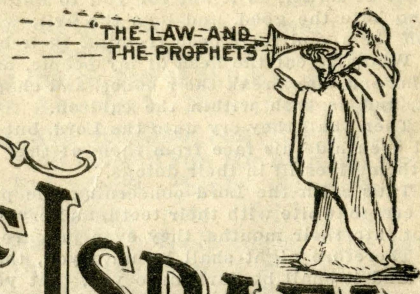
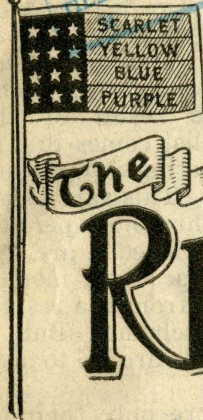


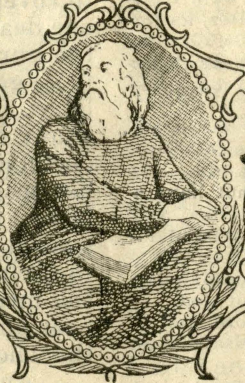
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# THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL



"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, near ye."—Isaiah 13:3.

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## Israel's Ensign.

What is your ensign, brother,  
To show whom you follow today?  
What is your ensign, sister,  
That is leading you on your way?

The ensign of Israel beckons to all,  
Its lessons are great and grand.  
Its followers few are staunch and firm,  
Marching on to the promised land.

The red reminds of him who bore  
Our sins on Calvary's tree,  
While blue pertains to this holy law,  
A guide to you and me.

Purple and yellow are also found  
In this ensign of the blest.  
Each has a lesson we must learn  
To enter into His rest.

R. L. M.

## Let Us Look at Professed Christianity.

What do we behold? Nothing but a vain show and a money speculation. The vain show is seen in costly places of worship, a costly ministry, a costly choir and musicians. All and purely for the purpose of entertaining the public. Often at the expense of a dance room, kitchen and parlors for entertainment for the people. So the church can compete with the world of amusements which are their competitors for the loose change. Is not such a condition awful, when we compare present methods in the church, with the methods of our examples in the Bible who "through faith wrought miracles, quenched the violence of fire, stopped the mouths of lions and put to flight the armies of the Aliens?" The contrast of the methods now and then is certainly disparaging, for there is no comparison. And there being no comparison of methods, there is no comparison of the pure religion then, and what we now call religion. But that is not all, let us look at the "Ministry" of our day a moment.

The ministry back there were called of God from the

various walks of life. Many were uneducated. They had no colleges under denominational supervision to train them. They needed none. There was no treasury for them to draw from. They needed There was no one conference to tell them where to go and how to conduct their work. They needed none. They went just as the Lord were, without purse or scrip. They preached as the Lord who sent them opened the way. They labored with their hands when necessary but only to aid them to continue preaching. Preach they would and preach they did till their work was completed. And they completed it when they died. They fed the flock rather than to be fed. They preferred to be spent rather than to be ministered unto. While they lived of the milk of the flock they fed the flock. They cared for the lame, the sick, the lost sheep, and saw that they were safe in the fold. Their work was all done that the Lord would never leave them nor forsake them. That promise was to be good to the end of the world. Such was the ministry of the past in the days of miracles and power in the church. I wish to now read what God says of our day and present conditions of the church. I give the history as written by inspiration concerning our present day ministry, I read first Zephaniah.

Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!  
2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.  
3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.  
4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.  
5 The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.  
6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so their dwelling should not be cut off, however I punished them;  
7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, however I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

Zeph. 3:1-7.

This is God's view of the situation in our day, as a result of this condition the prophet continues to show the result. Namely, the destruction of the world. The above description gives the condition of both the civil and spiritual rulers of our day. It says, "Her prophets are light and treacherous." In brief the whole trouble of the last days is laid at the door of an ungodly ministry.

And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.

Micah 3:1-11.

Is not this fulfilled in our day. Should we take away the hire of the present ministry, how many would there be left? I dare say that almost every church building in the land would be forsaken. It says "they divine for money." The rulers judge for reward. Often bribery is used. They say, "is not the Lord among us?" Just see the great work we are doing. Don't we raise millions for missionary efforts? Don't we build charitable institutions? Look at this man and that man what they have donated for this and that. They build up Zion with blood and the Church with iniquity. How true that is. They extort from the people through pitiful stories the last dollar for missionary enterprises. They appeal to the tender conscience of the people till the flock is milked to the last drop (dollar) and sent home penniless. All sorts of schemes are planned. Every device is brought into use to secure the largest collection and pledges from the people. Every sermon preached in the large gatherings has a cracker to it to appeal to the people to give.

Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first ripe fruit.

2 The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire so they wrap it up.

4 The best of them is as a bribe, the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

Micah 7:1-4.

Verse four says the Prince and the Judge "asketh for a reward. "The great man uttereth his mischievous word and so they wrap it up." (The money.)

Let the reader turn and read between these scriptures quoted and they will see very clearly the prophet is speaking of this time in which we now live. The Prophet Hosea says, "Her rulers do love, give ye." Hosea 4 18. It is well known there is much more interest taken in raising money than is manifest in the salvation of souls. They surely "do love give ye." The ministry of this age is simply a common class of beggars all under the name of Gospel missionary work. There is one point of the law of Moses, which they are easily converted to believe is still binding.

That is the paying of tithe and offerings. All will

accept that but Moses was a foggy in most everything else.

Now says the prophet "they are every one given over to covetousness from the least to the greatest." "Every-one dealeth falsely." He further says, "They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly." There is no genuine conversion to God as the result of their labor. How often some great evangelist comes to a city where all the ministry join in the meeting regardless of doctrine. He is a special entertainer. This said evangelist secures thousands of dollars for his short period of labor. The way is made so easy, hundreds are persuaded. The pastors now come in by securing members to their church, which is their reward from the result of the meeting. The whole a financial scheme. But the poor blind people don't see it. The people are led to accept the whole as a genuine effort.

And so they drift along as before only their conscience is benumbed as to real Christianity. They are left contented to drift still further into formality and call it religion.

While the Bible speaks to no limit in giving the history of false teachers as they will abound in the last days, I will give one more text found in Ezekiel.

4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have you not seen a vain vision, and have you not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it: albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

Ezekiel 13:4-9.

Christ spake of Herod as that old fox because of his cunningness. So the prophet here speaks of the eteachers of the last days. They are so cunning and foxy. The gaps made in the Bible doctrine by the great apostacy are to be built up before Christ comes. The truth in its purity will be taught the Remnant, so they will stand in Armageddon which is just before us. But these foxes will not receive the truth. Instead of receiving the truth they daub the wall up which has been broken down with more false doctrine. The Lord has not sent them, says the prophet.

Thus the situation is pointed out so clearly that none need be mistaken. But to show its fulfillment in our day I quote from a letter recently received from another state.

September 4th.

"Dear Brother Rupert:

It has been so long since I wrote I am ashamed to write but I simply want to let you know I am still of good courage and my thoughts have been with you every day. I ever remember your good words and few sermons I heard.

I get out most every Sabbath and come away disappointed nine times out of ten and during their camp meeting held here I left during the services, (which was an hour spent in story telling) so boiling over with disgust I could not contain myself and expressed myself freely to several of the good members outside.

Did you ever attend an auction sale? Well that was what it sounded like and they chose the Sabbath day for it. The high bids for money were for foreign missions. They found 3 parties in one section who gave \$100 each.

They started at \$100 and got down to \$1.00 each at the end. They took the money and blessed it and counted it. Then they had baptism afterwards. Shortly before that one this spring they took a collection on the Sabbath and only got \$1000.00 and several acres of land and after counting it in front of all the people, stacking bills, dollars and small silver on the table they appointed 3 to count it. And I wish you could behold the greedy eyes of boys with mouths open, watching that money being piled up. And then, after all that, the minister got up and scored the congregation right for not giving more. Said they expected \$3000.00 and they began all over again and got pledges for several hundred dollars more and this on the Sabbath. The old ministers do this, Eld Daniels and such and say, their faces do not reflect good any more. Will not the Lord punish for these things? Sermon after sermon is made up of telling stories to scare the people to come forward. It is so disgusting and revolting to one who longs for Bible knowledge that it turns more away from the church than it takes in.

Oh! how I wish I could talk to you. I know you are finding more light every day and I long for every bit of it."

