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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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EDEN RESTORED

Old earth would claim her Eden still Tho' covered with briar and thorn And the tree of life all barren till Renewed to fruitage shorn.

Oh! hasten to bloom ye life giving tree Spread forth thy branches full shelt'ring me Quickly ripen thy fruits that saints may partake Thy life giving flavor as soon as awake.

Let briars and thorns menance no more
Nor the weed of the field in season restore
But flowers full blooming all fadeless and sweet
Yield countless crowned beauties and fragrance complete.

Benj. Watkins,

Morrow, Ohio.

THE TWO WOMEN OF THE TWELFTH AND SEVENTEENTH CHAPTERS OF REVELATION By G. G. Rupert.

It is marvelous to realize what we find in reading the bible different from the common teaching and we feel safe in saying that there is no greater cause for this than the error that has crept in, by dividing the scriptures into the Old and New Testaments, and then placing on these two divisions a dividing line as to the point when a new dispensation began and the old ended. And the new dispensation was a new plan to save men, and a better one than the old one, that this new plan embraced new teaching, new laws, and, in short, a new beginning. And upon this understanding a supposed new church was formed. New

doctrines must be taught, and, in short, everything became new. Old laws, the old church, and even the Jews and all connected with them passed and ended at Christ and His crucifixion.

We will consider the woman of the twelfth chapter first. She is described thus:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

"And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great great dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne.

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days."—Rev. 12:1-6.

We inquire first, "What does this woman represent?" We reply, "the Church." As this is so generally accepted, we will not say more as to that. Second, "Who was the man Child she gave birth to?" We reply, "Christ." Third, "Who was the dragon that stood before the woman to devour her child?" We reply that it was fulfilled by Herod, a Roman king. Fourth, "What is the lesson taught by the man child being caught up to heaven, to God and His throne?"

We reply, "The resurrection of Christ and His ascension where He sat down with His Father on His throne." We ask next, "Were there two churches at this time?" We reply, "No, there never was but one church of God and never will be."

We ask, "How old was this woman?" We reply, "She was older, to say the least, than the birth of her son, for the mother is always older than her children." We next ask, "What name is given her in the scriptures?" We reply, Rachel," or it was Jeremiah that said that it was Rachel weeping for her children. He speaks thus:

"Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

"Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy."—Jer. 31:15-17.

We ask, "Who is Rachel and why is this woman called Rachel?" We reply, "That Rachel was the wife of Jacob who lived over two hundred years before Moses." We now ask one more question, "How long does this same identical woman continue after the birth of Christ and is His resurrection and ascension?" We reply, "To the end of the world, for it is the Remnant of her seed that gets the victory over the beast and his image, which seed constitute the one hundred and forty-four thousand who meet the Lord when He comes." Read the entire twelfth chapter of Revelation. Having this point beyond all question pertaining to the history of this woman, we ask next "Where is there any room for any other church to be established at the time of John the Baptist, Peter, or on the day of Pentecost?" We reply emphatically. "There is no such church that can be called the Church of Cod and all claims to succession and establishing of a new church at the time of Christ and the Apostles is a fraud and without foundation." And this woman also bears the name of Sarah, Abraham's wife, and can easily be traced back to Eve, the wife of Adam. But that is not all of the story of this woman. She was clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and twelve stars upon her head. We ask again, "What is the lesson taught by these symbols?" We go to the dream of Joseph for a reply which reads thus:

"And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

"And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

"For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

"And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shall thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

"And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

"And he told it to his father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, what is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth."—Gen. 37:5-10.

There is no question about God's interpretation of the symbol of the Stars, Moon and the Sun. But what does Clothing mean in the Bible? We reply, "Either righteousness or filthiness of character,"—Rev. 3:17-18, Rev. 19:8. This character is attained either by obedience or disobedience to the commandments of God. This woman is represented as being clothed with the sun, (Light) the moon under her feet.

