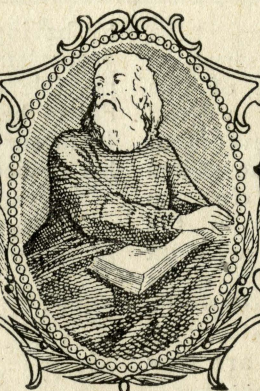


"The Ensign of Israel"



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# REMNANT OF ISRAEL



THE LAW AND  
THE PROPHETS



"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 REMNANT OF ISRAEL.

Who are the remnant of Israel and where do they come from? Is this made plain that all may know?

I will say first, it does not say the remnant of Israel is the remnant church. Such a thing is not found in the Bible. It does say they are the remnant of Israel. The Bible does teach that the church is made up of Israel, hence, the remnant of Israel is the remnant of the church, and as the church of Israel had its origin in the beginning then it is a fact that there is but one church. Next, we learn that the dragon is wrath with the woman (church) and makes war with the remnant of her seed. So it is a fact that the remnant of Israel is the remnant of the church, but not a remnant church. Such would be a lie for there is not now nor never was but one church, and that church is known and understood as the church of Israel. Having that point settled who are the remnant of the church and where found? We read in Revelation twelfth chapter, the woman introduced is represented as the mother of Christ. Her name is Rachel, Jacob's wife, Jeremiah 31: She bears the name of Sarah, Abraham's wife, Galatians fourth chapter. That church started with Eve the mother of all living. Note she goes into the wilderness for twelve hundred and sixty years following Christ's appearance in the world. She comes in contact with the Romans during that time. Hence, during that time Gentile, not Jewish blood. From that experience she comes forth and is called the "Remnant of Israel." Let these points be noted in locating the Remnant of Israel, Rev. 14:17. Now it is told in this chapter that these people "are not defiled with women" (churches). Why are they not defiled? Because we read in Revelation eighteen, they are called out from the churches, gentile organizations known as Babylon. Hence, not defiled with women, churches of gentile, man made organizations. It further says, "they are the first fruits to God and to the Lamb," "they are redeemed from among men," "they do not taste death." Hence, they are the living righteous when Christ comes. Next, they are sealed under the sixth seal, Christ comes at the opening of the seventh seal. So it is clear thus far. Next they gain the victory over the beast and his image, (Roman Catholicism and Protestantism). Next, they are developed under a three fold message, Revelation 14: 6-12.

It has its fulfillment when the decree goes forth by Protestantism that all shall be killed who do not worship the beast and its image, and finally they escape the seven last plagues as did Israel of old when they left Egypt. Now does all this story teach these are all of Jewish blood? If so then there is no remnant of the gentiles saved, for this is all the remnant message or people there is spoken of. We are glad it plainly says the 144,000 are gathered out of every nation, kindred and tongue. It does seem useless to try to spend time showing there is nothing to this salvation of blood Israel. Satan is surely busy trying to deceive the very elect children of God. The Remnant of Israel sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb, Rev. 15. Hence, they take a whole Bible. They are not of the class who wish to start a new church since Christ was here. They believe both Moses and the Prophets, God's two witnesses. Note what Zephaniah says about the Remnant, Zeph. 3. The paper, "The Remnant of Israel" did not start one day too soon. Satan is getting his work in and it is high time that the truth on the Israel question now be given to the people.

## THE SEVEN THUNDERS

Truly the voice and work of the seven thunders are being witnessed in nature of late. The elements are greatly disturbed and as a result, floods and earthquakes follow. The seven churches pertain to the civil organization of God's church. The seven seals to the spiritual condition of the church. The seven churches to the trials and things with which the church has to contend. All covering the history from the first to the second advent of our Lord. The seven trumpets to the strife and war among Nations. The seven lamps of fire seen in the church stand for the light of God's word in the church. The oil in the lamps is the symbol of the spirit of God which throws light on the church among the people. Just so the seven thunders give us the history of the world in the elements of nature. Great things are to occur in nature, in fact so great that John was not permitted to write them and give the time of their events. That does not hinder our knowing the line the seven thunders follow. Just now when we are living in the period when the three shepherds of Christendom are to

meet their judgments and be destroyed, we may expect the elements of nature to do their part in the destruction that is to come. So we see no small amount of this work going on this year 1922. It is probably a good thing we do not know all and just when the events of nature are to be fulfilled. But rest assured these things will come upon the world and finally they will close up with the greatest earthquake ever witnessed in the world's history when the streams will be filled with oil and the land will become burning pitch. The gases will fill the air and they will all be united causing the elements to melt with fervent heat, the earth also. All this is to come in the generation in which we are now living. "Who will then dwell in everlasting burnings?" It tells us who will. Let us prepare for the event that we may dwell safely. Then the heavens will pass away with a great noise.

