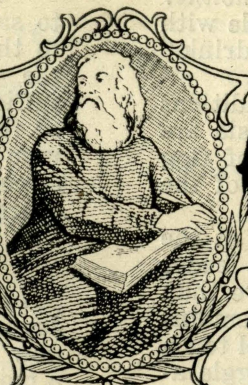


THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL



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

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OMENS OF THE YELLOW PERIL

(By I. C. Sultz.)

What we term the Yellow Peril is the struggle between the yellow races and professed Christendom in the last days. Those acquainted with the scripture know that God always used the heathen to punish his professed people for their transgressions of his law.

In these last days we have reached the time when wickedness is rife in the land. The transgression of not only the fourth commandment greets your eyes at every turn, but wholesale transgressions of the entire law of ten commandments is to be seen on every hand. For this we shall be punished, and the Bible is so explicit that it even names the ones that are to take part in what we term the Yellow Peril.

"And the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal and prophesy against him." Eze. 38:1-2.

Note that Gog is of the land of Magog, and that Magog was a grandson of Noah. You will see by the ancient maps that he settled north of the Caspian Sea, which is now occupied by Russia. The revised version has it "The chief prince of Rosh". Smith's Bible dictionary states that Rosh was the original Russians. This locates beyond question the country referred to.

Meshech and Tubal were also grandsons of Noah who settled near the Black Sea. The dictionary mentioned above states that Meshech was the original Moscow which is now a part of Russia.

Verse four states that Gog will be turned back. Then hooks will be put into his jaws and he will be brought forth, with all his army, a great company handling swords. The two verses following state quite definitely who are to come with him. Persia, Ethiopia (the black races) Lybia, Gomer, (a grand son of Noah who settled south of the Black Sea, and is now known as Turkey). "And ALL HIS BANDS", the house of Tegarma (another grandson who settled south and east of the Black Sea which is Armenia), "and MANY PEOPLE WITH THEE". The MANY PEOPLE as will appear later will be China, Japan and

India. Making a vast multitude of two thirds of the population of the world. As brought to view in the following verses, Gog is commissioned as leader of this the greatest army the world has ever massed—"Be thou prepared and prepare for thyself, thou and all thy company that are assembled unto Thee, and be thou a GUARD unto them."

"In the LATTER YEARS thou shalt come into the land THAT IS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE SWORD and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which has been always a waste; but is brought forth out of the nations." Verse 8. When a country is in the hands of the heathen it is said to be controlled by the sword. There is no country on the globe that will answer the description but America. It laid waste till the latter days, was brought back from the sword, made up of many nations, and made up of many people from the mountains (nations) of Israel. Or in other words, from the churches of other nations.

Note, he comes to take a spoil; He comes out of the north parts; There shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; Only one-sixth of his army will be left.

It is during the time of this struggle that the remnant are called out. We call attention to the fact that this is not the battle of Armageddon as some suppose. Those who are left at the close of the yellow peril conflict will place the blame for the time of trouble upon the remnant, and will federate together to destroy Israel from the face of the earth. Ps. 83:3,4.

In view of the relations now existing between the heathen and professed christendom, one cannot help but see omens of the coming conflict. It is well known that the great aim of Bolshevism is a world wide revolution. But it was decided at the Baku congress of the nations of the Orient that this would not begin until Asia's 800,000,000 of population would be joined to her movement. Since then definite plans have been laid for the carrying out of their scheme.

Russia is the seething pot described in Jer. 1:13-15 in which these plans are fomented. Wickedness has almost reached the point when these agents will realize the fruit of their labors. "And the Lord said, because they have forsaken my law, which I set be-

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fore them, *and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein* * * * I will feed this whole people with wormwood and give them water of gaul to drink." Jer. 9:13-15.

As a result of the work of Bolshevism, conditions between China and Japan, and China and Russia are such that the hooks are already in the jaws of Gog ready to pull him forth at any time as leader of the heathen.

No matter what the conditions of Russia at the present time, nor how unfit she seems to be as a leader of such a vast army, which will comprise more than two thirds of the population of the world, it remains a fact that the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel teach that she will lead the heathen in a great struggle against God's professed and backslidden people. And it cannot be but a few years now until the truthfulness of this prophecy will be vindicated.

