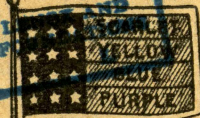


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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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## JESUS THE CARPENTER

*If I could hold within my hand  
The hammer Jesus swung,  
Not all the gold in all the land,  
Nor jewels countless as the sand,  
All in the balance flung,  
Could weigh the value of that thing  
Round which his fingers once did cling.*

*Yea, but his hammer still is shown,  
By honest hands that toil,  
And round his table men sit down,  
And all are equals, with a crown  
Nor gold nor pearls can soil;  
The shop at Nazareth was bare—  
But brotherhood was builded there.*

DR. CHARLES M. SHELDON

## THE TRIAL OF THE UNIVERSE

*Adolf Schenk*

(Continued from last issue)

From the above scripture we learn that the inhabitants of this earth were wicked. Now the word "wicked" in plain English means nothing less than disobedience to divine law. See Webster's Dictionary. They had no more respect for God and His law. They dishonored father and mother. They hated one another. Those who were married, violated the marriage covenant and went after strange flesh. Whenever they could they robbed one another secretly or openly by violence. They did lie and speak evil one of another. All the above sins are the direct violations of the Ten commandments, God's holy law. So God says, "The earth was filled with violence". All transgression of

God's law is nothing else but oppression. And of all the human family, against none, are these sins more freely practiced than against the hireling, the widow, the fatherless, and the poor strangers. They feel more keenly the bitterness of lawlessness than other people. All men in the days before the flood practiced one sin or another, but Noah and his family. He was a righteous man and kept God's commandments. But let no one think that the people of Noah's days before the flood were plain heathens. No! they professed to believe in God and claimed to be His children. However it was only in name and not in truth. In this way the true children of God were deceived and entered into marriage relations with those who were not real children of God. This condition then brought about the general lawlessness and broke down all distinction between the children of God and the children of the world.

One hundred and twenty years before the flood came, God said to Noah: "Men will not be reproved any more by My spirit." See Gen. 6:3 (German translation.) That means to say that from that time forward until the flood, people would not repent anymore. At the time when God said these words to Noah there were found just eight souls in the earth who were worthy to escape the judgments of God. This was the family of Noah.

How many righteous souls were found one hundred and twenty years later when the end came? The same eight souls which were found one hundred and twenty years before.

According to the above, how many did repent during the one hundred and twenty years preceding the flood? None at all.

What lesson, does Christ want us to learn from the days of Noah? "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Mat. 24: 37-39. And as it is today in the time of the end, so it was in the days of Noah before the flood. As people smile at the idea today, that true repentance will cease long before the end of the world will come, so it was in the days before the flood. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10-11, 12.

(To be continued)

#### A LETTER

247½ W. Main St.,  
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Sister Smith:  
Greetings in Jesus name.

Enclosed is \$1 subscription for Remnant which I am glad to procure. You no doubt heard of me from Bro. Schenk.

If it be any use to you I will tell you a personal experience. Three years ago I had a vision "Praise God." I saw men of all walks of life, laymen, statesmen, soldiers, doctors of divinity, popes etc. Lifesize they passed on the walls of the building one by one just like a movie only in full natural color. They were of keen intellectual appearance and would look almost through me. Suddenly the eyes would go dim the tongue would protrude and melt away and then the flesh would peel off the face bones. It was awful. I found no interpreter, just miserable comforters as was Job's experience. Eighteen months after, one Sabbath afternoon I opened my Bible alone in my room and my eyes fell on Zechariah 14:12.

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away whilst they stand on their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." Zechariah 14:12.

The renewed hope set me moving and after much prayer and probation I was guided by the Spirit to Battle Creek and met the brethren here in a miraculous manner. Your dear father's books came into my hands and I am now richer in spiritual knowledge than I ever expected to be. I am more of a soldier of Our Lord than ever and

even returned from Montreal, Canada, where I went in June on my way to Europe. I returned to get more first hand wisdom from the Bible and the fellowship of your dear father's little flock. Of course some errors crept into the books. I saw and the brethren admitted same but on a whole the conclusion is one of great import. Your father surely was in touch with God and the light will be carried by one more volunteer I assure you.