### Christ and the Salvation of the Jew

If any who have become tainted in the least degree with the idea that a Jew has any preference when it comes to salvation, we would recommend them to read the eighth chapter of John, where Christ settles that question forever. Beginning with verse 19 to the close of the chapter that question is fully argued between Christ and the Jews of his day.

He first tells the unbelieving Jew that he shall die in his sins. Second he tells him that where Christ was going "they could not come." Verse 23 tells them, "they are from beneath and of the world." In verse 41 Christ says to those who did believe on him "If ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples in deed and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." In Verse 43 the unbelieving Jew says, "We be Abraham's seed and were never in bondage how then can we be made free?" Christ answers them by saying, "that whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. If the Son therefore shall make you free then are you free indeed." Then they answer and say, "Abraham is our father." Christ replied, "if ye were the children of Abraham then would you do the works of Abraham." Verse 41 tells plainly whose children they were, namely, the devil and the works of their father they would do. "He was a liar from the beginning and abode not in the truth. Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of the flesh ye will do." Verse 47 says, "He that is of God heareth God's word." "ye therefore hear them not because you are not of God." Will those who read the above record ever believe again that because Jewish blood is manifest they have any more chance for salvation than any other man? It does seem to me to be one of the greatest tricks of the devil to deceive people on the Jewish question in our day. If ever there was a blind set of people it is those who teach there is a preference given a Jew.

It is a truth that the time was when the blood of Abraham was the only race of people that acknowledged the true God. That made all those then who did that, the same as it does now, have a preference over the unbeliever. That is true in any age of the world. The descendant of Seth had the preference over the descendant of Cain, simply because he believed and accepted God. It was always a truth that an unbeliever, regardless of blood, could come and join with those who believed, in Cain's day, Abraham's day, or our day. There is another truth and that is this: In every age whenever

by having the Jew return to Palestine, restoring the old Jerusalem and so on. The devil no doubt will have if possible a great move inaugurated on that line like he did in having the crusaders make their trips there. But I am sure no one who knows the truth will be fooled by his devices. He is a deceiver and fools will follow him.

### The throne of Israel, David, Christ and the throne of glory.

First Kings 9:5. God said to Solomon: I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, there shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

Note the succession of rulership. First the throne of Israel, second the throne of David and next it was to be perpetual forever.

It says in verse 9, chapter 10, that Solomon reigned on the throne of Israel. It further says that Solomon reigned on the throne of the Lord. So the throne of Israel is the throne of the Lord. We are next told that when Christ comes he will sit on the throne of David, his father, and finally it says when he comes in the clouds of heaven he will then sit on his throne of glory. Thus Christ comes as King of Israel, and so it is the kingdom of Israel which he comes to rule. So all his subjects over which he then rules are Israelites. Hosea says, "then shall the children of Israel appoint themselves one head." Ezekiel says, "and one king shall rule over them all. That kingdom is an everlasting kingdom never to pass away." Then there will be but one kingdom, no more, no less. Hence, if we wish to be subjects of that kingdom we must become Israel, we must obey the laws of Israel, we must belong to the church of Israel, we must bear the name of Israel. One thing is certain, nothing but Israel is known among the saved. No one inhabits the new earth but Israel. There will surely be a shedding of names, creeds, organizations, laws and isms in order to get back to the truth of God. The Bible was written by Israelites in blood, as well as faith. It was written to the church of Israel, not to the world.

Speaking of the Gentile, Christ said, "there were other sheep not of this fold which must be brought in, that there may be **one shepherd and one fold.**" Let not the Gentile try to set up another name, another kingdom, another fold, another set of laws. If they do, it only shows their ignorance and rebellion to God and Israel's Bible.