As to the above report, I can verify it as true for I attended one of the same kind which was also a state gathering. The plan above described was carried out. The Sabbath was the day for big collections. I have compared such meetings to the milking and slaying of the flock. This is an annual milking time. While the milking is conducted at all times and gatherings in the year, still the annual gathering is where it is conducted for ten days in succession from early till late. If it is not in one way it is in another way. Each sermon is a bumper from the calf to let down the milk more freely. Sometimes it is hard to get the calf loose. Some may look upon this lightly, but I can truly say not so with me. It says "there is a crying and sighing for the abominations that are done in the land. I feel to truly sigh and cry. Tongue cannot describe its awfulness. No feelings can express its sadness. We talk of Rome. Rome never knew how to practice such schemes as are practiced in our day to extort money from the people. But says one, it is not right to support the Gospel? I reply, "Yes," when done in God's way and His instructions are followed. God has provided for all that, and all each true child of God has to do is to obey it. And I am sure each true child will do it without such methods being followed. If God's method is followed plenty of means will be furnished and there will be no need of resorting to schemes to get it. Neither will collections be taken on the Sabbath. Is such a thing taught in the Bible? Why not follow God's plan? Begging is beneath the dignity of any minister of the Gospel. But says one, don't you think it right to send missionaries? I reply "No." Man cannot send a missionary. Neither can he plan his work. If God wants a missionary He will send him. Did he not send the disciples? Did he not send Paul to Macedonia? Did he not send Philip to meet the eunuch? Did he not send Paul and Peter to the Gentiles? Did He not send Peter to the house of Cornelius? Did they need to call a conference and a missionary board to send them? Did they first have to raise the means to send them on? Such foolishness as is practiced is **extreme**, say nothing about its dishonor to God and His power to send the Gospel. I listened to one of these pitiful stories regarding a certain country where hundreds of candidates were awaiting baptism and no minister to baptize them. It was such a wonderful open door said the Minister, and now what we want is money to send to that people, Ministers. Now God was able to give them repentance. He was able to teach them the need of bap-

tism, and all that, but some Minister from this country had to go to baptize them. I suppose to make it legal, for the patent was taken out in America. Could not God give someone authority there to baptize those people, or had they been instructed to think it must be a certain denomination in America? Now if men would just get out of the way and let God run His own church it would be better. Well He will run **His own**, we need not worry about that. But don't think these so called churches are His for they are not. Neither are such Ministers His who teach such foolishness. His preachers know more than that. In closing I wish to say again, this paper deals in what I understand to be truth from the scriptural point of view. We do not deal in personalities. All the desire we have is to teach that which is true and help all we can. May the words of God here cited with others on this subject sink deep into the heart of the reader and may they profit by them by declaring their liberty and freedom in God.

### Damnable Heresies.

Heresy is a teaching that is untrue and not according to the truth of God. Now the Lord says that such teaching is damnable. Could stronger language be used than Inspiration here uses against false teaching? Yet some lazy indifferent professors will say, "Oh it is not what a man believes if he does right and is doing the best he can." Thus they deceive themselves and deceive all who listen and accept such statements. The fact is in such cases such persons have not interest enough to exercise their mind to know what truth is. I have learned the fact that there is nothing so condemned by the Lord as holding an error and believing false doctrines. False teachers and false doctrine has caused more trouble than anything else in the religious world. It is Satan's business to sow lies broadcast and teach things not true. Thus true fellowship and true faith in God is destroyed. A man that will stick to false doctrine when they have an opportunity to know truth is not entitled to the name Christian or any other name that designates he is an Israelite, says the Apostle if they bring false doctrine receive them not into your house. (church) neither bid them God speed. Suppose the Bible says "swine is unclean," Ye shall not eat their flesh or touch their carcass." Well says the professor I don't see why I can't eat it and hence pays no attention to what God says. What must God think of such a person? That is true of every other thing disregarded. Another teaches the "damnable heresy" that people go to heaven or hell at death. That is not true yet with all that is said about it few pay any attention to the "damnable heresy" and go on unconcerned. It is too bad that such few persons are really interested to know what is truth. How is it with you?

The Lord speaks of the observance of days held by professed people of God which were instituted by the heathen, such as Sunday, as the Sabbath and so on. The Lord says of such worship, "my soul hateth," Isaiah 1: 6-10. Please don't say the Lord is not particular, it was said to Saul that disobedience was as the sin of witchcraft.

Don't suppose for a moment you are accepted of God when you have a chance to know the truth and will not avail yourself of the opportunity. I fear all such people will never get there. They are deceiving themselves. Those who are so little concerned to know what is truth sin against their own soul and despise the Lord.

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### But One Side.

I received a letter some days ago saying about a certain position I had taken in contrast with another position on certain teaching, said there was strong evidence on both sides of the question. My reply to this letter was there was but one side to any Bible question. I will add this also, one side is very plain while the wrong side was very unreasonable and very plain to be an error. The trouble is with us, the truth of God is positive and plain, but some who do not understand the scriptures sufficient to rightly divide truth from error is where the trouble lies. I have listened to the most absurd things taught. But the congregation seemed to think it a very fine presentation of truth..