Skeptics may scoff but my personal experience confirmed by the Bible and such a great witness as your father's books puts me in the class that Paul and Stephen were in, "I know whom I have believed" and with His grace I cannot be deceived.

As soon as things open up I will get more subscribers, for your paper and books should be sent to all the world.

Last but not least I love to please my Lord and His commandments and statutes are more than life to me.

The world is in darkness. My little visit to Montreal was a revelation. The Harlot and her daughters have the people bound and blindfolded. It is awful. However we are looking to the fulfillment of His promise—the Lord's Return. Believe me 'twill be a grand day for the ones that are ready, but awful for the rest. (Zechariah 14-12.)

I know you are handicapped but remember prayer changes things if we are truly intent on doing "His Will" so be not cast down.

I might conclude I was brought to the truth in Oklahoma but was unaware of your father's writings. But God in His good time guided me into deeper truth.

I am so glad I am a part of the wonderful Olive tree the symbol of true Israel and love all things I learn from the blessed Bible. Moses, I hope to see some day and in my short experience I can see what wonderful patience he had in bringing the family to a semblance of truth. Then on to David and his wonderful Psalms and finally our "Blessed Jesus", the only begotten son of God almighty, *Our Father*, the maker of Heaven and Earth. We have a wonderful Father and a perfect Saviour and all things are ours if we but trust and have patience working out our salvation in fear and trembling. To die is gain but to live is to be able to tell the truth to countless thousands of our ignorant brethren. We must have compassion on the ignorant and by love we can do wonders if we do all to His glory.

Yours, a Brother in Christ and Servant of God,  
James H. Hodgson.

## FRUITS OF THE FIRST LIE

J. C. Vanzandt

Where the doctrine of Conditional Immortality is so clearly and irrefutably presented that its opposers cannot meet it, many of them will say: "Why teach it? What difference does it make whether we believe man sleeps unconsciously in death until the resurrection, or whether he goes direct to his reward or punishment?" Well, it makes much difference. There are MANY Bible reasons for teaching conditional immortality, a few of which I will now present.

Jehovah forbade Adam to eat fruit from a certain tree, under the following penalty: "Thou shalt surely die."—Gen. 2:17. "Thou" is a personal pronoun, and refers to the person, or being, hence, he said that the being would die if disobedient. The enemy said for them to eat of the fruit, with this promise: "Ye shall not surely die."—Gen. 3:4. "Ye" is a personal pronoun, and refers to the person, or being, hence, he said that the person, or being, would NOT die, even if disobedient. Here we must decide between the truthfulness of Jehovah and his chief enemy. If the real man does *NOT die*, Jehovah lied, and his enemy told the truth: but if the man really dies, then the enemy lied when he said man would *NOT die*, and all who are advocating the same theory now are advocating the same lie.

Does man really die? "It is appointed unto men once to die,"—Heb. 9:27; "But man dieth, and wasteth away:"—Job 14:10; "And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died."—Gen. 5:5. Who died? "He," Adam, the very SAME Adam who ate of the forbidden fruit, died. Jehovah did not tell Adam that his old body would die, and he, Adam, would live on. The pronoun "he" refers to the real Adam, therefore HE died.

Referring to Eve in Eden, Paul said she was "deceived,"—1 Tim. 2:14. In what was she deceived? Jehovah had told her that she, the real person, would SURELY die if disobedient, and the enemy told her that she would *NOT die*, and she believed him, hence, her deception consisted in believing that she, the real being, would not die. As it was a deception then to believe the lie that man does not die, what keeps it from being a deception to believe that lie now?

The Bible says that man is mortal,—Job 4:17; that it is appointed unto man to die,—Heb. 9:27; that man really dies,—Job 14:10; that death is a sleep,—Psa. 13:3, and that dead people know not anything,—Ecc. 9:5.