### A WONDERFUL HARMONY

The more we study the old testament the more we see that the apostles wrote and taught the same things that were taught prior to their day. Paul in his epistle to the Romans tells plainly how the Gentile is grafted in to the tame olive tree and becomes a real Israelite. Romans 11th chapter. Now by turning to Isaiah fifty-sixth chapter the same story is told. That there is nothing in the blood that saves men, but that it is a question of character and obedience, we read:

Thus saith the Lord, keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it: that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath ut- any one became an unbeliever, then they lost all such privileges regardless of what blood they were.

Now with these facts plainly given in the Bible, to have such as claim to be teachers, teach there is a preference shown any blood over another, regarding salvation or in any other way, so far as being a child of God is concerned, is utterly false and contrary to scripture. Paul plainly says, "there is no respecter of persons with God" "There is neither male or female," "Bond nor free," "Jew or Gentile." All come and stand before God on the same basis in every way. In our day the devil seems determined to have it otherwise and fool the people terly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

Also the sons of the stranger that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him beside those that are gathered unto him.

All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest. Isaiah 56:1-8.

The above is so plain it is useless to comment on that point. Here it is said the house of God, (the church) is **for all people**, regardless of blood or nationality. It also tells plainly, that prophecy applies to the gathering of Israel in the last days. It further mentions the sons of the stranger (Gentile) "who have joined themselves to the Lord," and last, positively says it is not of blood, by mentioning the eunuch. That class cannot perpetuate the blood, hence, this is mentioned to show that point.

We do hope that those who have been led into the great error in teaching salvation through Jewish blood will cease to do so longer, and also we hope they will learn the true application of ancient names to modern events and people. Also that Palestine in latter day prophecy means the whole earth as promised to Abraham. Also the fact that Jerusalem in latter day prophecy applies to the church not the city of stone and brick.

### THE TRUE CHURCH

It says the true church is built upon the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. This true organization is fitly framed together through the spirit into a holy temple of the Lord. Now in contrast to this we have numerous organizations called churches. How were these made?

They were built by such men as followers of Wesley, Luther, Knox, Roger Williams, Alexander Campbell, Joseph Smith, Mrs. Eddie, Mrs. White and a hundred

and more others among the protestant organizations. Their head officers are the chief corner stone, in whom they are framed together by their creeds, as endorsed by the head authorities in the organization. The holy spirit is shut out for it cannot work with any two of them for their creeds will not allow it to do so. Next the Greek and Roman churches are the prime leaders and first to organize, thus setting the example for all that have followed.

It is very easy when the comparison is made, each having different names and doctrines to see that none of them are any part of the true church. These are visible organizations made by men, controlled by men, and are of the world. Is it not too bad that the millions of communicants of these organizations are so blind they can't even make a comparison and thus see they are blind leaders of the blind, headed for the ditch before them?

A gentleman said to me recently, "would you like to see them all wiped out and risk the chances?" (It made me hesitate a moment), I said "Yes." Then the Lord would have a free field with the enemies of his truth all silenced. Then he could raise up ministers of his own calling, men who would be led by the holy spirit and His word. Then the truth could once more shine in its purity and the people rejoice in the brightness of its shining. There will be but one church in the feast of tabernacles. Why not start it now by teaching the truth in its purity? God is able to do this and it will be done when all these things now called churches will be no more. I for one long for the day to come when the ministers of Zion shall see eye to eye, when the captivity of Zion is over.

### CHRIST THE ROCK OF ISRAEL

Said Paul, "that spiritual rock that followed Israel in the wilderness of Egypt was Christ." Over two hundred years before that, when Jaob slept on the rock for a pillow, it was said, "from thence, the shepherd was the stone of Israel." The rock which Moses smote for Israel, to give them water was a symbol of Christ the living water of life. Said Christ, "upon this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell (the grave) shall not prevail against it." Said Christ, "I am the resurrection and the life." He is the one who will open the gates of hell (the grave) and resurrect his children.