The scripture in describing the character of Gog says "it is a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old nor show favor to the young." It is a nation that knows no pity. Soviet Russia has three characteristics, and when the curtain is lifted we will see Japan at her back with all the implements of warfare known to modern times, and with Asia's millions at her steps.

The lessons learned as an observer in the late war will enable Japan to do a work that few people little dream of. For several years she has been hunting an excuse for provocation and thinks she has now found it in the race question, as the following from the San Francisco Examiner of November 5, 1922, will show. I quote from an article by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., and headed "JAPAN READY TO CALL WORLD IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE. MASTER PIECE OF BLUFF TO UNIFY ALL YELLOW RACES AGAINST THE WHITE NATIONS." The article states, "An alliance of Oriental people with the avowed purpose of wresting Asia from the 'white grip' is the goal for which Japan is heading. * * * * Rather is it the seed of a mighty movement that may yet sweep Caucasians from their own spheres. * * * * Japan is almost ready now to invite the great powers of the world to attend a world conference on immigration and racial discrimination. * * * By inverse application of results such a conference becomes the key for unification of the dark peoples into a mighty organization numbering three fifths of the earth's population. The white race may well bestir itself to find ways and means to insure its preservation."

Japan considers that the race question is the best excuse she can find—the best club with which to arouse the antipathy and antagonism of the colored races of the far east against the Caucasians. Remember she will not go to war lone handed; she must first unite with the help of Bolshevism, all the nations of the Orient, then she will use Russia as a cat's paw.

Probably the best expression of Japanese feeling is given out in a speech to newspaper men at the Washington Arms Conference by K. Yokotoa, a member of the Japanese parliament. He says, "We gaze with admiration upon America, favored by the grace of heaven. * * * **HER STRENGTH SEEMS ENOUGH TO RELIEVE THE WORLD—THE AMERICAN TERRITORY IS VAST ENOUGH FOR EVERY SURPLUS POPULATION OF THE WORLD.** * * * It is the will of heaven—a nation thus favored should realize its duty and responsibility."

A Japanese newspaper, the "Yorodzu" has this to say, "The fact is too obvious to deny, that owing to the occupation of too wide areas of the world by the whites the other races have been left without sufficient areas for their development. The tendency of the whites to shut their doors upon the Japanese race is becoming more accentuated every day. In these circumstances the Japanese are left with no other course than to seek an alliance to prevent the destruction of their race."

We quote once more from Mr. Vanderbilt's article, "The world may expect to see an alliance between Japan and India. Another between Russia and China, now on the threshold of its making, would present a most formidable alignment in Asia. * * * The hour is not too premature for the white nations of the earth to gird themselves for the battle economic, physical, or moral, in which they must vanquish the hordes of yellow Asia if the supremacy of the white race is to prevail. Not alone for the maintenance of the white race, **BUT FOR THEIR PRESERVATION.**" This is argued from the standpoint that the rate of increase among the Japanese is so much greater than that of the Americans that if they were allowed free access to our country they would soon overcome us by numbers. Laying this fact along side of their attitude to our closed doors to Japanese we can see that as sure as the sun rises and sets this question will bring trouble.

Mr. Vanderbilt in his article is not discussing the question from a Bible standpoint, but is just giving the outlook as it is today.

We can understand something of the gravity of the situation, as we acquaint ourselves with the prophecy concerning this great movement. The reader will notice that Jeremiah calls the leader of the heathen *the destroyer of the Gentiles*. "Lift up the standard toward Zion; retire; stay not; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. The lion is come up from his thicket, and *the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way*; he is gone forth from his place to make the land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste without an inhabitant." Jer. 4:6,7. As there was no Gentile Church before Christ, we must look to our time for the application of this prophecy.

Jeremiah also states that those that are in the cities will be destroyed by famine and pestilence, and those that are in the field will be overtaken by the sword.

According to the wickedness of professed Christendom, her punishment will be: Gog will also be punished, and only one sixth of his army will be left. Eze. 38:21-22; 39:2.

We have an awful picture before us. Shall we not keep God's commandments, that we may have a right to his protection and be gathered out with his remnant during this time of trouble? There is no promise of protection to anyone except those who are strictly honest in living out his requirements. He asks nothing but what is reasonable and right.

I would say to all who are interested in the truth of the Bible, secure a number of copies of Eld. Rupert's book "The Yellow Peril". Sell them, loan them, or give them away. May the Lord bless you in scattering the truth on the whole Bible ere it be too late.

