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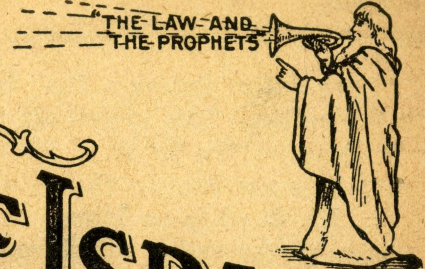
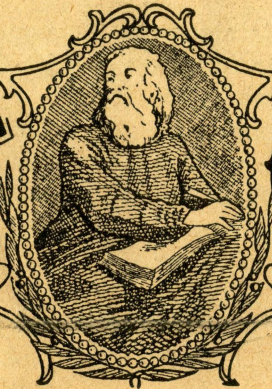
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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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## THE NEW YEAR

We say the Old Year's dead  
We've ushered in the New  
It's days are past and gone  
It's acts and records too.  
Some things live on and on  
The spirit's yearning cry  
The strivings after better hopes  
These things can never die,

The timid hand stretched forth to aid  
A sister in her need;  
A kindly word in grief's dark hour  
That proves a friend indeed.  
So shall a light that cannot fade.  
Beam on thee from on high  
And angel voices say to thee  
These things can never die,

Count that year not wasted  
If thou'st gained a nobler mind  
Have conquered doubts and fears  
And obtained a heart more kind.  
Thou art fitted for the New Year  
If thou canst suffer and endure  
And in thy struggle up to God  
Come out refined and pure.

L. R. S.

## ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF JAPANESE EXCLUSION ACT. I. C. Sultz

In the primitive years of our country we were much in need of good and honest people, and such were welcomed from every nation. But as time grew on, the question of immigration became a serious one.

Especially is this true with those whose habits and mode of life are far different from that of our own.

The Japanese after a number of years investigation, decided that on account of the cheapness of their living, productive soil, and good prices for products, the U. S. afforded a place where they could amass considerable fortune in a very few years. Consequently they have been coming year after year in very large numbers, until our government came to realize the fact that they were becoming a real menace to our country and the "Exclusion Act" was passed as a remedy. But alas! it is too late. Through our friendship and courtesy we have spoiled the Japs. And now when they are brought face to face with the Exclusion Act, it only creates within them a resentment that can never be overcome. Some think that the feeling in Japan will soon die. Don't think for a moment that it ever will. They are not built that way. Instead, they will store it up for vengeance in the conflict that is soon to take place between the heathen and professed Christendom, which is so vividly described in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters of Ezekiel.

Gog, of the land of Magog, is there described to be the leader of the heathen. But Japan, "Leviathan," "Crooked and piercing serpent," (Isa. 27 and Job 41), is to be the main factor behind the screen. A gentleman writes, that he has already asked Russia to lead them in a great conflict.

Job says, "Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. Behold the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?" Job. 41:8, 9. Those who live to see the soon coming conflict will realize the truthfulness of the above scripture.

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"Once a Jap always a Jap" is a favorite slogan with the nation. This is well set forth in the following language,—“the flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as firm as a piece of the nether millstone.” Job 41:23, 24.

The Japanese Exclusion Act, the maneuvers of the U. S. fleet near the Hawaiian Islands and other troubles are continually fomenting national relations till the nations are now in such a tangle that a single move by Japan or Russia to make war on the U. S. or Great Britain, will draw all nations into the controversy. Such a struggle will be a real world war, not only in name but in reality, and the result better imagined than described.

The rejection by Britian of the proposed treaties of the Soviet government for the betterment of their national relations, has caused considerable discontent in both nations.

It is said by some that Russia will never be in shape to take the position as leader of the heathen, in such a struggle as is pictured by the prophet Ezekiel. Permit me to state that it matters not what people may think or say, the scripture will never fail. It specifically points out Russia as the nation that will be used by the Lord to punish his professed people for their transgressions of his law. Eze. 38:1-16; 39:23; Jer. 6: 19-23.

Russia is rapidly coming to the front as a great world power. She is sowing broadcast bolshevist doctrine in nearly all the great nations of the world, with the idea that when needed, the disciples gathered from such teaching will immediately come to her aid. But little does she know of her future work and destiny which Ezekiel so definitely outlines and foretells.

The following clipping is taken from the Craig, Colorado Courier,—“\$33,000,000 in gold is safely hidden in an eastern city for the use of Soviet Russia, when the agents of that government feel that the time is ripe to hang out the red flag in America.