### Died.

In last month's issue of the Remnant we recorded the sad news of the death of Eld. A. F. Ballenger. Last night I received a letter from California that A. F. Ballenger's Father who was also an Elder had just passed away. This letter gave no details, hence we can only say a few words. In our report of the son's death I said, who would be next of the old veterans whom I knew in years past and had associated with, I knew not? Now the next known is the father. My memory goes back near forty years ago when this Father came regularly as a delegate and minister from Illinois to Battle Creek to attend General conference. We ever found him an earnest, devoted lover of God and His truth. I can say the memory of those days is ever pleasant to meditate upon. Our fellowship for each other, and love for God, and truth, seemed to be the theme of every heart. Three years ago while in Los Angeles, California, Elder Ballenger came to the place I was holding meetings. I invited him to speak to the Church, this he did. His discourse was full of the old time earnestness of former years. His discourse was spiritual and excellent. Though I think past eighty years of age. Now like an old soldier of the cross he lays off his armor and rests till his captain again calls him to arise and meet him face to face. That will be a great and glorious meeting indeed. Elder Ballenger raised a family of sons and daughters who loved the Lord. We trust when that day comes he and his entire family will meet never to part again.

Dare we say who will be the next of the old veterans of the cause who so earnestly proclaimed the coming of our Lord and the ten commandments of Jehovah? "Let me die the death of the Righteous, and let my last days be like His."

### A Few Facts for Consideration.

It is a truth that we are living in an age when people are satisfied with a very small amount of knowledge regarding the fundamental principles of the Bible.

It is a truth that mere superficial knowledge satisfies the great majority of professed Christians.

It is still another truth that ignorance is the foundation of all sectarian dogmas advocated which the people are accepting as truth, and it is one more truth that the old story of the blind leading the blind into the ditch is the same today that it has ever been. The above should be impressed upon every mind.

#### OUR WORK

Our work is specifically an educational work in spiritual doctrine and teaching of the Scriptures.

Every article written, every page printed, every book placed on the market for circulation has just one object. Namely, to give the people that help which is so badly needed for this time of gross darkness. Hence, we do not propose to enter the field of commercialism in the Lord's work for gain. Our books must be sold at the lowest price that will meet the expense of placing them in the hands of the people. Hence the price should be reduced as the volume of sales increases. The initial cost is ever the highest so these books while new must be sold higher than later on.

The point I wish now to call attention to is what is the best educator? Is it the "Remnant of Israel," or is it the tracts, or is it the books as bound in sets? I reply the latter. While the paper has been filled in all its past history with the very best articles we knew how to secure to attract and teach the truth. All will admit that it would take a long time to give a general knowledge of the bible through a paper of most any kind or size. It is also a truth that papers published by denominations were educational in their beginning but as they became established then the articles of common things entered till they no longer teach scarcely any doctrines of the Bible. This we hope to ever avoid. Next Tracts and booklets are written if on doctrinal subjects have some special point that is designed to call especial attention to. While both the paper and the tracts are excellent to interest and call especial attention to certain things, it would require a long time to gain a general knowledge of the Bible from them. They have their field and are useful if used lawfully.

### Books.

Too many books in the world have a theme of some subject the writer wishes to have the people read. This is good if the book teaches nothing but the truth. But it is true so often that the writer for lack of knowledge of a general nature of the scriptures crosses and recrosses the truth in the book written till the book blows both hot and cold and is so wrong on many things it is more harm than good to the public.

I am glad to confess that such an experience was my experience in my first writings. I knew certain things to be true from the study of the Bible, hence wrote a book of eight hundred pages, largely from a denominational standpoint. It was read with favor by all who read it who had been taught as I had been taught. Had I stopped there my troubles would have been over, but I continued to search the scriptures as a whole gradually going back to the beginning of the Bible and running the whole book through. The result of this course led me to see many things I had not known. I felt that others should know

them so I began to write more specifically in consecutive order and connect in one story. The result has been that six volumes have been written covering the whole field. What was the result that come to my first book? I will say it had too many good things in it to throw away? So I did as any honest man ought to do. Namely begin to correct wrong teaching. I will say it has cost me one thousand dollars and lots of work to take out wrong positions which I did not see when I studied from a denominational point of view or relying on one theme only. This taught me there is but one way to know truth. Namely, to begin at the beginning and learn the whole book. It taught me another great truth that the whole book is much easier learned than to try to know the truth by studying it by pieces. So I say do not rely on the paper alone. Neither on one book or one tract or a dozen tracts. Take the whole six volumes, begin at the beginning and I promise you you will learn more truth in one year than you have learned in a life time by hearing sermons, reading papers and tracts. All may be good but those who rely on them for a full education in the Bible will never get there, neither will they be able to discern truth from error, in many cases. This may all sound like an advertisement for the sale of the books now ready for the people, but it is not. It is truth and when I say there is no other books in the world which teaches the whole scriptures as these teach them in one connected line from the beginning to the end, I simply say that which is truth. I say all I here say for one object only and that is to tell the truth the people need for this time if they wish to know truth and the Lord. We neither boast nor do what we are doing for money, there is one object only and that is to please the Lord and do the people good.