For a scriptural explanation, we turn to Exodus, where Christ descended upon Sinai and made the covenant with Moses and the children of Israel. We read:

"Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel:

"And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

"And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

"And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel."—Ex. 24:9-10-16-17.

For an explanation of this, see our writing on the "Glory of God." Suffice it to say here, the sapphire stone is blue and signified the laws of God. The glory of the Lord was the colors of the rainbow and so light, it was like devouring fire.

Therefore this woman was clothed with the doctrines of the Cospel in all its purity, and the moon under her feet, the light of the law, the same doctrines that governed Rachel and Jacob in their day. The twelve stars representing the twelve boys of Jacob which stood for the twelve tribes of Israel. So we ask again? "Does this woman change her clothing since Christ?" We reply, "Not one garment or even a piece of her clothing. And any one who attempts to change her clothing is guilty of the same who tries to institute another woman (church) this side of Christ." We can say with all our heart, we thank

God the day is here at last when the tribes of Israel are to be made up and the same woman is to again let her light shine in all its glory just the same as it did with Jacob and Rachel, with Moses and the seventy elders of Israel, and with the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. The Remnant of her seed keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ which is the law and the prophets. The reformation will never be complete till the blessed woman once more shines in all her beauty. So don't look for new doctrines, but look for the old paths. Don't look for some new church, but look for the same that has existed from the beginning. God never changes. Truly darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. Let us press to the light for the path of the just is as a shining light that shines more and more to the coming day.

SHE IS NO WIDOW

She is the espoused of Christ. Her City bears the name of Zion, the City where her husband, David, lived. She is Jerusalem, the capital of the Nation over which her husband rules, and her business is to clean and wash her children as they unite with her.

"In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall* be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

"And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

"When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

"And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

"And there shall be a tabernacle for shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain."—Isa. 4:2-6.

The above speaks particularly of the Gathered Remnant in the feast of tabernacles. Paul speaks thus:

"Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Eph. 5:23-26.

John says this cleansing is done by the blood of the Lamb.

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."—Rev. 7:13-14.

She is truly no widow. She is clean and not divorced. Glorious in her apparel, bright as the sun, clear as the moon, and glittering as the stars, her colors and beauty never fade. She will never grow old. Wrinkles will never cover her brow, nor gray hairs her head. Her children are all taught of God, well behaved and mannerly in all their ways. Washed clean and crowned with immortal beauty and glory, to ever honor Him who redeemed them from sin, the grave, death, and everything not right.

The woman in Revelation seventeenth chapter is described thus:

"And there came one of the seven angels which had seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

"And the woman was arraved in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION Geo. Faucher.

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Any one knows that this could not have been true, if they had used times and calendar such as the Romans afterward invented, and which the *whole* world now follow. It could not be done with 365 days in the year for that gives us *one* day over the 52 weeks every year for three years, and two days over the 52 weeks every leap year. This is what opened the eyes of the

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I have been notified by the postal department that I must issue a paper every month, or have my postal rate taken away from me. I have missed a number occasionally because funds were short. So please be as prompt as you can with any help you may have for me. I have had quite a few letters promising money later on.

Of course I can change my paper to a quarterly issue but I hate to do it.

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Bro. George Faucher, in his article "The Plan of Salvation" makes it quite clear to my mind that Christ was crucified on Friday, lay in the grave on the Sabbath (weekly Sabbath) and arose on Sunday or the first day of the week. I appreciate this, and believe it. But, as you know many think otherwise, and I have had several manuscripts come to me on the subject. At my earliest convenience, I will give some space to them, but only briefly.

However, I wish to speak further about the article "The Plan of Salvation." He implies in his study, that the Passover always came on the weekly sabbath. So far I have not been able to see it. It could be true if every year since creation had thirteen months of 28 days each, making the 364 days in the year. But reading Gen. 7:11 and 24, and Gen. 8:3-4 it seemed that the bible months were 30 days long.