The Japan menace is real and at our doors, with Mexico plotting and China allying. The U. S. Government does not dare remove a single Man-of-war from the Pacific coast, not even for needed repairs, so dark is the cloud which is moving towards California from Japan.”

The above shows that there are others, though not Bible students that appreciate the gravity of the situation which we are now facing.

We also quote from the Kansas City Star of a recent date,—“Japan has ordered 140,000 machine guhs from the British Vickers company, which is working on the order night and day, according to the West Minister Gazette. The paper adds that another firm, the Scrutton company, is executing a large Ja-

panese order for a special type of tractor, lorry, to be shipped at an early date.”

The Denver Times of Dec. 10th, gives us the information that Japan has on a program to increase her aerial equipment to be equal to that of any of the western nations. The same program calls for an increase in anti aircraft gun tanks, poison gas equipment and field wireless. This with the steel and flying machines lately ordered from the U. S. all go to show that Japan is candidly and seriously getting ready for a great war. We don't claim that the Exclusion Act will bring on a race war, but that it has its part to act in bringing on the conflict that will punish God's professed people for their backslidings.

In this short article we have not touched upon the other nations such as China, India, Turkey, Persia, Etheopia (black races) and other small nations that will form a part of this, the greatest army the world has ever mustered, comprising two-thirds of its population. Then when we stop to think that Japan with its equipment, bravery, and fighting ability is a component part of this vast army, it has a tendency to make the strong heart faint. “Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth,” says the apostle.

Let us say as did the Psalmist David “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”

### The Plan of Salvation

Geo. E. Fancher

(Continued from Dec. Issue.)

“Six days” before the Passover: and we have shown that the Passover was on the second Sabbath of the first moon (month) of the new year. The first of those six days before the Passover, and Sabbath, was therefore the first day of the week when He left Jericho and ascended to Bethany. He went straight to Lazarus, Mary, and Martha's house; and “there they made Him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him.” Jno. 12:2; But Mary anointed the feet of Jesus while he ate. Verse 3. A supper is never eaten in the morning, or noon, but always at evening and followed by night, it follows therefore that the supper was eaten at the beginning of the second day of the week, or the beginning of the fifth day before the Passover. This cannot be denied.

Now in order that my readers may not be confused with the days as we study, I shall call the days by the Roman custom which all the world still follows; i. e., Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat.

though those astrological names are not found in God's Word, nor were they ever used by the Jews prior to the destruction of Jerusalem A. D. 70, nor, not by the Jews, and Romans themselves till between Constantine's time and Theodosius the Great nearly 400 A. D. when they were officially used by the Romans, and all the world followed. And all the way prior to A. D. 70, God's time was used by the Jews, and not the Roman time, for Julius Caesar exempted the Jews at their request, after he had decreed his calendar to the world. See Josephus Bk. 14, Chap 10. But for your convenience, and to make you understand what I am saying, I shall use the astrological names of the days of the week. So follow me closely, while using the Roman names.

So on Sunday, or six days before the Passover, Jesus walked to Bethany. At the beginning of Monday, being night, He ate supper at Lazarus'. In the morning of the same day (Monday) He found an ass, upon which He rode into Jerusalem. Jno. 12: Compare verses 1-3, and 12-15. Now go with me to Mark 11: 1-11 for the same occasion on the same day as related by Mark. Now in verse 11 we read "And Jesus entered Jerusalem, and into the Temple, and when He had looked round about upon all things, and now the *eventide* was come, he went out *unto* Bethany with the twelve. Thus Sunday, and Monday were in the past. Monday the day He rode upon the ass into Jerusalem, and back to Bethany. Now Mark 11: 12, "And on the *morrow*, when they were come *from* Bethany, He was hungry, V. 13 And seeing a fig tree He went to it to find fruit, but found none; and He cursed it, (Verses 15-18,) and He went into Jerusalem and into the Temple and cleansed it, driving those dishonest traders out of it. This was done on Tuesday and when evening was come He went out of the city, (verse 19,) and to Bethany again.

And in the morning (which was Wednesday), verse 20, they passed on their way to Jerusalem again, by the fig tree which Jesus had cursed the day before (or on Tuesday). And Peter called the attention of Jesus to the fig tree that was now dried up from the roots. Read from 20-27 where you see that on that same Wednesday he entered Jerusalem again. And walking in the Temple, the priests, scribes, and elders wanted to know who gave Jesus the authority to cleanse the Temple the day before, and other things which He did.