## The Gamaliel Correspondence School for Bible Students.

### LESSON THIRTY-NINE.

- What plan did the Philistines make? Verses 12.  
 What proposition did they make David? Chap. 28:
- 1-2. What did the Philistines do? Verses 3-4.  
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 Whom did the woman claim to bring up? Verses 12-14.  
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 Had God departed from Saul? Verse 15.  
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 What did this supposed Samuel say? Verses 16-19.  
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 What did the woman then do? Verses 21-25.  
 Were her offerings similar to those of Israel? Verse 24.  
 What caused Saul's death? 1st. Chron. 10:13-14.  
 Did the Lord take advantage of this occasion as he did Balaam and answer Saul, or was it a familiar spirit? Or was it an angel of the devil? Either could do this. It was not Samuel, that we know. For the dead know not anything.  
 How did God let David out of the next war? Chap. 29.  
 What condition did David find on his return? Chap. 30:1-6.  
 Whom did David always depend on for advice? Verses 7-8.  
 What result followed? Verses 9-31.  
 What befell Saul in battle? Chap. 31:3-6.

What did the Philistines do with Saul? Verses 7-10.  
 What did the valiant men next do? Verses 11-13.

We can say no such record can be found elsewhere of two such characters, one dependent on the Lord for all things, the other forsaken by God because of disobedience to God like David and Saul. One filled with love for his enemy, the other filled with hatred for his friend. One seeking to take his friend's life, the other to save his enemy's life. And finally the friend of the one who sought his life, weeps with bitterness over his enemy's death. The friend had no pleasure in the death of his enemy, even slaying the man who dared to report it to him. Truly the first book of Samuel is inspired by the Holy Ghost and written for the learning and encouragement of saints. May the one who studies this lesson imbibe the spirit of David and profit by the lesson of truth herein revealed.

- LESSON FORTY—DAVID'S KINGDOM GIVEN HIM.  
 The student should read the chapter "David," in Vol. One.  
 Who reported Saul's death? Samuel 1:1-11.  
 What did David say? Verses 11-16.  
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 Repeat David's words of sorrow. Verses 17-27.  
 Did David take the kingdom before God said so? Chap. 2:1-4.  
 What was David's first act? Verses 5-7,  
 What did Abner do? Verses 8-10.  
 How long did David reign in Hebron? Verse 11.  
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 Relate the story from verses 25-32.  
 Who was strong for the house of Saul? Chap. 3:1-6.  
 What caused trouble with Ishbosheth and Abner? Verses 7-11.  
 What followed Abner's course? Verses 12-21.  
 Why was not Abner present? Verses 22-27.  
 Where did David say Abner's death should rest? Verses 28-30.  
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 What happened to Saul's son and grandson? Chap. 4:1-8.  
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 Who was with David? Verses 6-10.  
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 What did the Philistines do? Verses 17-18.  
 Of whom did David inquire? Verses 19-21.  
 What did the Philistines again do? Verse 22.  
 What did David do again? Verses 23-25.  
 Tell the story of moving the ark. Chap. six.  
 What came into David's mind? Chap. 7:1-2.  
 What did Nathan the prophet tell him? Verses 3-17.  
 What did David say to God? Verses 18-29.  
 Relate the story of Chapter 8.  
 For whom did David now inquire? Chapter 9-1.  
 Whom did he find and what did David do for them? Verse 13.  
 Who was next a subject of kindness? Chap. 10:1-5.  
 What did Ammon do? Verse 6. How did the war end? Verses 7-19.  
 Tell the story of David's awful crime. Chap. 11:1-26.
- LESSON FORTY-ONE.  
 How did the Lord feel over the crime? Verse 27.  
 What did Nathan say to David? Chap. 12:1-4.