I wrote him about this and he has written me a lengthy reply, which I have not given due study as yet. I am continuing his article just the same, knowing, as I have said before, that with God's help, each one of you is just as capable of recognizing truth as I. Just be careful to "be sure and then go ahead," never failing to ask God's guidance in your study. That's what counts. May God bless you in your search for His truth.

THE SEVEN THUNDERS

As I picked up the morning paper, I saw this headline, "1000 Die As Storm Hits 5 States." And I thought immediately of the above text. Truly the voice and work of the seven thunders are being witnessed in nature. The elements are greatly disturbed and as a result we have cyclones, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes.

The seven churches pertain to the civil organization of God's church. The seven seals to the spiritual condition, and the trials and things with which the church has to contend. All covering the history from the first to the second advent of Christ. The seven trumpets to the strife and war among nations. The seven lamps for the light of God's word in the church. Just so the seven thunders give us the history of the world in the elements of nature. Great things are to occur in nature, in fact so great that John was not permitted to write them and give the time of their happening. Just now when we are living in the period when the three shepherds of Christendom are to meet their judgments and be destroyed, we may expect the elements of nature to do their part in the destruction that is to come. It is probably a good thing we do not know all and just when these disasters in nature are to be fulfilled. But rest assured these things will come, and finally they will close with the greatest earth quake ever witnessed in the world's history, "-for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth." Isa. 28:22. Read Rev. 16:18.

THE YELLOW PERIL THE ORIENT vs. THE OCCIDENT

The above is the title of a book just from the press, a few years, containing the most important message ever given to the United States and Western Europe. It is a comprehens we digest of evidence on this paramount question, showing broadly, plainly and conclusively why this question is not merely a topic to fill up the newspapers, nor a lever to pry appropriations from Congress to increase the army and navy. It does not stop at the politician's argument, or look over the field from the viewpoint of the statesman.

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In this book he has laid before its readers plainly, strongly, simply and conclusively these marvelous, foretales of our day. The enclosed contents of six of the thirty-one chapters, will give you a glimpse of the wonderland the book

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WHAT THE LEADING MEN OF THE WORLD SAY ABOUT "THE YELLOW PERIL."

Testimonials

General Leonard Wood, who was Chief of Staff of the United States Army says: "I have looked your book through with great interest and it certainly displays a great deal of study and work as well as a profound knowledge of the Scripture.

George Dewey, once Admiral of the United States Navy, writes: "I anticipate much pleasure in reading 'The Yellow

writes: Peril.'"

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Hon. John Tyler employed in the U. S. Counsul service "Your two interesting books, "The Yellow Peril' and "The End of the World," both of which I have read with absorbing and intensifying interest and profit and eager satisfaction. In the case of "The Yellow Peril", I have read twelve pages each working day and twenty-four on Sunday. This with my other duties and Passian literature takes up my time. Let me here say ties and Persian literature takes up my time. Let me here say lest I forget that I am amazed at your great knowledge of the Scriptures. I beg to state in bringing out those portions of the work concerned in the fulfillment of prophecy you have opened up a great source of ecclesiastical and prophetic study, never so far as my reading goes having been brought to the notice of the world before. It seems from the reading of the Word and your conclusions, which are certainly adequate to support your proposition, that some of those catastrophes which will in the last days come upon the earth, will take place in the United States, it cannot but be conceded that mighty changes have taken place in China since your book has been written, which go far to corroborate and substantiate your thesis.

Rev. Flannery, Pastor of the M. E. Church in Kansas says: I am delighted with the book, "The Yellow Peril'"
Prof. A. L. Stickel, Public Instructor in State Normals in Kansas, and Professor in the M. E. College Academy at Winfield Kans., says: "The book is great."
B. F. Miles, President of the State Bank of Wellston, Okla., says: "I have read the books, "The Inspired History' and "The Yellow Peril," by Mr. Rupert, both of which I esteem very highly. I believe "The Yellow Peril" to be of especial interest, dealing with National questions, and worthy of reading by every man and citizen of our country."
Mr. C. H. Randall, who was County Commissioner of Oklahoma County, Okla., says: "I appreciate the book, "The Yellow Peril," very much. It shows deep study and forethought in the inspired writings and is well worth the study of all in-

in the inspired writings and is well worth the study of all in-telligent persons who take interest in the far Eastern ques-

tions.