So without further reference it is easy to see that Christ is the one upon whom the church is built. He is the head, he is the shepherd, the stone of Israel, in all ages, and the church which rebuilds is the church of Israel and he is the shepherd of Israel. Any gentile who tries to make Christ's church the church of the gentiles and only started since he was here, the same is a thief and a robber. He is trying to rob Christ of his true place as head of the only church God ever started. He is a thief in trying to steal just enough of Israel's doctrines to build an organization and leave out the things they do not wish. Shame on them. It is the ensign of Israel that is now to be lifted. It is the name of Israel now to be sounded through the world. It is the Remnant of Israel now to be gathered, not some gentile organization calling itself the "Remnant church."

Let all such organizations started by man be called by the name the Lord gives them, the "synagogues of satan." They were invented by satan. They teach in many instances his doctrine, they practice his deceptions

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upon the people and call it the gospel. This is not saying there are no blind children of God in them, for there are, but the call is to come out of them. Let all heed the call.

## SAFE PROPOSITIONS

Some it seems have been quite careful in their sensational advertising. Of late I have seen several hand bills thrown out by the Russelite people, who are well known, which state "that millions living in 1925 A. D. will never die." At first thought that is quite startling, but a little thought will show the proposition to be safe so far as those who put it out are concerned. To prove the untruthfulness of the statement will require a long time. It could only be known to be a truth by those who would be born just prior to 1925, when they became near eighty or ninety years old, by that time it would develop that millions living in 1925 had not died although millions upon millions had died during the time.

Well I give credit to the Russelite for using caution. For their mistakes on dates have been many. I called the attention of the last minister I met who was giving out such bills, to this point and said I wished something more definite about 1925, that the people might know something definite that would take place then. He said, "Well to be more definite I will say that the resurrection will take place then." I said of all? No, he said the representatives of the Jewish race such as Abraham, Isaac, and the prophets and others, they would go to Jerusalem and rebuild the city. Now I said, that is something definite and if Abraham is not there then I will know your teaching to be a failure, which I am very sure now it will be. The Russelite is not the only person who does this kind of evasive teaching. The S. D. Adventists have for seventy five years past practiced this sliding scale of definiteness on the people. They took the position seventy five years ago that, "this generation would not pass till Jesus would come." The generation then had its beginning as claimed in 1833. Their interpretation then was that in 1844 it was nearly finished. Well seventy five years has passed, hence new views must be taken in order to hold the interpretation good. Some have slid the scale from 1833 to 1844 as a starter. Now, say they, it will include the oldest man at the end of the generation that was alive in 1844. So we are left to find the oldest person in the world that is still alive and will be alive to know when we can know the genera-

tion has ended, in fact the oldest person must die at that time to mark the generation as really closed. But the scripture says "the generation shall not pass till all be fulfilled." So if their view of the scripture is correct it will be difficult indeed to know when the generation has ended, thus all such positions spell nothing at all as they interpret them and use them. William Miller the starter of all these ideas who was a very devout man so far as I know, made a mistake when he said Christ would come in 1844. The time passed. He said, I have made a mistake. But to deny the mistake and scheme around it, is wicked and misleading to the people. Since writing the above I have just spent an hour listening to the Russelite. He said their prediction made many years ago by Mr. Russell, that the world would end in 1914 was literally fulfilled. He said some would still say, Christ would come. He said Christ has come and they don't know it. No doubt but when 1925 comes they will claim that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the Prophets have been resurrected and are in Palestine ruling, but the people won't know it. Such illogical and unscriptural teaching is no where to be found but among the Russelites. I merely mention some of their positions in order to help some that might be fooled by it. But really feel ashamed to notice such silly positions as are taken by them in most every thing they teach. Permit me to say the above is but a sample of the teaching of the day. The religious teachers of our day, especially those who try to explain prophecy, have much to say about the confusion of the rulers of the world. Surely they can't be worse confused than the supposed bible teachers now filling pulpits in the land.

## The earth's desolation for one thousand years.

All who know the Bible know that God knew the end from the beginning. He knew every detail of the future before it came to pass. As a result of this knowledge, every record as a future forecast in prophecy, or writing as history after events transpired, are all in harmony. For the reason that each event came in its order as known by the Lord who made all things.

It is also known by all who know the bible, and the kindergarten teaching of the law, that it is plainly taught that a period of seven thousand years is allotted from the beginning to complete the work of redemption of the world, to its Eden condition, with the saved, placed in their Eden home.