- What was David's reply? Verses 5-6.  
 What did Nathan now say? Verses 7-12.  
 What did David say to this? Verse 13.  
 What further did Nathan say? Verses 13-14.  
 Did David repent, confess and plead for mercy?  
 Psalm 51:1-19.  
 What happened to the child? Verses 15-23.  
 Why did God strike the child? Why did it die the seventh day?  
 Who became the mother of Solomon? Verses 24-25.  
 What were David's family troubles? Chap. 13:1.  
 Had this been told David?  
 Who proves traitor to David? Chap. 14:1-17.  
 What was David's reply? Verses 18-20.  
 What did David tell Joab to do? Verses 21-24.  
 Where did Absalom dwell? Verses 25-27.  
 What did he do to see Joab? Verses 28-33.  
 What did Absalom now do? Chap. 15:1-6.  
 What excuse did he make to David? Verses 7-9.  
 What next did Absalom do? Verses 10-12.  
 Did Ahithophel betray David? Verse 12.  
 What did David do? Verses 13-18.  
 Who went with him? Verses 19-29.  
 Describe David's journey. Verse 30.  
 Who was with the conspirators? Verse 31.  
 Who came to meet David? Verse 32.  
 What plan was laid? Verses 33-37.  
 Who next met David? Chap. 16:1-4.  
 What was David's next experience? Verses 5-8.  
 Who proposed to slay him? Verse 9.  
 What did David say to Abishai? Verses 10-14.  
 Who came to Jerusalem with Absalom? Verse 15.  
 Whom did they meet there? Verses 16-19.  
 What council did Ahithophel give Absalom? Verses 20-23.  
 What further council did he give? Chap. 17:1-4.  
 What council did Hushai give? Verses 5-13.  
 Which council was the better accepted? Verse 14.  
 What word was sent David? Verses 15-16.  
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- What did Absalom do? Verses 25-26.  
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 What strict command did David give? Verse 5.  
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 What happened to Absalom? Verses 9-17.  
 Give the report of the messengers to David. Verses 18-32.  
 How did it affect David? Verse 33.  
 Relate the meeting of Joab and David. Chap. 19:1-8.  
 What did the people now say? Verses 9-10.  
 What word did David send to Judah? Verses 11-15.  
 Who was made chief in the place of Joab?  
 Give the full story of David's return to Jerusalem. Verses 16-43.  
 Who next rebelled? Chap. 20:1-2.  
 Absalom had defiled the concubines, hence David could no more live with them. Verse 3.  
 What command was now given Amasa? Verses 4-7.  
 Who slew Amasa? Verses 8-13.  
 What did Joab now do? Verses 14-15.  
 How did the war end with Sheba? Verses 16-22.  
 What caused three years famine in Israel? Chap. 21:1-6.  
 Whom did David spare? Verses 7-9.  
 Who mourned for Saul's house? Verses 10-11.
- What did David do? Verses 12-13.  
 Who next threatened David's life? Verses 15-16.  
 Who saved him? Verse 17.  
 What sentence was passed on David? Verse 17.  
 Tell how the giants of the Philistines were slain. Verses 18-21.  
 What song of victory did David now utter? Chap. 22:1-51.  
 What was David's last advice. Chap. 23:1-7.  
 Who were his mighty men? Verses 8-12.  
 What was David's request? Verses 13-17.  
 What other chief men were there? Verses 18-39.  
 How many in all?  
 What did David next do? Chap. 24:1-9.  
 What confession did David make? Verse 10.  
 What choice was given him? Verses 11-13.  
 What choice was made? Verses 14-17.  
 What did David do? Verses 18-25.  
 Would David accept the gift?

### A Bit of Experience.

First I received recently a card with a number of names from Charleston, South Carolina, wishing me to send sample copies of the paper. More recent a general variety of books have been ordered on several occasions. I have learned that those parties became interested through the sale of our books by Elder M. N. Ask of New York City. Next a few days ago I received a card asking for sample copy from Pennsylvania. In a few days I received the subscription saying his father in California had sent him sample copy and he had lost it but wrote me to ask if it was still published. The above parties were both secured in a round about way as you will see. Next, The Remnant reached Jacksonville, Florida, I have had a letter recently stating his father had heard me speak there thirty-five years ago. So now his son is interested in this message. Recently I had a letter from Ontario telling how these things appealed to them. At home, only yesterday, a gentleman stepped up to me asking if my name was Rupert. I replied it was. Said he, I once read and owned your book the Inspired History of the Nations and I have lost it, I want it again.

I stated it had been revised and enlarged into six volumes. He said, I will surely have them soon as your two volumes are out November first. He lives fifty miles from here. Recently Dr. Talburt formerly Elder Talburt of the Oklahoma Conference of S. D. A. called on me. Our visit was pleasant and he is interested in the work I am doing. He related a former incident when the conference was dealing with my case. The home ministers wished a General Conference man to overthrow my positions. His reply to them was, my pole is too short to reach him. He is too high for me; he knows more than I do. Get someone else. I can't do it.