So after His answer to them, verses 29-33, and with chapter 12, and Matthew chapters 22 and 23, Jesus rebuked those unbelieving murderous Jews, and spake in parables to them. And as He went out of the Temple the evening of that same Wednesday, the disciples called the attention of Jesus to the stones in the Temple, but He told them of its destruction in the not-far future, Matt. 24: 1, 2; Mark 13: 1, 2. And

when they reached Mount of Olives for the night again, and sat looking over Jerusalem, He foretold to His disciples the destruction of the city, and also concerning His second coming and the end of the world, Matt. 24, and Mark 13, also Luke 21 from verse 5.

Matt. 25 was also spoken at that same time. So Wednesday passed.

And on Thursday Jesus said to His disciples, Matt. 26: 1, 2, Mark 14: 1, "Ye know that *after two days* is the *feast* of the Passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified." After two days, i. e., after Thursday, and Friday is the *Feast* of the *Pss-over*. The feast is *not the killing* and cooking which was done on the day before, called the preparation, Jno. 19: 14, but the feast was the day the lamb was eaten, which was always a supper, being eaten after sundown at the beginning of the fourteenth day of the first moon of the year when that moon had just full: which was always the second weekly Sabbath of the new year. The Passover being purposely placed upon that second Sabbath, made it a high day, or Sabbath every year. The Passover was a Sabbath, by reason of its being on the Sabbath.

(To be Continued.)

Mrs. H. W. Rupert, of Choctaw, Okla., is giving a bible study each Friday night in her home. She has a small, but growing interest. She uses the Gamaliel Bible Lessons, as the basis for her studies. Can not others do this?

Can anyone tell me where I can find Sister Adelia Babcock, who lived at Pasadena Calif., and then at Corning, Calif.

Lucile Rupert Smith.

This month I'm beginning a New Year as editor of the paper. It is true, that we do not believe that the biblical year begins now. We know it does not. However, it's a new year for me in this work. I am more anxious than ever to make a success of this year's efforts. Financially, I didn't get along as well in one way, and better in another. I had more donors than previously, but less money. One brother was more favored last year so helped me more.

I shall continue getting out the "Remnant" long as God sends the means. I ask your prayers in behalf of this little paper.

I have received some wonderful letters in the last month, in answer to one I sent out to the subscribers, which I shall publish, as space permits.

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Dear Sister:

Praise the Lord Jesus for every blessing in Christ Jesus. Before sending any mail to Newburg will you correct your list. I am located at 8 Bates Place, Danbury, Conn. Thank you for the courtesy of interest in sending your tracts. These came to hand.

I think I have received a copy of the Remnant. You have not received a subscription from me.

Recently I made the acquaintance of Brother Ask of N. Y. C. He has loaned me a book, "Time Tradition and Truth." Through these mediums I am getting some familiarity with your father's views.

Personally interested in all the redeemed, though not always agreeing with many of the teachings, but

concerned about the root of the dilemma, I seek to encourage fellowship in the Holy Spirit, whereby the Blood can prevail to the eradication of the spirit of error in all. Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, and having no person in preference, yet subject to one another in grace of Jesus, we will uncover Satan's cunning, and correct ourselves, instead of being the criterions of others. We know many say that the Lord taught me this or that. Our controversy is not with them. Abiding in the Truth, and witnessing, when the Holy Spirit moves in a consecrated spirit, the glory of God will be seen in the holy place. The law written in the heart and mind, through divine nature, will be the ruling passion. The temple of God is holly and the Spirit will reveal Truth in the vessel that abides in Him. There are vices many. The sheep hear the Shepherd's voice. The true ambassadors have the seal of the Holy Spirit in their message as well as in themselves. Jesus bears witness to us even as the Father bore witness to Jesus who spake the words His Father gave Him. He knew His Father. Some religious people of His day read the scriptures in the light of the scribes, etc. But they did not know God. The need is for unity among them that know God and His Son Jesus Christ. The scriptures may speak of Him but the Light must arise in our hearts before the mysteries of the kingdom are revealed. With a hand book and scripture any teacher can impress his views, if the student will follow explicitly the outline given. To each type of mind they all seem right. Hence followers in many cults and sects. But the anointing teacheth us. Man may speak, but spiritual things are spiritually discerned. We have no controversy with flesh. The carnal mind is at enmity with God and cannot be otherwise. Why strive with others if the carnal mind is swaying the life, and deductions are made through the influence that controls from beneath and not from above. Man need to learn from Jesus. The covenant stipulates that they shall all know the Lord. Heb. 8:11 to 13. John 17:2, 3. Having the first principles, in spirit and in truth, Heb. 5:7 to 14, 6:1 to 3. The teacher is sure to lead such to follow on to perfection. Power is given us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Righteousness is wrought in peace of THEM THAT MAKE PEACE. The instrument of righteousness will have inherent peace. This peace was given to him. "My peace," Jesus says. It is a gift. All the overcomers can be professional and vocational peacemakers. They have the material within themselves much as the spider who carries his web ready for action, and builds. Blessed are the peace-makers. God's creatures can do wonders. He abides in us. Believes and let Him have His way. Walk in the Truth. Buy the gold tried in the fire. He weaves with fine spun