Even after Adam fell, if mankind had received and maintained the truths contained in the foregoing

quotations, there never would have been any such religions as Brahmanism, Jainism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism, Mohammedanism, Mormonism, Spiritualism, Universalism, Christian Science or Catholic Purgatory. Every one of these false religions find their origin in denying the truths in the foregoing Scriptures; every one of them say that in reality there is NO death, that ALL who are dead are more conscious than they were while living.

## CATHOLIC PURGATORY

There cannot be such a doctrine as Catholic Purgatory but for the supposition that man really does not die and become unconscious. To believe that man really dies and is unconscious, knocks the bottom out of Catholic Purgatory and Saint Worship with all who believe it, and where they go the whole system tumbles.

In Peter Bayle's Historical Dictionary, Second Edition,, London, 1736, Vol. 3, page 936, the following statement is accredited to Martin Luther: "All that is said concerning the immortality of the soul, \* \* \* is nothing else, but an invention of Antichrist, to make his pot boil." Then on page 949 Cardinal Perron makes this accusation against Luther: "Luther denied the immortality of the soul, \* \* \* so that, in his opinion, no one enjoyed the visible presence of God; whence he drew an argument against praying to the saints, shewing, that the saints hear not our prayers. The church believes that the souls of the saints, and of the blessed enjoy the presence of God as soon as they are dead; and Luther reckons this among the impieties of the Romish church, that she believes in the immortality of the soul."

What a pity that Protestants in general have not held the same doctrine! Had they done so, Romanism would have been crushed long ago.

## BRAHMANISM

Brahmanism, a prominent religion of India, teaches the Transmigration of the human soul; that when the body dies, the soul, or real person, leaves the body and goes into some other creature, and from that to some other, etc., until it returns to a human body in 3000 years. This is why they worship hogs, dogs, cats, snakes, insects, etc. They think it possible that these things may have in them the soul of some near relative, possibly of their father or mother. The following is an extract from a speech of Mr. Swami Vivekananda, Bombay, India, made at the Congress of Religions at the World's Fair in Chicago, 1893:

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### WHERE ONE LEARNS MUCH

Several guests at a luncheon, years ago, were in heated discussion over a painting that adorned the wall.

Apparently none of them knew its meaning although it represented a scene in mythology of Greece.

Bored by the conversation, one of them turned to a waiter and insolently demanded to know the picture's meaning.

To his astonishment the waiter gave it immediately.

"In what school have you studied?" asked the guest.

"In many schools, sir," replied the humble waiter, "but the school in which I learned most was the school of adversity. Books only have been my friends."

Ten years later all France rang with the fame of the greatest writer of his age, Jean Jacques Rousseau.

### THE GOSPEL IN A PHRASE

Some one has said that God put the whole Bible in one verse. That verse is found in John 3:16. It is a verse but as big as man's sin and need of salvation.

Spurgeon used to tell of a "little book" he knew of. This tiny volume had only three leaves and contained not a single word. The first leaf was of black paper, the second was of red paper and third was of white paper. The book was eloquent and suggestive of the entire plan of redemption. The black page represented man's sin, the red page as representative of God's sacrifice and the white page was representative of a soul washed in the blood of the Saviour. It can be all summed up in one great line: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son."

### OUR LORD JESUS WHO IS WITH US

What think ye of Christ? Whom say ye that He is? This Christ challenges the attention of the world by His manysidedness. He meets the needs of all classes and conditions of men. As deep answers unto deep, so does He respond to the moving of each soul of mankind. If we were to call the roll of the world's workers this morning and ask them, "What think ye of Christ?" their answers would be something like this, and they would amaze us by their revelation of His manysidedness:

To the artist He is the One altogether Lovely.

To the architect He is the Chief Cornerstone.

To the astronomer He is the Sun of Righteousness.

To the baker He is the Living Bread.

To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.

To the biologist He is the Life.

To the builder He is the Sure Foundation.