Mr. Elmer Vanslike, a leading Architect, of Ft. Worth, Tex., speaks to his sister in a private letter thus: "I have been reading 'The Yellow Peril' and I think it simply wonderful. I don't see how he ever came to all that knowledge unless the Lord has been helping him. I can't help but feel that we are nearing the great event. He has surely been farsighted in the matter. It is well worth anyone's time to give the book a careful reading. It grows better the further you read it."

I ieutenant Governor J. C. McKinley of Missouri writes thus: "I have read with much interest 'The Ye'llow Peril,' written by G. G. Rupert It is a well written book which will impress the reader with the vast resources necessary to collate the Biblical prophecies and compare them wiith historical events and present conditions in such a masterly manner. The message is a live one and should be carefully studied by all who

are interested in political questions pertaining to the East.

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lyce and Lynch of New York write about it thus: "The Yellow Peril' ordered from you by Martinus of The Hague, we herewith send you vour payment for same."

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This is a little leaflet gotten out by Adolph Schenk, to sell the "Yellow Peril". We appreciate that, and if you have not a "Yellow Peril," this may interest you.—Editor.

The Plan of Salvation

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writer when he came to study the subject of the Passover which was connected with eight of God's weekly seventh Day Sabbaths, also when he saw that the Roman year could not be divided without a fraction by God's number 7.

The Roman time makes the year begin with a different day of the week every year, which the writer felt very sure was not God's way. So while studying the question of the Passover, as related in Lev. 23:1-16, I saw that the Passover was connected with the weekly Sabbath, that the 14th day of the first month, which was the full moon, was always on the second Sabbath, and that seven consecutive Sabbaths must be counted, beginning with the day that the High Priest moved the sheaf of the first fruit, on the morrow after the Sabbath upon which was the passover; and that the children of Israel must observe it in this manner year by year in all their generations, that all their generations might learn the same truth until the type met its antitype. (in Christ). The Holy Spirit came upon the writer with such convicting power at that moment, and with such flash of heat, that he could not hold his chair any longer, but began to pace the floor. And God's time of 364 days in the year which were then revealed to him, became permanently settled upon him. And eight months later, the writer chanced through God's providence to put his hands upon the Book of Enoch, (that man who was so righteous that God took him without seeing death). He also taught that the year was 364 days Also upon the book of Jubilees written by Moses, where the Angel taught Moses that the year was 364 days, and was thus written upon tablets in heaven. No one knows the joy, and encouragement the writer received at finding this in those two books. And he said then and there; give me those two books for a guide and teacher because those men were men of God. instead of a Julius Caesar and his time who was a ragan who knew not God, but worshiped Jupiter, the Sun and other planets. And the writer has abandoned completely the Roman time, and now honors Cod by keeping his own time and calendar, and with the 364 days in the year, the year is made to begin with the first day of the week, and the first day of the month, making all the sabbaths and feast days come in their proper places with no chance of a mistake, which the writer now follows.

The vernal equinox is the beginning of spring; and spring means beginning: and the first full moon after the vernal equinox is the 14th day of the first month of the year, and therefore the second Sabbath of that first month, and upon this sabbath is the passover; so no one can say any more. Who knows which day is the true Sabbath of creation since the Romans

have changed the times, and calendar so often? No more excuse now with this sabbath light.