gold and makes a perfect garment. Begin, and abide with Him. The end will be in Him. May the Lord bless you with hearing ears and willing mind. The secrets of our hearts are open to Him with whom we have to do. The Son was obedient unto death. May God bless you with true humility and obedience to His will. Learn from Him, and unlearn also. The Lord give you confidence in your hour of trial. In His name.

Bro. Nelson.

Jan. 1st, 1925.

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My Dear Sister in Jesus Name:

Your letter of Dec. 19th-24, to hand and note. Glad to hear from you. Hope you will live to see many new years days, as life is short at best. But God is looking on and noting our efforts and preparing a place for them that obey him and forget self for the benefit of others. For yesterday is gone and tomorrow never comes and this is the only day we know anything about for we are to forget the things behind and look forward to the life to come and point others to the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Are we really doing all we can to help others? Let us take an inventory of ourselves and see if we can improve the year of 1925 over 1924. For there is work for those who want to help prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

I will try to tell you where we stand at this time and what we are going through for the Master in our undertaking of the erection of a Mission and Saints Home. We have contracted for three lots at a cost of \$3300, and have a building about half finished 50-24, 18 feet to the rafters, 8 rooms up stairs and the down stairs for meeting purposes and in time to be used for the home entirely. We build on one lot so when the time came to build larger we would have the ground for it to grow.

I got leave of absence from the Dr. at Fords as I have been with them for over four years and was under the weather being now almost 66, if God lets me live till the 26th of this month.

I left the factory May first, 24, and we bought here in June and for 4 months I worked from ten to fifteen hours per day. Never worked so many hours in the same length of time in my life and the hours seemed to fly. I never had time enough between daylight and night. I found that all that said they were carpenters were not, so it fell on me to take charge and I made all the window frames and set them (25 of them) and glassed them in with the help of Mrs. Walls. I also put on the weatherboarding and many

other things too numerous to mention. My work will pass inspection as God was back of the work.

We had no chimney till six weeks ago and it was quite cold at times and it was very trying to Mrs. Walls and myself but God has kept us both well and hearty. And it is the wonder of all that look on and behold. But most of them know not God and are looking in the natural and can not understand why we do not give up or die. But God is over all and is watching us and taking care of his own. I find that the average person in the natural and many so called Christians are always looking at self instead of looking to see where they can help some one else to see the light.

So this year of 1925 let us one and all see if we can redouble our efforts to bring souls to God, for God has picked us for some purpose. Let us examine ourselves and see in what way we can help his work along, and if we have talents dig them up and use them for all they are worth. For we must answer when called and then what will the answer be?

We stand as the widow did when Christ said she had put in more than they all but she had given her living. We have given all we had in money when we came here and have depended on free will offerings and donated labor but it seems people have money, for every thing the devil brings up but when you mention giving to God's work they are like the Crawfish they back off and wait till you either give up or die before they are jolted enough to see what they have done and God does not carry the sword in vain and all such will have a day of reckoning with the Creator of all things. For aside from him we can do nothing. Thanks to God we are still eating, and are very little in debt, and I went back to Ford's November 6 to help pay expenses.

The landlord where we were before coming here raised our rent from \$90.00 to \$100.00 and right there we seemed to hear God say, "Go out in a new country, and I will be with you," and so we went.

Now you can not know what we have suffered since coming here and being Sabbath keepers the people give us a wide berth. And look at us as though we had lost all the reason we ever had. We were once blind as they and I suppose were just as hard on the Sabbath keepers. But thank God the scales have all fallen from our eyes and we now see clearly. And the first day of the week as a holy day for us to lay aside all work never bothers us and I work on the home on that day same as the other five. For God did the same and worked the first day but rested the seventh, thank his name.