To the doctor He is the Great Physician.

To the educator He is the Great Teacher.

To the engineer He is the New and Living Way.

To the farmer He is the Sower, and the Lord of the Harvest.

To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley.

To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages (and it is more important to know the Rock of Ages than the age of rocks).

To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.

To the judge He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.

To the juror He is the Faithful and True Witness.

To the jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price.

To the lawyer He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the newspaper man He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.

To the oculist He is the Light of the Eyes.

To the philanthropist He is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the philosopher He is the wisdom of God.

To the preacher He is the Word of God.

To the sculptor He is the Living Stone.

To the servant He is the Good Master.

To the statesman He is the Desire of all Nations.

To the student He is the Incarnate Truth.

To the theologian He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

To the toiler He is the Giver of Rest.

To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer and Lord.

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"The Hindu believes that he is a spirit. Him the sword cannot pierce, him the fire cannot burn, him the water cannot melt, him the air cannot dry. The human soul is eternal and immortal, perfect and infinite, and death means only a change of centre from one body to another. \* \* \* Ye are the children of God. The sharers of immortal bliss, holy and perfect beings. It is a sin to call a man so. It is a standing libel on human nature."—Encyclopaedia of All Religions, pages 705-6.

As you see, Brahmanism denies the mortality of man. It claims that he is an immaterial, divine, spirit being; that at death he goes into the body of some animal, reptile or insect, and that he is NOT a sinner, hence, has no use for the blood of Jesus. Rid India of the natural immortality theory and her idol worship is done.

#### JAINISM

Jainism, another of India's religions, is also a Transmigration system. "The Jains distinctly reaffirm the view previously promulgated, that matter and soul are eternal and cannot be created. What is God, then? God, in the sense of an extracosmic personal creator, has no place in the Jain philosophy. It distinctly denies such creator as illogical and irrelevant in the general scheme of the universe."—Encyclopaedia of All Religions, page 718.

Jainism cannot exist but for the rejection of Jehovah's truth: "Thou shalt surely die," and accepting the enemy's lie: "Ye shall not surely die," as being true.

#### BUDDHISM

In the Congress of Religions in Chicago, Mr. H. Dharmapala of Ceylon, said: "In the sense of a supreme Creator, Buddha says there is no such being, accepting the doctrine of evolution as the only true one,"—Encyclopaedia of All Religions, page 740. On page 748, Mr. Dharmapala said: "Buddha taught that sin, sorrow, and deliverance, the state of man in this life, in all previous and in all future lives, are the inevitable results of his own acts." Here we see they teach that man existed before this life, hence, no death.

#### SHINTOISM

In the Encyclopaedia of All Religions, page 790, we find the following statement of Shintoism, by Reuchi Shibata, their delegate to the Congress of Religions: "Every child of the Heavenly Deity comes into the world with a soul separated from the one original soul of Deity;" The thought is: Each human soul is a part of Jehovah, hence, all souls are immortal.

Buddhism and Shintoism are the chief religions of Japan. Only a few years ago the Emperor of Japan died and the next highest national official killed himself. Why? Because the chief religions in Japan hold that man really does not die, that the man still lives when the body dies. In Japan, when the Emperor dies it is the duty of the next highest official in the Empire to commit suicide in order to be with and care for the Emperor.

#### CONFUCIANISM

Confucianism is the leading religion of China. Mr. Yu, Secretary of the Chinese Legation at Washington at the time of the Congress of Religions, and deputed by the Emperor of China to represent their religion at the Congress, when speaking of Confucian schools, said: "Accordingly every Confucian school consists of a shrine for the worship of Confucius,"—Encyclopaedia of All Religions, page 800. Why worship Confucius? Because they hold that man is immortal, therefore Confucius is not dead, hence, this religion is built by denying the truth of Gen. 2:17: "Thou shalt surely die," and believing the first lie: "Ye shall not surely die."