And as the Roman time does not coincide with God's time at all, you can see at once that Saturday is simply the seventh day of the Roman week from the standpoint of their own calendar, and not God's time. Thus Saturday is not, and cannot be the Sabbath of creation, and the writer ignores it now. The children of Israel (Jacob) were 430 years in Egypt. Ex. 12:40, 41, and served the Egyptians 400 years as God foretold to Abraham. Gen. 15:13. Act. 7:6; and during their bondage they could not keep the Sabbath, for the Egyptians who knew not God, were idol worshippers, also worshippers of the seven planets. And they named each day of their week as follows: Saturn (Saturday) was the "first" day of their week; then Jupiter; Mars; Sun; Venus; Mercury; Moon. Saturday was the first day of their week, Sunday as the present Wednesday, and Monday the seventh day. "(New International Encyclopaedia, vol. 23, page 511.) " And their year was 365 days, which was where Julius Ceasar got his calendar of 365 days, but added a quarter of a day to that each year. Thus under bondage, and with this arrangement of time the Israelites soon found themselves without a Sabbath, and worshipped the idols of the Egyptians. Eze. 20:6-12. Study the whole chapter. Also Eze. 23: 3. They also made them a golden calf as they were used to see and worshipped in Egypt. Ex. 32, and when they did all those things, Moses said they sacrificed unto Devils. Deut. 32:16-28.

So the first thing the Lord sought to do when he set his hand to bring Israel out of bondage was to make them rest; so their first day of rest was the Passover Day, which the Lord purposely placed upon his Holy Sabbath Day, the second of the first Moon of the year. Ex. 12:1, 2, and 3-24, and to be observed thus by an ordinance forever. ver. 24. Year by year. Ex. 13:3-10, according to all its rites, and according to all its ceremonies, at its appointed season. Num. 9:1-3. And we see that, just as Israel kept the passover for the first time in Egypt A. M. 2669, with all its ceremonies, so they did again the following year, A. M 2670, according to all its rites and ceremonies upon the fourteenth day of the first moon, Abib. They kent it that following year on the same day and date as they did the first year; and that is God's way. Cod's plan. But this cannot be done with the Roman time as it does not coincide with God's time, and therefore should be abandoned entirely and return to God's own time and way. By so doing we shall come out of Babylon (Rome), and shall not be partakers of her sins, (by forsaking God's time and sabbath to observe hers instead) and shall not receive her plagues. Rev. 18:4.

So come out with me, all of you who read this; for "If any man worships (serves by obedience) the beast (the Roman Power) and his image (the United States who does what Rome does; hence its image and likeness) and receives his mark (tho Roman times and its Sabbath) in his forehead, (in his mind) or in his hand (by his works). The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation." & etc. Rev. 14: 9-10.

Now, I have said considerable about the True Sabbath in connection with the subject under consideration, and I did so because this subject cannot be discussed apart from God's True Sabbath according to his own time, which the jews continued to observed until A. D. 70.

The Jews up to that time had always, at least, begun the year properly according as God had commanded them to do before they left Egypt. So they were always sure to have the Passover at the time appointed by God himself; and they were sure also to have the True Sabbath of that first moon or month, whatever they did later in their history (till A. D. 70) which we shall omit here for lack of time and space. But if interested, and I am permitted, I can explain later upon request.

But beginning the year properly till A. D. 70, they were sure to have the Passover and the Sabbath at their proper time and place when Jesus our Passover was slain, and was buried and rose again the third day, both being fulfilled according to the Scriptures as Paul said. 1st. Cor. 15:3, 4.

Having already noticed how that Jesus, our Passover, died for our sins on the specific time as taught by the scriptures and as written by Moses in the types; and having already shown that Jesus died together with about three hundred thousand lambs at the ninth hour or 3 p. m. on the preparation of the Passover, Jno. 19:14, and also the preparation of the weekly Sabbath, verse 31, and Luke 23:52-56:—All of this according to the scriptures, we will now consider what the scripture did teach concerning the resurrection of Jesus on the third day, the first day of the week, which Paul also says was according to the scriptures.