Recently two Brethren of former associations called in the office. They wish to engage in the work of the message. These are but some of the experiences of the past two weeks. This is about a sample of the work here, say nothing of the many very interesting letters received almost daily. Yet I find myself almost complaining that the work goes so slow. Each day I find all I can do from morning till night. What seems to be needed is help both in the office and out of the office. Not hirelings but men and women of faith who are willing to rely on the Lord for his divine power and help. That is all I have had, and I can say it is more than all the power and wealth of the World. So we push forward each day "to the prize and

High calling of God in Christ Jesus." All things are now ready. Go quickly and bid them come to the supper. Come along and help in this wonderful truth that satisfies and gives a faith that meets every requirement.

### Wonderful Example of Organization and Obedience.

In First Chronicles, Chapters thirteen and fifteen, is recorded a valuable lesson on strict obedience and organization. After Saul's death, David decided to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim, so he sent for it. He said, they had not inquired of God by the ark in the days of Saul. So they prepared a new cart and placed oxen to haul it. Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. David and all his company played on instruments as they journeyed. The oxen stumbled and shook the ark. Uzza put his hand to it and steadied it. The Lord slew him. David became afraid and sent the Ark to Obed-edom's house. The Lord blessed Obed-edom greatly while it remained with him. David and his company went on home. Three years later as recorded in Chapter fifteen David made the second attempt.

Note, the preparations on this occasion were not the same as the first attempt. David now prepare a tent for the ark, then says, "None ought to carry the ark but the Levites. For them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God." He next calls for the sons of Kohath, who were the special ones appointed for that purpose. He also calls the Merarites and the Gershonites in their place. He next calls for Zadok and Abiathar the priests of the Lord. Now he says, "Ye are the chiefs of the fathers. Sanctify yourselves both ye and your brethren that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord your God of Israel, unto the place I have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us for we sought him not after the due order.

And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the Word of the Lord."

Now David and his company again play before the Lord and there was no trouble. David in all his history was desirous of doing as Moses had commanded him in every respect. But on this occasion he was ignorant of the manner, or careless. Moses had said that when Israel should set a king over them the King was to take a copy of the book of the law and meditate therein day and night and not turn to the right hand nor to the left. This record shows the perfect obedience required by God. Also His perfect organization. This organization has been almost obliterated and man has devised many substitutes to take its place. But the Remnant people will have that organization fully restored and due order observed before the Master comes.

Nothing is more essential today than to realize the fact that nothing but strict obedience must be rendered to God in every particular. I can say that David was never so precious to me as since studying his character and life. He was a man so different from Saul. David in all his moves first sought the Lord for instruction and advice. Saul was the opposite. In all David's life we find but few errors. This was one. Another was the case of Uriah's wife. The third was when satan influenced him to number Israel. For these he, like Moses, who erred one time, had to reap what he sowed, as his life later shows. While there are none perfect, no not one, we can say if we take the whole life of man from Adam down, David stands by the side of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and the Christ. No man could save

man. Christ was without sin. Hence the only redeemer. If man could have been perfect then there would be no place for Christ.

### Providence.

Divine providence is something which cannot be fathomed no more than we can fathom God's eternal power. In speaking of providence Paul says "that God is able to do for us even more than we are able to ask or think." It is beyond our thoughts hence beyond our ability to ask for the things which God is able to bring to pass for us. So it is ever well to say, "If the Lord wills it so, we will do this or that." Faith grasps the promises of God, when he says that "all things work together for good to those who love him." But to be able to see God's ways in bringing it to pass, that is beyond the wisdom of man. Even the very thing brought to us in the fulfillment of the promise we often think that thing is against us when it is for our good. So all man can do who believes God is to wait till God's providence has been made visible to us. Faith grasped many years ago even against hope of receiving I can now see it has been brought about by God's providence.

When I first began to keep the Sabbath I decided I would do it let it cost what it would, I had considered and thought I would for some seven years, finally the decision came. That decision cost me **all to buy the field** which was not a small sum even in money. I can say so much I have never seen to this day anyone else whom it cost so much in various ways. I have had an impression from that time on that God would in some way restore even that to me in this life. Over forty years passed living in close circumstance. But late years in various ways too wonderful to enumerate God's providence has brought that grasp of faith to be made a truth. That is God's way of doing things.

So we continue to trust him. We can't see from day to day ahead in the service of God. But his promises are yea and Amen to all who trust and obey him. Such is faith and such is God's providence in bringing it to pass. Oh wonderful providence. Let us continue to trust Him. Believe Him and wait for it to come to pass though many years is taken to bring the promise to pass. Inspiration says, "Wait on the Lord, He will bring it to pass."

### Place Your Order.

The two volumes, Numbers one and two are now ready. The work has been going on in the preparation of these volumes since last spring. The cost has been great. The reason for publishing them is the same as every other page has been from the beginning of the work. Namely, that the thing found in the study of the scriptures did my own soul good as I learned them. Second, the great desire I have that others may have every good thing that I possess. I realize that times are hard and money not so plentiful as it has been. But that does not discourage me in the least. I have faith to believe that this message must and will go to the people, so I press forward just as though there was not a hindrance in the way. I try and do my part and leave the result with the Lord.