—Maybelle, Colo.

HAS THE WORLD CONQUERED THE CHURCH? YES.

They build up Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward. The priests thereof teach for hire. The prophets thereof devine for money. Yet they all lean upon the Lord and say, "Is not the Lord among us?" None evil can come upon us—Mich. 3:10-12.

Times have changed in the churches. Prices have gone up and virtues have gone down. Figuratively speaking, and it is not going too far to say the church has been wedded to the world, and that the world is now her married name. This union has completely changed her nature, character and motives. It has revised her convictions. She is now as truly the church of the world as she was formerly, the church of the Living God. If you contribute enough to her support, she can move you in the highest circles of society. She is determined to make a good appearance in the present world.

Her edifices compare favorably and even surpass the most expensive commercial buildings in the country. She hires the most expensive music. She will yet buy grand operas for her choirs. She demands incredible sums for her charities and her heathen, and she gets them from her husband, the world at large. This is what these church drives mean.

She would be in bankruptcy were it not for this union with the world. Never has the church spent such sums for the relief of the poor and never have the poor been further removed from the intimate personal consolation of religion.

Never has there been such efficiency in the management of church affairs, but the lack of faith in God, and also the knowledge of the Bible. The church is not gaining the whole world. The world is gaining the whole church. Where are our true christians? Never have men and women been so indifferent to the true teachings of the Bible.

You may join the church and still remain entirely of the world in your life and character. Our ministers do not lead their flocks, their flocks lead them. They do not speak with authority. This is because they are hired by the ministry or conferences instead of being called by God as in days of old.

A preacher ought not to adopt the fashions of the world either in his clothes, his home or the gospel he preaches. He should be obviously different and so make his calling and his right to speak with authority apparent.

He should preach "Thus sayeth the Lord," whether they will hear or whether they will forbear. Eze. 3:2. There is a decadence of faith. What kind of rabid faith will take the place of this sublime and simpler faith? Which has inspired the greatest virtues, the bravest deeds of sacrifice, even of giving one's life for their faith in God?

I know of one who has sacrificed his life for his faith who has given his all, who has not been afraid to say "Thus sayeth the Lord", that others might receive eternal life. But he will receive his reward in the next world, if not in this, and this faith helps to ease his pains on his sick bed. And I'm sure every

one who has known him has been made a better man or woman by having heard his voice or read his writings and seen his sublime faith.

Contributed by a friend,
Inez Uptegrove.

WAR IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY AND THE BIBLE

(Written December 1915)

For forty years I have been a student of the scriptures and greatly desired to know its teachings. For the past twenty years my mind has been especially interested in the study of the prophecies. As a result of this study, I feel that I speak with some assurance regarding the principles upon which the Bible is constructed.

The first fundamental principle of the Bible is this: namely, as God was six days in creating the world and rested on the seventh, He will be six thousand years in restoring it to its Eden beauty as it was before the fall of man. This is the structure upon which the Bible is built, and when six thousand years pass and the end of the present world does not come, and Christ does not appear, the Bible fails to fulfill its promises and becomes worthless as a prophetic book. The seventh thousandth year is the millennial age and is the anti-type of the Sabbath of creation.

In speaking of the coming of Christ, the Apostle Peter says: "I would not have you ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." He in this statement refers to the creative week as the whole Bible shows.

Five thousand nine hundred and eighteen years from the beginning is now passing. The next point I have learned pertaining to the end of the world is: There is a definite time set by prophetic time periods called the time of the end in which knowledge is to be increased and preparation for war it to be made, and this period is called in the Bible "The day of His preparation for the end." This began in 1798 and will continue for one hundred and twenty years as various scriptures show. One hundred and sixteen years of this time has already passed, leaving but four years of His day for preparation still remaining.

Knowledge of both scripture and science have come as all will testify, as to the fulfillment.

As pertaining to the preparation for the world's war pointed out in the Bible, we read "Proclaim this among the gentiles, prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up, beat your plow shares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say I am strong."

"Assemble yourselves, and come all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about, cause thy mighty ones to come, Oh Lord, let the heathen be wakened and come to the valley of Jehosaphat." Joel 3:9-19.

Says Nahum "The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet in the day of his preparation." So the preparation has been made as all will testify, and that so thoroughly that in twenty-four hours when the war broke out almost millions of men were on the tread of war.