But before we go to the old Testament scriptures which taught this, we will first consider the teachings of Jesus concerning the resurrection.

Jesus said: "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. Jno. 5:26. So having been given this power to have life in himself, he said: "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it again. This commandment (or power, Jno. 5:26.) have I received of my Father." Jno. 10:18. "Therefore

doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life. that I might take it up again." verse 17. And because he was given that power, and his work is to give life to perishing men, he could truthfully say to Martha and to all, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". Jno. 11:25. And again, "Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is (as in the case of Lazarus) when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and them that hear shall live." Jno. 5:25. And verses 2, 29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." And in Jno. 6:39. "And this is the Father's will which that sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."

But before Jesus could raise from the dead all that the Father hath given him, which are those that believe, verse 40, he must first be raised from the dead himself, for a dead Christ could not call the dead from their graves. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." 1st Cor. 15:20. Jesus has risen and become the first fruits of all those that die in him: and those he has promised to raise again to life at the last day. And Paul says that this shall be done at Christ's coming 1st Cor. 15.23. "But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." And when Christ comes with a white cloud, he comes as a reaper, for he comes with a sharp sickle in his hands, and he is commanded to thrust in his sickle, and reap, for the time to reap has come. for the harvest of the earth is ripe." Rev. 14:14, 15. This general harvest will include the resurrection of the just, and the living that shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkle of an eye, at the sounding of the last trumpet, 1st. Cor. 15:51, 52. 1st. Thess. 4:15-17.

Jesus illustrated this general harvest in a beautiful way in his parable of the wheat and tares. Matt 13:24-30. After saying let both (the just and unjust) grow together until the harvest etc. he proceeded to explain this parable to his disciples upon their request by saying, "the harvest (a general harvest is the end of the world." Read verses 36-43. Thus the tares (the wicked) that the reapers (angels) will slay, and the gathering of the just, the resurrected ones and the living, is called the harvest which brings an end to the world, for Jesus said the harvest is the end of the world.

Jesus used this beautiful and fitting parable to illustrate this great truth to be fulfilled in the near future. And before all this could be accomplished,

Jesus who will come with his angels to harvest the fruit of the earth, in order to come as a reaper, had to be resurrected from his grave first. And by thus being raised to life before any others could rise, he became the "first fruits," the first sheaf of the harvest.

So we will go back to the Law regulating the Passover, and there we shall find upon what days of the week each typical act was performed, to teach each generation of the children of Israel year by year. First the Passover lamb that was slain in the afternoon of the preparation day, was a type of crucifixion of our Lord on the preparation of the Passover and Sabbath Day. Jno. 19:14, 31.

The eating of the lamb after sunset, and the burning of what remained, causing the total disappearance of the lamb from sight, typified the total disappearance of Christ in his burial, having been placed in his tomb for that night and all that day, being his own Sabbath rest day. Gen. 2:1-3. Mark 2:28. Luke 23: 52-56: also the following night until the early rising hours of the morning at the dawning of the light of the first day of the week, when farmers rise early to go to work gathering the harvest. But in the type, the first sheaf that is harvested, at the early hour the first day of the week, after, or following the Passover day and Sabbath, must be brought to the Hight Priest, that the Priest may wave it before the Lord, as a type of the first fruits of all them that sleep in their graves. So upon what day of the week must this be done? Lev. 23:10. "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest." ver. 11. "And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it." The morrow after the Sabbath is certainly the first day of the week: no honest hearted man or woman can deny this.

And this first sheaf waved on the morrow after the Sabbath and the Passover, being the type of the risen Christ, the first fruits of them that slept, the type must meet its antitype at the same day and hour that the type taught. And according to four witnesses who wrote concerning this, they are all agreed that Jesus the firstfruits, did rise early the first day of the week, which Paul says was according to the scriptures, (the type) as we have shown. Lev. 23:10, 11. 1st. Cor. 15:2, 4.

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