Many people have plenty of money and many that have money have more than they can ever use honestly. So it is these that I hope to reach and

every one that reads this, if they one and all only send in one dollar it would be ample to finish the place and then the old Saints will have a place to call their home. It is not money we are after. If it was we would not be in the Mission business as you are well aware the poor people are the ones that the Missions get. The moneyed people go to the big churches to be seen and to see.

If you care for my experience in keeping the Sabbath at the Ford Factory and how they did everything but throw me out bodily I will send it. I sent it to the Advocate about two years ago and it went around the world. We received many letters from those who read the article and Mrs. Walls sent her experience, how she became a Sabbath keeper through a catholic woman. She received letters from Africa and th Isle of Java, so I leave it to you.

I hope some of the people I send in will take the paper for it sure gives news no other paper gives. Wishing you and yours prosperity and that the love of God works through you and your paper.

We remain your Brother and Sister in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walls,  
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**The Trial of the Universe**  
Adolph Schenk

(Continued from Dec. Issue.)

**ADAM AND HAM**

Why is it that a much heavier curse was put upon Ham than upon Adam? First—Adam was placed on this earth without the least knowledge of the nature of sin and its fearful consequences. Second—Ham was placed on this earth, cleansed from sinners, with a full knowledge of the true nature of sin and its fearful consequences. Third—Ham knew the great contrast between a sinful world and a sinless world because he was privileged to live in both of them. Now in the fase of all this great knowledge and discernment which Adam never had, Ham ventured to repeat the same thing which Adam tried fifteen centuries before and which proved to be such a fearful menace to the world.

It is true that all men since Adam's transgression are born in sin, but we must not forget that God had made provision for every man to keep sin in check by faith in the great gift of his son. For righteousness by faith is the heel that crushes the serpent's head.

So after God had made provisions, and given opportunity to those liberated people of Noah, to start a new world, a world wherein would flow milk and

honey, where righteousness and liberty would be the ruling element, Ham in the face of all that he had seen, heard and experienced, started, the same ugly, distressing world conditions, out of which God in mercy and at such a cost hed delivered him.

Reader, do you still wonder why all the children of Ham, the African race, have such an unfair color and are so defamed enslaved and dishonored? To me it seems plain, it was to serve as a warning to all succeeding generations to the end of the world. Every time we see one of the children of Ham we should remember the fearful sin of Ham and learn the important lesson which Ham neglected to learn. Let no man because of this despise any of the children of Ham, but fear, lest a worse thing come upon you. Every one of Ham's posterity will be saved who believe in Christ just the same as everybody else. For this is the trial of the universe that we should learn the lesson which Ham failed to learn, that we might shun sin as we do a rattle snake. For it is the knowledge of this lesson, that will keep sin out of the new world in all eternity. If we do not learn the lesson better than Ham did, how can the Lord trust us in the new earth? We might repeat the story of Ham, and after all we have seen heard and experienced, introduce sin again.

Reader, did you ever stop and think why God has such dreadful messages for the generation living in the closing days of this world's history? It is the most fearful warning you find in the book of God and is recorded in Rev. 14:6-14. Why was this message not given to former generations but only to those who will see the end of the world? The answer is, Before us, who are living to day, lies the drama of sin like an open book, not only for fifteen centuries back as in the case of Ham, but for nearly 6,000 years. Therefore the responsibility upon you is manifold heavier than upon Ham because through the bible, and through the written history of this world, our knowledge of the fearful consequences of sin ought to be much larger than that of Ham. But this is not all. We are in possession of a book, wherein is recorded the most glorious, the deepest, and the most fearful act of God that ever was accomplished, or ever will be accomplished. That is the *revelation of the great God who created heaven and earth, in Jesus of Nazareth*. This book is the New Testament, and through it there is a knowledge in our reach of the true God which was not in the reach of Ham nor of anybody else during the first 4,000 years of this world's history, but is now scattered all over the world in more than 400 languages. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; Heb. 2:3. This is the trial of the universe. Everybody now is on trial. God calls upon every one of us to judge between him and the people of this world. He says, "What could have been done more

to them that I have not done?? wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? (bitter grapes). For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Juda his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. Isa 5:3, 4, 7.

This was the case with Ham. But Ham is not alone in this, for the world is full of such Christians now, who will never learn the lesson any better than Ham, although there is much greater knowledge in their reach than there was in the reach of Ham. Therefore the unmixed wrath of God will be visited upon them as pronounced in Rev. 14:9-11.