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At last we are commencing again to get out the "Remnant" regularly. I have had many encouraging letters from those who want the paper continued, and means in cash and pledges to publish it for several months. I feel that it is His will that I print the paper. As Brs. Sultz says in this article, if we do not do this work, God will raise up someone who will and we will lose the blessing. I know God is going to provide the means. Let us praise Him for his goodness.

Any communication whatever for the "Remnant" or the "Union Publishing Co." please address to me, as I am moving the office to Oklahoma City but wish to make my private post office box answer for the present.

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If anyone has a Bible Atlas that was gotten out by my father some years ago I would gladly pay full price for same.

Lucile Rupert Smith.

REPORT OF THE CAMP MEETING

Dear Brethren: Greetings in Jesus.

After a series of very successful lectures and meetings for the past few years, we are thanking God and you for co-operation and for all those who have made their start and successfully maintained themselves with the Lord's help in His services. Thank the Lord the undenominational elders, editors, papers, booklets and books have accomplished much of late.

A large, new 40x60 tent was bought at the Camp Meeting for \$350. About half has been paid. The folding canvas seats cost \$180 extra. We have to go on with the Lord's work.

It was requested that we let the brethren everywhere know so they could help us on it. We cannot afford to lose the new tent and seats now.

So write and pray.

Yours in Jesus,
Lloyd Shanklin,
Box 477, El Dorado Springs, Mo.

THE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

I wish to state that I've arranged for some very nice certificates, to be given to those who complete the first part of the course "From Creation to Captivity." These lessons are all given in Vol. I of "The Inspired History of the Nations" by Elder G. G. Rupert. One certificate has already been awarded to Mrs. Marietta Patterson of Holly, Colo., and Bro. Coleman and his wife, of Stonington, Colo., have almost completed their work. To me the lessons seem wonderful. I think any one who has studied them can truthfully say they have been benefited.

WAKE UP.

Since writing my article, "Omens of the Yellow Peril", and article entitled "REDS BURN GOD IN EFFIGY", "War on Heathen", reaches climax on Russian Christmas * * * * Christian faith is mocked and satirized", appears in the Kansas City Star of January 10th. This is a most startling and daring incident to all acquainted with the prophecy concerning this movement. For several years we have been looking for this very thing.

Those who have not read the article above mentioned would do well to procure it at once. It shows us that Greek Catholicism (the first division of Babylon, and named in the prophecy as modern Judah) will be the first victim. Let no one allow himself to be fooled into thinking that this trouble will soon blow over.

As one man, and the only man in the world, Elder Rupert under most trying circumstances, when everything looked dark and discouraging, and when no visible sign could be seen, had the moral courage to teach and publish this truth as well as other portions of the Bible never before touched upon because of organizations and positions. Now God, through his infinite mercy has seen fit to remove him that no other burden be placed upon him. We can truly say that from henceforth it will be blessed to die in the Lord Rev. 1:4-13.

Let us study the Elder's books now as never before, comparing them with the Bible.

I. C. Sultz.

A LETTER FROM BROTHER SHANKLIN

Holdrege, Nebr.

Jan. 11, 1923.

Dear Sister Smith: Greetings.

I got the papers all O. K., and they came in very handy on the trip.

I left Nevada, Mo., last Thursday one week ago today. Spoke in Kansas City over Sabbath, and in Omaha Sunday night, and in College View Monday night, also attended Sister Lee's funeral in Lincoln Tuesday, then came on to Hastings, and was there Tuesday night, and from there home here where my wife is for a while with her folks. Wife and baby are both well, and feeling fine. He walks and talks and has several teeth now. Pray for the folks and us.

I will be around here for a few weeks, then I go east and south again.

So, if you mention the good work in the paper, mention the home address as Springville, Iowa, as

that is where I will be getting my mail after a few weeks.

Love and best regards to all. Write and pray,
Yours,
Lloyd Shanklin.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Shall we discontinue the publication of our little paper, the Remnant of Israel? This is the question that is up to each of us dear readers. Our leader has fallen. Shall we let the cause for which he battled fail with him? This we cannot do. But we can through neglect allow others to come and raise the ensign and bear the banner for which he gave the best of his life. We should consider it a privilege as well as a duty to help further this cause.

We have all enjoyed reading the truths set forth in this paper. Most of us perhaps never realized the sacrifices made by the editor nor the difficulties under which he labored.