#### ZOROASTRIANISM

At the World's Congress of Religions the Zoroastrians presented a booklet stating their belief. The following is concerning the soul at death: "The soul of the virtuous crosses the Bridge or the Ford of 'Chinvat,' enters the house of purity or eternal light (Gara demana), has every want and wish satisfied, and enjoys there the happiness of the company of holy souls. On the other hand the soul of the wicked, reaching the same bridge, goes to the house of impurity and utter darkness, is reproached by his conscience, bemoans his state, and utters bewailing cries. \* \* \* All the souls of the wicked will be brought out from hell, and will be purified."—Encyclopaedia of All Religions, pages 815, 816.

#### MOHAMMEDANISM

Now comes Mohammedanism with its doctrine of seven heavens, or, more properly, seven brothels, as rewards for their faithful. In presenting their views on death, Gibbon's History of Rome, with notes by H. H. Milman, Vol. 5, page 119, says: "Seventy-two *Houris*, or black-eyed girls of resplendent beauty, blooming youth, virgin purity, and exquisite sensibility, will be created for the use of the meanest believer; a moment of pleasure will be prolonged to a thousand years, and his faculties will be increased a hundred fold, to render him worthy of his felicity."

What are the *Houris*? Webster's New International Dictionary says they are: "A nymph of the Mo-

hammedan paradise, supposed to be created from musk and spices and endowed with perpetually virgin youth and perfect beauty."

Now, the foundation for this Mohammedan heresy, that each of their male members will at death immediately enter paradise with seventy-two beautiful black-eyed virgins as eternal companions, is this: They deny the truth of Gen. 2:17: "Thou shalt surely die," by saying that man is immortal, hence, their religion is a fruit of the first lie: "Ye shall not surely die," without which Mohammedanism would die immediately.

#### SPIRITUALISM

The following statement appeared in The Oregon Journal, Oct. 3, 1907: "To the Editor of The Journal—Please take notice that at the annual convention of the State Spiritualists of Oregon the following principles were endorsed: 1. That to the soul, or real man, there is no death whatever: that what is commonly called death is but transition."

So Spiritualists absolutely deny that man dies. They say that our friends who have died are NOT dead. They repudiate the suffering and death of Jesus. One of them said to me: "I have as good a right to say that I am the resurrection, and the life, as Jesus had to say it," and I said: "You prove it like he did, and I'll believe it."

There cannot be any Spiritualism without repudiating this truth: "Thou shalt surely die." Spiritualism does so, hence, it, with all of its accompanying evils, is direct fruit of the first lie: "Ye shall not surely die."

#### UNIVERSALISM

Universalism is built upon the supposition that man is immortal, and that Jehovah is too merciful to see him in endless misery, hence, he will finally save everybody. There cannot be any Universalism without denying this truth: "Thou shalt surely die," hence, there can be no Universalism without saying that the first lie, "Ye shall not surely die," is really true. The doctrine that man does not die is responsible for Universalism.

#### MORMONISM

Mormonism is built on a lie. On what lie? On the lie that man is immortal, which is the foundation of the lie Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, told when he said John the Baptist, on May 15, 1829, at the command of Peter, James and John, came and ordained him to the Aaronic Priesthood.—See Salt Lake Mormons' book of Doctrine and Covenants, 1910 edition, page 108, and the Reorganized Mormons' book of Doctrine and Covenants, 1902 edition, page 62.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—SO-CALLED

Christian Science, so-called, is a positive repudiation of the death of Jesus for the redemption of man.

Note the following statements found in their textbook, Science and Health, 1909:

"His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulchre; whereas he was alive,"—page 44.

"Jesus' students, (She here refers to the Apostles, J. C. V.) not sufficiently advanced fully to understand their Master's triumph, did not perform many wonderful works, until they saw him after his crucifixion and learned that he had not died,"—page 46.

"To the real man and the real universe there is no death-process,"—page 289.

"Man is immortal, and the body cannot die,"—page 426.

"There is no disease,"—page 421.

"Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death. The real man cannot depart from holiness,"—page 475.