If there are no books sold I shall feel that I did what I felt was my duty and all I could, so I am happy, let the result be as it may. I feel that every child of God should have the same experience. Namely, to do all they can to

help others know the truth, then not worry. Leave the result with the Lord. Let us all do this.

All who will order these volumes till December 20, will get them for half price, which is one fifty each, post paid. We do this for two reasons. First, that the people may have them and get the good out of them this winter, while they have time to read. Second, that I may have the money to aid in their publication. I need it badly. Only those who have tried to accomplish a heavy burden with small means will understand what we have passed through to accomplish what we have for years past. Don't fail to order, I will promise to see you through with the amount if need be. If you haven't volume three four and five do the same with them. Volume six in cheaper binding can be had for one dollar. It is not yet in uniform binding. In addition to the above, I wish to say let all pray that God will raise up laborers for the great harvest that is before us to be accomplished in a short time. We need laborers of every gift of the spirit to aid in giving the truth to the people, who will say, "Here am I Lord, send me."

### Who is The Man?

The time is now here when some man is to arise and push the book trade. Who that person is I know not.

Every preparation is now complete for the sale of our books. I have succeeded in circulating many publications largely from the office through the mails and when I took trips and held meetings. Possibly near twenty thousand dollars worth. These books have met with favor by all who read them so far as I know. Many believers have been developed. But in the language of the Prophet, "Israel is very small and how shall he arise." That is the condition now. There are surely those of both men and women who have ability and love of God who will take this great truth to the people. Volume one and two have been in preparation all summer. Now they are being printed. When out by the first of November they should all be disposed of before the new year begins. But unless there is a special effort they will be in stock this time next year. In the name of the Lord let us arise and let the World know we are in the World and labor for God's children who sit in darkness in the various organizations of Christendom and even those not reckoned among them. God's sheep are scattered abroad in all places. Let us search them out. As I write this I feel, as old as I am I must go to the lost sheep with the message. I hope to do this the next year if God so orders it. My work is done largely in the office it seems. Help must come in the office also. If it does it will let me free to go out in the field. Who will say, "Here I am, Lord, send me?"

### What Can I Say?

If there ever was a time since the days of Christ that the true Shepherd should have wisdom, boldness and a tender spirit it is now. The situation is simply appalling.

I speak especially of the condition of the spiritual realm.

As the Apostle says, They have a form of godliness but in their life they deny the power" to reform men and women.

The fashions of today to my mind are simply beyond description among men and women professing Godliness. Take the dress of the women of today from her head to

her feet. No extreme at all admissible by civil law but is engaged in. The world is surely mad crazy. Every amusement that can be devised is appealing to the people for patronage and is well patronized. The auto is used and helps thousands of young men and women along the downward road to ruin. The streets are full of professional gamblers. Offices too frequently have men who are robbers of the funds they handle, according to the probes published in the papers. A large number of these are professors, and now since the prohibition law thousands of secret holes in caves, woods and cellars are used with small stills to furnish a sour drink fit only to kill the consumer. I say is it not simply awful when we stop to think and open our eyes to the situation which now stands in the face of the world to be met? But this is not the worst view.

### Wanted.

I wish to correspond with a sabbath keeper who is capable of printing such a paper as the Remnant of Israel, one who is also experienced in job work. Address this office.

Just make up your mind.

There is one thing eternally settled and that is the Remnant of Israel will not be found in one of the present day, so called church organizations, when Christ comes.

Every true Israelite will have been called out of Babylon before the time of Jacob's trouble is over. This being a truth the children of God can just make up their mind they cannot stay with a single organization now in existence. Hence the sooner the mind is made up to this fact and they declare their liberty and freedom in Christ to think and act for themselves the more good they can accomplish both in saving their own souls and the souls of others. This is not spoken from any personal enmity, but from the standpoint of a fact, so taught in the Bible. The Lord says deliver every man his soul and flee out of Babylon. Personally I feel to be socially in harmony with all, but when a duty is laid upon me I can only say what the Lord bids me speak. I have studied the conditions of Christendom from the light of God's word and also from personal observation, and I feel to say the situation is dangerous to every person now, as to whether they will serve God or man. The dividing line has come. Who will heed the call? We say be sure and make no mistake. "Remember Lot's wife" is the admonition of the Savior, Remember Israel as they left Egypt. Remember the flood. Remember Jerusalem with the Roman Army. All are our examples.

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