Just here I want to make some statements in regard to Elder Rupert's financial conditions, as I understand that the idea has been circulated that he was a banker and owned houses and lands. This is absolutely untrue. We have known Elder Rupert for the last twenty-five years, and I am sure that no one outside of his immediate family knew of his financial conditions as we did, for the reason that he never complained. There were some things that he did not make fully known to his own folks that we through circumstances became wise to. For instance, when he came to our home in Kansas to hold a series of meetings he did not have the means to pay his fare. This we gladly paid in order that we might have him with us for a few weeks. It was then that he told us of his lack of means and how he was trying to get his writings in shape that when he was gone others might carry on the work. He was with us for about three weeks. He sold books, and some donations were made which totaled about fifty dollars.

Now, during this time I was doing his washing and by this means I learned that he was greatly in need of underwear. I thought the matter over, tried to mend the ones he had but they were past mending. I advised him to get new. As we were then in debt about five thousand dollars I thought we had done about all we could. So I said "Daddy you must take enough of this fifty dollars to clothe yourself comfortably or you will be sick." He raised his head with a puzzled look and said. "This money is for God's work and I cannot use it for myself. I will make it alright when I get back to Oklahoma, it's not so cold there."

Well, that settled it for me. My husband and I talked the matter over and decided, debts or no debts, Elder Rupert should have the best we could buy before he left. This is only one of the many instances in which he sacrificed for the cause, but it is enough to show his zeal for the work. Even the home in which he lived was paid for by his daughters on installments.

And, now, let us say right here, there is only one way to settle this thing of tale-bearers for we will always have them to contend with. When they come saying this or that thing of Elder Rupert, stop, think, just for one moment. What did he teach? Was it Bible? Was it truth? Did it lead us nearer God and make us long to be one of God's children? Now if his teaching was all that we could desire, if it gave us the confidence in God's word that we have longed for, if it established

our faith in God's promises, and led us to the keeping of His commandments, then I want to know, if we should find out that Elder Rupert had been a banker, would it change one jot or tittle of the truth he taught us? Then if it does not, let us go forward in the cause and help give to others the light that he gave us. Each of you know how you loved him when he was with you, and how you felt that he was honest, upright, and one who feared the Lord. I want to say he was all and more than any of us saw in him.

Now, as to the Remnant of Israel, we will have to support it or it will have to be discontinued. I for one want to see it go forward with its warning and message of hope. Elder Rupert's daughter, Mrs. Lucille Smith, has helped her father in this work and is willing to continue the paper if we can raise the necessary funds. She does not even ask pay for her time and labor, which she really should have. It is now up to each of us to decide what we shall do. It is hard times, money is scarce I will admit. I myself am riding twenty miles per day teaching school and doing my own housework in order that we may have the means to keep up necessary expenses, but I am willing to donate five dollars toward the support of the paper. Let each of us decide what they want. If you want the paper continued, write Sister Smith and state clearly just what you will do. Send the money or pledge and if you want to pay your tithe in for the support of the paper there is no reason why you should not do so. Those who gave their support to the paper whether it be much or little shall be entitled to their subscription as this was the original plan of the Editor.

What ever we do let us be prompt in giving information to Sister Smith, as she is unable to do any more towards printing the paper nor would it be right to require this of her, even though she was financially able.

Hoping that each reader will consider earnestly and that we may act promptly, I remain your Sister in the blessed hope,

Fannie Belle Sultz.

A FRIENDLY BIBLE STUDY

- R. Good morning Brother Smith.
S. Good morning Brother Rupert.
R. Have you been to meeting today?
S. Yes, I always go to church on Sunday. I have kept up the practice now for many years. I would be lost if I did not go regularly.
R. What was the subject of the sermon today?
S. I really don't know, just what his subject was, but he talked about faith.
R. To what church do you belong?
S. I belong to the Christian church.
R. What do we understand by belonging to a church?
S. I suppose it means we joined the church and submit ourselves to its rules and regulations.
R. Do you believe all the present churches are right in their requirements?
S. No, I think the Christian church is right.
R. Did the act of your becoming a member of the Christian church make you a christian?
S. Well, I don't suppose it did, I hardly know about that. I was baptised by immersion and that was the only true baptism and I confessed that Jesus was

now seems to me we ought to read things more than we have been doing. We should not believe everything we hear.