As these quotations show, so-called Christian Science positively denies the existence of sin, sickness and death. But for the repudiation of the truth: "Thou shalt surely die," there never COULD have been such a system as Christian Science.

Christian Science with its denial of sin, sickness and death, is fruit of that doctrine.

Job. 4:17 says man is mortal, but that doctrine says he is immortal.

Rom. 2:7 says that we must by patient continuance in WELL DOING seek for immortality, but that doctrine says we are already immortal, hence, do not need to seek for it.

Jesus says that we must believe on him,—John 3:16, in order to get an endless life through his death, while that doctrine says that everybody has an endless life, thus repudiating any necessity for his death.

The Bible says that Christ died for our sins,—1 Cor. 15:3, while that doctrine says it is a lie, that he never did, and cannot, die.

The Bible says man was formed of dust, but that doctrine says he was not, that he is a spirit being.

#### CONCLUSION

Nearly all the present day churches teach that man is an immaterial, invisible, immortal, spirit being, hence, as systems, they deny that man was formed of dust, hence, they deny that he is a material, mortal being. Their teaching is THE foundation upon which Mormonism, Spiritualism, Christian Science, etc., are built. No wonder that these cults are capturing hundreds of thousands of their members, and they will continue to do so as long as these sects continue teaching that man is an immaterial, immortal being. It is folly for these denominations to oppose such systems as long as they teach the very fundamentals upon which such delusions are built. No use trying to get clear water in the branch as long as there is an old sow wal-

lowing in the spring. Run the sow out of the spring and the branch will soon clear up.

Let the denominations clearly teach the truth on the creation, nature and destiny of man, and see how quickly the flow of their members to these delusive systems will cease! Ministers who teach that man is an immaterial, immortal being, are themselves responsible for their members accepting Mormonism, Spiritualism, Christian Science, etc.

### THE AGE OF THE WORLD

(Continued from July Issue)

It is plainly stated in Gen. 5:37 that Adam lived an hundred and thirty years and begat Seth.

Seth lived an hundred and five years and begat Enos.

Enos lived an hundred and ninety years and begat Cainan.

Cainan lived seventy years and begat Mahalaleel.

Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years and begat Jared.

Jared lived an hundred and sixty-two years and begat Enoch.

Enoch lived sixty-five years and begat Methuselah.

Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years and begat Lamech.

Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years and begat Noah.

Noah lived five hundred years and begat Shem.

Shem lived one hundred and two years and begat Arphaxad. Gen. 11:10.

Arphaxad lived thirty-five years and begat Salah.

Salah lived thirty years and begat Eber.

Eber lived thirty-four years and begat Peleg.

Peleg lived thirty years and begat Reu.

Reu lived thirty-two years and begat Serug.

Serug lived thirty years and begat Nahor.

Nahor lived twenty-nine years and begat Terah.

Terah lived two hundred and five years and died. Gen. 11:32.

This makes a total of two thousand and eighty-three years from the creation of the world. At this point after the death of Terah God sends Abraham to Caanan and makes a covenant with him that in him all the nations of the earth should be blessed. It is stated that at this time Abraham was seventy-five years old. This shows that Terah was one hundred and thirty years old when Abraham was born and two thousand and eight years to the birth of Abraham from the creation. Now adding four hundred and thirty more to the deliverance of Israel from Egypt and we have to that time 2,513 years correct time. Ex. 12:41. We will now show the history of the four hundred and thirty years from the time the covenant was made with Abraham to the deliverance from Egypt as follows:

It is definitely stated by Moses that Judges and also the division of the land were all fixed before his death. Joshua simply carries out the instruction given by Moses, hence the dating of the Judges and the division of the land according to all rules of scripture has its beginning at the time the arrangement was commanded by Moses. We read: "Behold I have set the land before you, go in and possess the land the Lord sware unto your fathers to Abraham, and to Isaac and to Jacob to give unto them and to their seed after them, and I commanded them *at that time all the things* which ye shall do."

