



The REMNANT OF ISRAEL

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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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GIVE AND RECEIVE

The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

—Prov. 11:25

Seek the souls that dwell in darkness,
Lonely, sad, and tempest-riven;
It may be that you may cheer them
You may point the way to heaven
Then give love, and flowers shall blossom,
Where before none ever grew;
Give, and thine own soul shall brighten,
With a radiance ever new.

—Viola E. Smith

BUBBLES FROM THE SEETHING POT

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"And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, what seest thou? And he said I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. Then the Lord said unto me out of the north an evil shall break forth upon the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come and set everyone his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgment against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands' Jer. 1:13-16

The scene above described is that of seething or boiling pot with its face toward or in the north (marginal reading). The subject here introduced is the same as that treated by Ezekiel in thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters, namely, the northern power against professed christendom. The cause for this

calamity being their wickedness and apostacy. Eze. 39:23 states that it is because of their iniquity.

The above quotation from Jeremiah says, "For lo I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, and they shall come and set everyone his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem. Jerusalem here as in many other prophecies has special reference to God's professed people.

In speaking of Gog of the land of Magog, whom Ezekiel describes as the one to be the leader of the heathen against professed christendom, he says, "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou and MANY PEOPLE with thee.....a great company and a mighty army, and thou shalt come up against my people Isreal, as a cloud to cover the land; IT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS".

Let not the reader think that these predictions took place before Christ as some try to make out. Jeremiah calls him Gog, THE DESTROYER OF THE GENTILES. Here it is, "The lion is come up from his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate." Jer. 4:7. This shows conclusively that it is the gentile church in question, which has its existence after Christ. Note that Ezekiel says, "IT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS".

Any one who will candidly search the scriptures must admit that such a struggle as described by Jeremiah and Ezekiel, will of necessity take place, and that in the future.

In view of the fact that England has relinquished her guardianship over Turkey, and the Dardanelles have been open to all nations, may we not say that the way of the kings of the east is actually in process of preparation? Which of course will be completed under the sixth plague.

The reader will see that this is very evident when he notes the fact that in Eze. 38:6 Turkey, there called Gomer is classed among the nations whom Gog (Russia) will lead in the great conflict against God's professed and backslidden people.

During the last few years the kings of the east have come to realize that they must draw closer together for mutual protection against the nations of the west. For the better furtherance of this work friendly relations as far as possible have been established between China, Japan, and Russia.

That Russia is the seething pot as described by Jeremiah no one can deny. And the smoke and steam from this boiling caldron, in which the schemes for carrying out the scenes in Jeremiah's vision are hatched, show which way the wind blows. The boiling over of the pot and bursting of the bubbles reveal the progress of the work.

The following clipping from the Denver Times of recent date is very significant: "Berlin Feb. 14—The Lokal Anzeiger today publishes from what it describes as a very reliable source, the alleged details of secret clauses included in the Russo-Japanese treaty signed at Peking last month.

According to this newspaper's information, one of these clauses provides, that should either England, America or France take military measures against the Peking government or against Chinese territory which is not neutralized, Russia will place at China's disposal 200,000 men who will be armed by Japan.

It is also stated that Russia renounces in favor of Japan 50 percent of the shares of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which Russia hitherto has claimed. Another clause is declared to give the entire island of Sakhalin to Japan within five years on condition that the latter supplies Russia with four small cruisers, one battle ship, thirty submarines and seven destroyers. Vladivostok is to be made a firstclass fleet base, Japan paying 60 percent (60%) of the cost of construction, it is added.

It is known to be a fact Japan is able to arm not only China, but the whole of Russia with the latest munitions of war.

The relinquishing by Russia of 50 percent of the Chinese Eastern Railway is also very significant.

The Island of Sakhalin which lies just north of Japan and east of Siberia is most valuable to Japan, in that it contains much iron, coal, petroleum, timber and mineral springs.

If it is true that Japan has purchased this Island from Russia for so little, it only reveals the fact that mutual relations exist between the two nations. These happenings are all bubbles which roll from the seething pot and mark the progress in the fulfillment of prophecy. Among the first was noted the anti-christian demonstrations on Christmas 1923. This

shows the spirit that must develop on the part of those who take part in this struggle. The trouble ceased, but the spirit still exists and will soon be revived.

Let us remember that Jeremiah and Ezekiel did not write these things merely to tickle the ears of the people, but these are facts that must soon be met as sure as the sun rises.

(I copy this article from the "Firm Foundation".)