R. That is correct. I know from experience, if we listen to everything that is taught even by our own church, too often we learn later on that thing was not true. This thing of measuring ourselves by ourselves and comparing ourselves with others will not do, says the apostles. If we do it we are not wise. I believe you told me you took the New Testament as your guide. I do also. Now let us go a little further. Said Christ, "The Pharisees and Scribes sit in Moses' seat, therefore all things they bid you observe and do, that observe and do; but do not after their works, for they say and do not." Are you willing to take this part of the New Testament?

S. I did not know it taught that. I do not know what to do with it. I suppose it means what it says.

R. I again read, Christ said, "If they will not believe Moses and the prophets they would not believe if one rose from the dead." And again, "If you would believe Moses you would believe me for he wrote of me." Again Christ said, Moses wrote "that the Lord your God would raise up unto you a prophet like unto me, Him shall ye hear in all things." Now shall we hear that prophet as to what he said of Moses? Shall we believe Moses? If we believe Christ. If Christ is like Moses then why not believe them both?

S. I must say I do not know how to reply to you. I did not know these things were in the New Testament. I had no idea when I said I followed the New Testament that I did not follow it at all.

R. What did Christ and the Apostles say of the old testament? I will now tell you. Christ said, "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." Notice, the word scriptures as used in the New Testament, refers in all cases to the old testament, for the new was not then written.

S. I had not thought of that in that light. I see now that Christ recommended the searching and reading of the old Bible, and it also says they are what testified of Christ.

R. Did you ever think how Paul says that Christ was with Moses in the wilderness, and that it was he that spake to Moses on Mount Sinai? We read this in the New Testament. The prophet Malachi also says: "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel." Many scriptures, both in the old and new testaments show that Christ is the author and finished of our faith from the beginning of the world. Peter says the spirit of Christ was in them (the prophets).

S. That is another thing which is new to me.

R. Oh yes, Brother Smith, Christ was with the father in creation. It was Christ which the father spoke to and said "let us make man in our image." And further it was Christ that rested on the seventh day of creation and instituted the Sabbath.

S. Are you sure of that? It seems to me the more I talk with you the more things I hear of which I never thought. But now I remember the New Testament does say all you say, and it must be true, but it

surely confuses me until I don't know where I stand.

R. Light always confuses us at first. Take a rabbit and throw the light on him and he runs like he was crazy. But when the pupils of his large eyes contract and become used to the light he can then see alright. Just so with the Bible. Light first causes confusion or rather it confuses our minds because we have been taught so much error. Now let us look a little further as to what the New Testament says about the old book. Here is what Paul said to Timothy: "Thou hast from a child known the Holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith in Christ." And again I read that, "whatsoever was written afore time was written for our learning, that we through the scriptures might have hope." Did you ever stop and think Brother Smith, that we can't learn much in any book in the world, worth reading, by beginning in the back of the book? So in the scriptures, we must, if we would learn and understand the truth, start from the beginning. Is that not true?

S. I never knew such scriptures were in the New Testament. The whole thing is a revelation to me. I begin to see that my church doesn't teach the Bible at all as it should. I am going right to our minister and tell him a few things. He has got to straighten things up or he will hear from me. I feel that I have been imposed upon. I will not come back here any more till I am better posted. It does seem to me that my minister can help me in some way out of this confusion. Good-bye.

R. Good bye, Brother Smith. I hope you will stick to your old principles, namely: to stick close to the New Testament. It will surely tell you the right way to do. Also hold your minister to the point and have him read and explain the quotations cited to you. Hold him to the point. Good-bye.

R. Wife, I just had a long visit with Brother Smith. We spent the time studying the Bible, mostly the New Testament. He is wonderfully worked up and says he is gong to see his minister about what I have been telling him. I don't know what the result will be. Wife, Oh his minister will soon make it alright. He will smooth down his troubles and he will come to the conclusion you have been fooling him and there is nothing to it.

R. Maybe so. They have always kept their flock in ignorance and it is hard to teach them truth. But Brother Smith is such a nice man and wants the truth. I think no doubt but he will be worse confused than ever. But if he comes back, I will try him again, and I think when I show up the weakness of his minister he will be stronger than ever. So we will wait and see. Several days pass. Brother Smith does not show up, I think he is in deep water. I saw him one day and he looked troubled and sick but he passed on and said nothing. I said to myself, "I presume he is trying to sweat it out."

the Christ. I suppose that caused me to be accepted in the church.