The above facts are and have been always taught and known by the children of God. In the covenant made with Abraham, circumcision was the token of that covenant made with him that his seed should inherit the earth when made new. Gen. 17:1-12;26:1-5. The lesson of circumcision taught that only the true seed through Christ would inherit that promise. It taught that only such as were converted in heart would receive the inheritance. It also taught that that inheritance would not be received till the beginning of the eighth thousand years, by the child being circumcised when eight days old. These facts cannot be overthrown and must stand as foundation principles in the plan of redemption. This is further shown in the law of Moses that if a person became unclean, they must remain out of the camp for seven days, thus symbolizing the seven thousand years. It was further shown by the entrance of Israel into Canaan which was a type of the new earth. By each being circumcised before crossing Jordan showed that

before our final inheritance all who enter must be converted at heart. It was not a question of blood or nationality that would save man from sin.

Paul in his letter to the Romans gives a divine interpretation of the promise to Abraham saying that the promise embraced the world. He further says that inheritance is not through the law, but through faith. Romans 4:13-16. Thus establishing another point, namely that blood nor any thing else can give that inheritance, but faith in God's promises will. Faith leads to obedience and every other blessing. Note another point plainly stated by Paul. The promise was not to Abraham's literal seed, but to Christ, Gal. 3:15. And further, he plainly states who are the seed of Abraham. Namely, all who have accepted Christ, Gal. 3:27. These are all foundation principles laid down in the earliest history of inspiration which are to govern every interpretation of scripture which was later written. These principles forever shut out any interpretation which favors any special class of people. Every understanding of scripture must harmonize with these foundation principles. For one, we will not listen to any interpretation of scripture which will in the least manner change these facts. No class, no nationality or children of any flesh have any preference with God. "He is no respecter of persons." The covenant with Abraham through faith embraces every class ever born in the world. That covenant is made with all people, Zech. 11.

#### False Interpretations.

Satan has been determined to throw another light on these promises. He has never held that the promise was to the literal seed of Abraham and not to all people through faith in Christ. Satan's position was taken in the days of Christ. He had it to meet. The same position is still taken and we have it to meet. Christ met it by saying to the unbelievers, they were liars like their father Satan. He was a liar from the beginning and abode not in the truth. That argument of Christ is still good in our day. Every apostle had it to meet in every place where the unbelieving Jews came in contact with them. Paul plainly told them it was not the children of the flesh but the children of the promise, Romans 4.

So that principle we hold to be forever settled and all who will not accept that principle we reject as we are told to do by the apostle, after our admonition to them.

#### Six thousand years the limit.

Every person who knows the bible in prophecy knows full well that no prophetic period, no line of prophecy, no symbolic teaching in the law of Moses, reaches beyond six thousand years from the beginning as pertaining to the salvation of man. Trace all prophecy pertaining to nations of earth. All end within that period. Take the covenant of faith made with all people, "that whosoever will, may come and be saved," ends prior to that time. Christ's advent to this world must come within that period, as told by all the prophets. Take Christ's own statement as he answered the disciples concerning the end of the world. He says, after giving the world's history, "then shall the end come." He further says of the work of the Gospel, "that it must be preached to all nations as a witness, then shall the end come," Matt. 24:14. John says as to the definite time, that work of the gospel will end, "but in the days of the seventh angel, (trumpet)" the mystery of the gospel

shall be finished as he hath declared by all his holy apostles and prophets.

So when the seventh trumpet begins to sound we know it is useless to teach it has not closed for it has. That does not imply there is no more work to be done for his people. So we say positive that all things pertaining to the salvation of man ends with six thousand years from the creation. That is another fact that must be accepted. So settle that point.

#### What events will take place?

First at the end of six thousand years Christ will come in all His Glory with all the holy angels with Him. Then shall he sit upon the throne of His glory. The wicked are then separated from the righteous as we now read.

When the son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: Matt. 25:31-32.

Second, this throne is the throne of David which was a type of Christ's throne. Let each point be well fixed in the mind as we proceed.

Third, it is said, "the Lord descends with a shout and the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ rise first and we which are alive are caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air and so will we ever be with the Lord," 1st Thess. 4:13. It further says at that time the wicked living will then be "destroyed with everlasting destruction, when He comes in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God." "They shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power," Second Thess. 1:7-9. It tells us further that the beast shall then be taken and with him the false prophet and they shall both be cast alive into the lake of fire and the remnant shall be slain by the sword of him that sitteth on the horse, whose sword proceedeth out of his mouth, Revelation 17:19.