We again read of Naphthali what was his portion. Moses said "Naphthali, possess thou the west and south." Deuteronomy 33:23.

There is still another line that will settle the time from the Exodus to Solomon. We read the following in the Book of Judges. In Jephtha's statement to the Ammonites he says it had been *three hundred years* that Israel had possessed the land which had been taken from the Amorites on entering Canaan. That would be three hundred and forty years from the Exodus (Judges 11:26). Now following this, Jephthah judged Israel six years, Ibsan seven years, Elon ten years, Abdon eight years. Judges 12:8-15. This makes three hundred and seventy-one (371) years.

Then the Phillistines ruled them forty years, Judges 13:1, total 411. Then comes Samson. It says he ruled in the days of the Phillistines twenty years, Judges 15:20 and Judges 16:31. This would total 431. At this point Samuel judged Israel forty years. During which time Saul and David come in. Their history is more or less contemporary with each other. All of which ruled and reigned individually but contemporary forty years, then comes Solomon, to his fourth year when the temple foundation was laid. Now will anyone doubt again that it was not as much as four hundred and eighty years to the laying of the foundation by Solomon from the time they left Egypt? If people would put in half the time to find the truth that they do to make the truth lie they would have no trouble.

The above clears the matter all up as to the statements of Paul when to begin the Chronology of the Judges.

### SOLOMON AND THE APPOINTING OF JEROBOAM KING.

Solomon reigned in all forty years. Our date last mentioned of four hundred and eighty years from the Exodus reached to the fourth year of his reign. Jeroboam was appointed three years before Solomon's death as King over the house of Israel as is proven by a prophetic period made by Ezekiel when he stated that the house of Israel should continue three hundred and ninety years. Ezek. 4:4, 5. This prediction met

its literal fulfillment 588 B. C. Counting back from the date of the fulfillment three hundred and ninety years brings us to the time when Solomon appointed Jeroboam King. This reaches to the Babylonian captivity 3416 A. M. The year of the world from creation. We repeat as follows: 2513 to the Exodus, 480 more to the fourth year of Solomon, 33 more to the appointment of Jeroboam and three hundred and ninety more to the captivity, total 3416. We proceed; Seventy years were foretold following the captivity for the desolation in which the land would lie desolate. Jer. 25: Dan. 9. This dated from Nebuchadnezzar's first visit to Jerusalem, Dan. 1:606 B. C. But we have already come down to 588 B. C. or 3416 A. M., so we add but 52 years bringing us to 3468 A. M. when Cyrus issued his decree for the Jews to return and build the city. Ezra 1. Darius issued the second decree 17 years later and Artaxerxes issued the third decree for the restoration 62 years still later, thus adding 17 and sixty-two to our former date we have to the last decree 3547 A. M. See Ezra 4th and 7th chapters.

This last date is B. C. 457. At this point we have a definite prophecy to reach from this point to the baptism and Ministry of Christ, which is 490 years. See Dan. 9. This brings up to 4037 A. M. or A. D. 34.

#### CHRONOLOGY THIS SIDE OF CHRIST.

This being but a leaflet and having so thoroughly taken up the history both in profane and sacred history and prophecy in our books "Time, Tradition, and Truth Concerning the End of the World" and also "Consecutive events at the Time of and Following the Close of Probation" to which we would cite the reader, we will not in this leaflet follow it further.

We would call your attention to the diagram here given that the reader may see where we are living in the world's history and the great importance of making this subject a thorough study. We close fully realizing that the present condition of the world now in war and sin marks the beginning of a time of trouble such as was never known.

We realize as we send out this leaflet the possibility of some mistake occurring as to the close of probation as shown on the chart but after years of thought we are not able to detect it if there is such a mistake. We invite the criticism of all lovers of truth. So far as the principles taught in all our books on the age of the world and the events to transpire we are as positive as we could possibly be. The day is not far off and we are not far wrong if wrong at all. So our advice is, to set your house in order and "prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

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