R. Was that all that was required of you?

S. No, I was told to live a christian life and do that which was good; that I had been traveling the wrong way, now I must turn around and go the right road.

R. Were you instructed what repentance was?

S. I was told to repent of my sins.

R. Did they tell you what sin was, or did they just say repent of your sins?

R. What do you think of the Bible definition of sin?

S. Really I don't know.

R. Weren't you baptised for the remission of sin? Ought you not to have known what sin was and what you had committed that was wrong?

S. I think I should have been told.

R. How long did you say you had been going to church?

S. Thirty-five years.

R. It seems that in that time you ought to have been taught what sin was so you would have understood well your baptism. Sin is the transgression of the law. 1st John 3:4.

S. I think that is correct. I wish you would tell me of what law does the apostle here speak?

R. The laws of God, of course, which were written by Moses on Sinai.

S. That could not be the law for I have been taught that was the old law for the Jews, and that Christians are not to keep any of the old laws. That now everything becomes new, and the Christian church was founded on the day of Pentecost, should not be under the old law.

R. Yes, I know that is the teaching of the church you call Christian, but is that right?

S. I think it must be for the Christian church is the new church started by Christ and what they teach must be right.

R. But suppose their teaching does not agree with the Bible, then what?

S. We do not teach the old Bible, but our guide is the New Testament. We take that.

R. What do you think the old Bible was written for?

S. It was a history of the Jews and how God governed them by laws.

R. How do you think people were saved before Christ came?

S. I don't know whether they were saved or not.

R. You say you take the New Testament as your guide? Are you willing to believe all it says and teaches?

S. I guess I am, for our church claims to take whatever the New Testament teaches. We say it must be "Thus Sayeth the Lord."

R. Very well, I believe that also. But how does it come we do not see the New Testament alike?

S. I do not know I am sure. I guess you do not believe all it says.

R. Yes I do, emphatically.

S. Well, let us examine now and see if you do really believe it all.

R. All right, where shall we commence? I presume with Matthew.

S. All right, let us take the teaching on the law question.

R. All right, so here is the first reference found in Matthew 5:17. It reads thus. Said Christ "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I come not to destroy but to fulfill."

S. Now, I understand that Christ came not to destroy but to fulfill, that is to end the law, and to fill it fully.

R. That was verse seventeen. Now let us read verse nineteen: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments and shall teach men so shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." How many do you think the word whosoever includes? Had Christ given any law at that time? Was he not speaking of the law which already existed, which he came not to destroy?

S. Yes, to be honest, it does sound that way, but what about the word fulfill?

R. That is a reasonable question. Let us see what the New Testament says about that word. Said Paul: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Does that mean to end the law of Christ? We read again in the Acts: "David was a man after God's own heart. He fulfilled his will." Did that mean that God's will was now ended? Again James says: "If ye fulfill the royal law thou shalt love your neighbor as yourself, for whosoever shall offend in one point of the law he is guilty of breaking them all." Does that mean to end the law to fulfill it? Once more Paul says: "He that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law." Does that mean to end the law of love to God and love to your neighbor? Again I read "But now the law is fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit, for the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be, so then they which are in the flesh cannot please God." Now Brother S, you say you take the New Testament. So do I. Do these texts in the New Testament teach to end the law or to obey the law? Then when Christ came to fulfill the law did he not come to obey the law?

S. I confess those are arguments I cannot answer. I never thought of the word fulfill in that way. Does every place the word is used mean to obey?

R. Yes.

S. But don't it say we are not under the law now?

R. Yes, let us read who are under the law. "Now we know that what soever the law sayeth, it sayeth to them that are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and all the world become guilty before God." Rom. 3:19. How many does this say are under the law and guilty?

S. It says all the world are guilty.

R. Does not the fact that all have broken the law and become guilty, imply that all in the world are under obligations to keep the law?

S. It is but logical reasoning you offer on that point.

R. Now Paul tells us how to get out from under the law. Here it is: "As many as are led by the spirit are not under the law but under grace." Grace is favor of God, hence not under the condemnation of the law. Paul now says: "Do we then void the law through faith which placed us no longer under the law? God forbid." "Yea we establish the law."

S. I confess this line of thought is all new to me, I never looked at it in that light before. I suppose "not to be under the law" was that I was not under obligations to keep the law. That is the way my church teaches it. But there is surely something wrong. It

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