Now tell us how many are left on the earth when these events, as recorded, are fulfilled?

In volume three, page eight sixty, we give the evidence of two lakes of fire, one when Christ comes, and one, one thousand years later. At the coming of Christ, It lays the land desolate. It remains so from generation to generation. Read Isaiah 34. It further says in Isaiah the following:

Isaiah 24:1-6:

Behold the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattered abroad the inhabitants thereof.

And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury so with the giver of usury to him.

The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word.

The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

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.

We next read from Jeremiah, 4:19-28:

My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment.

How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.

For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

If any one doubts as to this being a latter day prophecy let them read our comments on the book of Jeremiah in the "Yellow Peril."

The whole purpose of God in the last days is to depopulate the earth as he did before the flood and at that time. The seven last plagues, Rev. 16, plainly teach this. I am only trying to give just a very few of the evidences contained in the scriptures on the desolation of the earth. Others are all cited in our writings. The seven last plagues wind up the earth's history. The seventh to the greatest earth quake that has ever been in the world's history. That quake is spoken of as turning the earth up side down. It opens up the great gases of the earth. It opens up the oceans of oil now stored in reserve for the burning of the earth. Then to talk of the earth being restored then for the righteous to dwell in, is foolish and lacks knowledge of the teaching of the bible. Oh, says one, "these prophecies apply to old Jerusalem and Palestine." Did the sun ever fail to shine on Palestine? Was that land ever without any man? Was it in that land that all the birds of heaven fled at the presence of the Lord? Perfectly impossible for such interpretations to have the least bit of truth in them. These events connected with the coming of Christ mark the beginning of the millennium.

#### **The binding of Satan.**

It plainly says, "he shall deceive the nations no more till the thousand years are finished," Rev. 20. Then he is to be let loose a little season to deceive again." This tells what the binding is. It is the robbing him of his power to deceive. How is that done? We say by having no one to deceive. He is the antitype of the scape goat of Leviticus 16, that was let loose in the wilderness, a place not inhabited. The binding of him shows plainly there will be no sinners nor sin during

that time. Note these points, hence no need of any repentance of any kind. Hence no second chance or even accepting of the gospel during that period. Note what we say. We also quote what it says:

And I saw an Angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand, and he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent which is the devil and satan and bound him a thousand years and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled. After that he must be loosed a little season.

And I saw thrones and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Rev 20:3-19.

Note this is the story of the seventh thousand period of one thousand years each from the creation. It means a full thousand, not a part of it. It tells the story of satan during that period of the millennium in full. He is bound that full time. Hence no sin, no gospel, no repentance. All that is past. Note again what his deception is, namely, to gather those who come up at the second resurrection to battle against the saints, the Holy city called the camp of the saints. Note also their destiny as they do this. Now note satan's destiny also.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Verses 10-15.

This closes the story of the bible so far as satan and his followers are concerned. That ends that picture. But that is not all of the story. The apostle Peter covers this period of one thousand years beginning with the coming of Christ and ends with the restoration of the earth as promised to Abraham.

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Second Peter 3:1-13.

First Peter calls this period "the day of the Lord." Second, he calls attention to the principles of old time on that method of reckoning by saying one day is as a thousand years. Third he refers to the promise to Abraham of the saints' inheritance. Fourth, he tells plainly when the time is up, Christ will come and not delay. Fifth, when the earth is made new then and not till then will the saints dwell on earth. Sixth, he tell us the earth must first be melted and the works therein be burned up. Seventh, the atmospheric heavens will also be on fire with the earth, when Christ comes. Now if this day of the Lord is understood then all is plain. It is the antitype of the seventh day sabbath, instituted in the creation. Its desolation is the antitype of the seventh year when the land should rest as taught by Moses when the

land should not be sown or reaped. The coming of Christ at the end of six thousand years is the antitype of the year of release as the law written by Moses taught. Thus all the story is in harmony when rightly divided. As before referred to at the beginning of the eighth period of one thousand years the saints will enter into their final rest as pointed out by Paul in Heb. 4, and shown by circumcision the eighth day.

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