But I hear many say, why did not God destroy Satan and his followers at the time of their fall and thus make an end of sin? The reason why he did not do so is this. No one but God knew the dreadful consequences of sin. All the intelligent beings in the universe, not knowing that sorrow, disease, and death are the inevitable consequences of sin, might have been in doubt of the love and justice of God. Had Satan and his followers, been immediately destroyed, it would have driven them farther from God than ever before. The true character of sin must be developed before the entire universe, and the character of Satan and his people made manifest to all as it was to God, so that when God should finally destroy them, all would consent that it was just and right. And every one will see for himself that God is just. As a burned child is afraid of fire, so will those who have passed through the great drama of sin in this world, and who have learned the lesson, and who are placed in the new earth, be afraid of sin and transgression. This knowledge of the bitter fruits of sin will be a barrier against sin throughout all eternity.

Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. Rev. 15:3, 4.

### The Two Covenants Between God and Man

G. G. Rupert

(Continued from Dec. Issue.)

Moses returned to the camp and having summoned the Elders of Israel he repeated to them the divine message. Their answer was, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Thus they entered into a solemn covenant with God, pledging themselves to accept him as their ruler, by which they became, in a special sense, the subjects of his authority.

These laws were to be recorded by Moses, and carefully treasured as the foundation of the national

law, with the Ten precepts, which they were given to illustrate, the condition of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel." Page 311.

"They had at first promised to obey the voice of God; but they had since heard his law proclaimed and its principles had been particularized that they might know how much this covenant involved." Page 312.

"There were some who remained true to their covenant with God; but the greater part of the people joined in the apostasy." Page 316.

God might have checked the movement at the outset; but he suffered it to come to this height, that he might teach all a lesson in his punishment of treason and apostasy. Page 318.

If Aaron had had the courage to stand for the right, irrespective of consequences, he could have prevented that apostasy. If he had unswervingly maintained his own allegiance to God; if he had cited the people to the perils of Sinai, and had reminded them of their solemn covenant with God to obey his law, the evil would have been checked. Page 323.

The Israelites had been guilty of treason, and that against a King who had loaded them with benefits, and whose authority they had voluntarily pledged themselves to obey. That the divine government might be maintained, justice must be visited upon the traitors. Page 324.

Hence it was the Ten commandments were the basis of the covenant made between God and Israel. Page 343.

Moses was commanded to write, as God should bid him, judgments and laws giving minute instructions as to what was required. These directions relating to the duty of the people to God, to one another, and to the stranger, were only the principles of the Ten commandments amplified and given in a specific manner, that none need err. They were designed to guard the sacredness of the Ten commandments engraved on the tables of stone. Page 36.

The above shows conclusively, that they were in a condition to keep those commandments nationally, when they promised, and before they apostatized.

### ART THOU A MASTER OF ISRAEL AND KNOWEST NOT THESE THINGS?

#### CHAPTER IV,

#### *Paul's Allegory*

The Covenant question is one that was much discussed in the days of the Apostles, as well as now, in order to illustrate the two covenants, the Abrahamic, or new covenant, and the Sinaitic, or old covenant, Paul uses the following allegory:

"Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a handmaid, the other by a

freewoman. But he who was the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants, the one from the Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Ager is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem, which is above, is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not; for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even as it is now. Nevertheless what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son; for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free." Gal. 4:21-31.

The first point in the Scripture just quoted is that statement "Do ye not hear the law?" To hear the law, is to understand its teachings.

The opposers of the truth were not acquainted with the real teachings of the Mosaic covenant, or they would not have taken the position that they could be saved by it. As before shown, it was the national covenant, and pertained to the affairs of this life, but connected with it was an educational system to teach men how to come to the blessings of Christ, as found in the everlasting, or Abrahamic covenant. Hence the Apostle illustrates this principle by going back in his history to Abraham and the covenant God made with him, taking this experience to illustrate these two conditions.

#### ABRAHAM'S EXPERIENCE

When God Called Abraham out from his country his kindred and his father's house, he declared that he would bless him, and make his name great, and, "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:1-3. After Abram had unselfishly given Lot his choice in the division of the land, the Lord again appeared to him saying, "lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. And I will make thy seed that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered." Gen. 13:14-16.

Abram, seeing he had no son, and according to human reasoning would have none thought that he would adopt Eliezer as his heir, but the Lord appeared again to him and said: "This shall not be thine Heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad

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