"And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

"And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

"So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

"Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:1-6.

Zechariah says this, "They are the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel." In this temple service here on earth there was a candlestick with seven burners or seven lamps thereon. The prophet in the above Scripture describes the two olive trees on either side as emptying the golden

oil into the bowl which was upon the top of the candle stick through golden pipes to furnish the oil for the lamps. One of these trees was on the right side of God. These two olive trees furnished the seven lamps with oil through the golden pipes to cause it to burn. In the book of Revelation the golden candle stick with seven lamps is represented by the seven spirits of God sent forth unto all the earth. John speaks of these seven spirits as being connected with the book that had been sealed with seven seals.

"And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." Rev. 5:5, 6.

This teaches us that the word of the Lord as found in the book of the Lord, which book no one could open but Christ, is the Bible. That book is built upon the foundation of the complete number of sevens so often spoken of in the Scriptures, as it is sent forth unto all the earth. The book of Revelation divides these seven spirits as being represented by the seven churches, the seven seals, the seven trumpets, the seven last plagues and the seven thunders. All pertaining to the word of God and its work in the earth. Zech. speaks thus:

"For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua, upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree." Zech. 3:9-10.

Zech. represents it as above stated, as a stone and on that stone are engraved seven eyes. John says those eyes are seven spirits of God sent forth to all the earth. The stone upon which they are graven is Christ, the chief corner stone, the Author of the world. The work of God under these seven principles of divine truth is what was to accomplish the work of the gospel in the earth. The closing of probation of the world and gathering the remnant people, so each trumpet, each church, each seal, and each plague closes the world's history with the seventh plague, seventh church, etc. Thus the golden candle stick which is fed by the two olive trees represents the true light and faith of the seven divisions of time on which the Bible stands for its basis till the work of redemption is complete at the end of the seven thousand years from the creation. Thus the seven lamps stands to teach the true light for the seven thousand years.

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HOME AGAIN.

After an absence of three months and a half we felt it a duty to return home, though it had not been our intention. We had planned to do considerable work in Colorado and western Kansas on our way east, but we were impressed to go straight home. When I left my wife was not well, in fact has not been for over a year, much of the time confined to her bed. On our arrival home she had left just a few days before to take some treatment at Sulphur Springs, Okla. She had written she was not so well but we did not expect to find her so poorly as she was. We were much cast down finding her gone. She remained ten days and came home quite improved but not well. Just how the future will be with her we cannot say.

Our last work in California was in Los Angeles with the Berean church whom we mentioned in our last report. Some precious meetings were held again with this people. We can also say we have received a letter of encouragement from Elder Watson since coming home which shows they are growing, though Satan works hard to destroy in every place. Let none think Satan is yet bound or dead. Neither let any think he will not try to overthrow the work, for we can see very clearly he will use those who will be his tools to destroy the work as he did in the days of the apostles. No church at that time escaped him, neither will any now. Now he works as never before against the children of God. The only thing that will save any soul is a knowledge of the truth of God.

Fruit of our California trip is already showing. We mailed out today to New York City books to one who attended the meetings in Pasadena. This party is also now translating the tract "The Age of the World," into the French language which will be our first translation into a foreign tongue. He writes he is corresponding with a couple of ministers in England. Another orders books to Kansas City, Mo., who attended the meetings in Los Angeles. To God be all the praise. He is the head of the church. The manager of the mission board and chooses whom he will to do his work. He it is that carries all the burdens of his work after we have done what he commands us. This lifting of the burden is what cheers the heart of the worker and urges him forward to labor with him who is able to do all things in his own way and time.

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There is now being translated into the French language the tract, "The Age of the World." The tract is enlarged and placed in good shape for this work. So it will not be long till it can be furnished. We think we can see by the eye of faith the time not far distant when much we now have in the English language will be printed in other tongues. We hope God will raise up men, women and means that will carry a burden for these languages. Our interest shall all be with them in such a move. Eliminating every selfish motive. God gave us the light to give to others and it shall not be cornered in any way.

OUR NEXT TRIP.

We hope to make another trip this summer if Mrs. Rupert gets so we can leave, as we have much to do this summer. Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio should be visited before cold weather. We should all pray that the way may open to do this work.

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