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

By W. L. OLIPHANT

Paul, in speaking to the church at Rome, said: "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9). I do not understand that the reference here is to the Holy Spirit, the third person in the God-head. When Paul used the expression "Spirit of Christ," he referred to the same thing Peter meant when he spoke of the "mind of Christ." To have the Spirit of Christ is to have the mind of Christ: to view things as He would view them; to have the same attitude toward life that our Lord had. This means that I endeavor to act as I believe Jesus would act under similar circumstances. Christianity is a religion of self-examination. It might do us good to "prove ourselves, whether we be in the faith." Do I have the spirit of Christ? If I have not, Paul says I am "none of His." What is the spirit (mind) of Jesus? There is no limit to what might be said on this subject, but there are a few outstanding characteristics in the life of Christ, principles which governed His entire life; which I desire at this time to discuss.

Humility

The spirit of Christ is pre-eminently a spirit of humility. His birth was the most humble birth conceivable. His life was spent among the "common people" largely. It was this class who "heard Him gladly." At one time the people sought to make Him king, and give to Him great earthly pomp and glory. This He promptly refused.

One of the greatest lessons in humbleness ever offered to the world is found in the thirteenth chapter of John. Here we are told how the "Lord and Master" of men stooped to wash the feet of his followers. If Jesus could do an act of service so menial, there should be no faltering upon our part when an opportunity for service is offered. We should be willing to bow to the lowest stage of humility to help a brother. If we are not humble, if we are not willing to humiliate ourselves for the help of others, do we really have the spirit of Christ?

Prayer

The spirit of Christ is a spirit of prayer. All through His busy life, we find Him taking time to pray. Once He spent an entire night in prayer. Are we like Him in this respect? The letters to the

churches abound in such admonitions as "pray without ceasing," and "continuing instant in prayer." A young Christian once asked me which I regarded as the more important, prayer or Bible study. That question would be difficult to answer. When I read the Bible, God talks to me. When I pray, I talk to God. One is God talking to His child; the other is the child talking to his Father. It is hard to conceive of the relationship of father and child without either. There is nothing which brings the Christian closer to heaven than to talk to God in prayer. One of the last things our Savior did while on the cross was to pray for His enemies. The life of Christ was a life of prayer.

Forgiveness

Jesus forgave fully and freely. When the men of his age desired to condemn the sinful woman, He said, "Let him that is without sin, cast the first stone." There were no stones thrown. Instead of condemning the woman, the guileless Man of Nazareth said, "Go and sin no more." I cannot expect God to forgive the wrongs in my life if I am unwilling to forgive others. Jesus said, "When ye stand praying, forgive if ye have ought against any man." He also said, "For if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you." If I had never needed to ask God to forgive any wrong in my life, then I could perhaps be consistent in refusing to forgive others. But so long as there is the possibility of my sinning, and hence needing forgiveness, I should be willing to forgive others for all the wrongs they may have committed against me.

To impress upon Peter the fact that he should forgive "until seventy times seven," Jesus gave the parable of the "unmerciful servant." A certain servant owed to his master ten thousand talents. Being unable to pay his master, he begged for mercy. The debt was forgiven and the servant freed from obligation. This same servant went out and found a fellow-servant who owed him one hundred pence. The man was unable to pay the debt. He prayed for mercy, but no mercy was given. The servant to whom he owed the money cast him into prison and kept him there because he was unable to pay the debt. This unforgiving servant owed his master more than fifty-two thousand times as much as was due him from his fellow-servant; yet he was unwilling to forgive the small debt, while ready becoming the recipient of the much larger favor. If we could see, let down from the heavens, a scroll containing the sins we have committed against God, alongside those committed by others against us, the contrast would perhaps look something like the one made in the parable. The Christian who refuses to forgive others, while at the same time desiring God to forgive his wrongs, is just as unreasonable as this unmerciful servant. It is said that when

the day of reckoning came, his servant's lord was "wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him." The conclusion reached is, "so likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not every one his brother his trespasses" (Matt. 18:23-35)

Sometimes brethren say: "Oh I'll forgive, but I can't forget". Is that the way you want God to forgive you? Do you want the Lord to say "Yes, I will forgive you, but I shall keep the whole matter on my record. I shall never forget it. If occasion arises, I shall bring the whole thing up against you again." God does not forgive that way. "Your sins and iniquities will I remember no more," is God's rule. Among the last things Jesus did while dying on the cross was to forgive, and ask God to forgive, the very men who were driving the nails in His hands and feet; the very men who were to pierce His side. I wonder if I could be willing to forgive those who take my life? "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." God grant that we may at all times manifest the spirit of our Lord! Oh, to be like Him!

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The Two Women of The Twelfth and Seventeenth Chapters of Revelations

(Continued from May)

"In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

"But as a wife that committeth adultery, *which* taketh strangers instead of her husband!

"They give gifts to all whores; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

"And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms; and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, thou art contrary." Ezek. 16:30-34.

This woman was once the betrothed of Christ.

"Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness; yea, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine." Ezek. 16:8.

That is, she in her earliest history was connected with the true church symbolized by the woman of the twelfth chapter of Revelation but when the division came, this woman is represented as having a separate existence and becomes another woman under a different organization and is governed by different principles. Christ being her husband she is presented in

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ALONG THE ROAD

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
 She chattered all the way,
 But left me none the wiser
 For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow
 And ne'er a word said she;
 But oh, the things I learned from her
 When Sorrow walked with me.
 R. B. Hamilton.

BIBLE NUMERIC TRACTS No. 1.

GENESIS 1:1.

The number of words in the first verse of the Bible (in the original Hebrew) is—seven (Feature 1). These seven words have 28 letters, or 4 sevens (Feature 2). And these 28 letters are thus divided: the first three words have 14 letters, or two sevens, and the last four words have also 14 letters (Feature 3). And these last four words are in their turn subdivided thus: the fourth and fifth words have seven letters, and the fifth and the sixth have also seven (Feature 4). The numeric value of the first and last letters of the first three words is 42, or six sevens. The numeric value of the first and last letters of the last four words is 91, or 13 sevens. (Feature 5 and 6). The numeric value of the first and last letters of the seven words of the passage is 1393, or 199 sevens. (Feature 7).

These seven features of sevens are either accident or design. The chance for their being accidental is only one in $7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7$, only one in 823,543. *These sevens are therefore designed.*

There is not a paragraph in the whole Bible that is not constructed on a similar mathematical plan, and

the Bible can thus easily be shown to be absolutely *verbally inspired* in every letter of the original text as NO MAN OR SET OF MEN COULD POSSIBLY HAVE WRITTEN A BOOK THUS.

Note.—Neither the Hebrew, nor the Greek, in which languages the Old and New Testaments are written, has any separate signs for designing numbers, like our Arabic figures 1, 2, 3, etc. For these the letters of the alphabet are used; and each letter there stands for a number as well as for a letter thus the first five letters of the Hebrew and Greek alphabets stand respectively for the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; and each letter of the alphabet in both languages thus stands for a separate number. Each Hebrew and Greek word is thus not only a word, but also a *sum in arithmetic*, each word being the sum of the numeric values of the letters of which it consists. Thus the Hebrew word *Jehova*, consists of four letters with their respective values of 10, 5, 6, 5. And the numeric value of that word is thus 26. The Greek word *Jesus*, consists of six letters with their respective values of 10, 8, 200, 70, 400, 200. And the numeric value of *Jesus* in Greek is thus 888.

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The above, I consider one of the most wonderful discoveries of these latter days to strengthen the faith of God's children, and at a time when the Nominal Church has become "lukewarm."

"Higher critics" and college professors, however, will doubtless treat this important revelation with scorn and indifference; but "If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it." (Solomon).

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CHRIST THE ROCK OF ISRAEL

Said Paul, "that spiritual rock that followed Israel in the wilderness of Egypt was Christ." Over two hundred years before that, when Jacob slept on the rock for a pillow, it was said, "from thence, the shepherd was the stone of Israel." The rock which Moses smote for Israel, to give them water was a symbol of Christ the living water of life. Said Christ, "upon this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell (the grave) shall not prevail against it." Said Christ, "I am the resurrection and the life." He is the one who will open the gates of hell (the grave) and resurrect his children.

So without further reference it is easy to see that Christ is the one upon whom the church is built. He is the head, he is the shepherd, the stone of Israel, in all ages, and the church which rebuilds is the church of Israel and he is the Shepherd of Israel. Any gentile who tries to make Christ's church the church of the gentiles and only started since he was here, the

same is a thief and a robber. He is trying to rob Christ of his true place as head of the only church God ever started. He is a thief in trying to steal just enough of Israel's doctrines to build an organization and leave out the things they do not wish. Shame on them. It is the ensign of Israel that is now to be lifted. It is the name of Israel now to be sounded through the world. It is the Remnant of Israel now to be gathered, not some gentile organization calling its self the "Remnant church."

Let all such organizations started by man be called by the name the Lord gives them, the "synagogues of satan." They were invented by satan. They teach in many instances his doctrine, they practice his deceptions upon the people and call it the gospel. This is not saying there are no blind children of God in them, for there are, but the call is to come of them. Let all heed the call.

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The Two Women

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the scriptures as being divorced and put away and becomes a widow, and under the same phrase, a grass-widow. Although she denies it and says "she is no widow and shall see no sorrow.." Rev, 18:7,

Hosea in order to teach the lesson, was instructed to take a wife of whoredoms. (Not that he married such a woman.) She became the mother of three children. Hosea 1:1-3. This prophecy, Paul says has its application to the Gentiles this side of Christ.

"Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.

As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people; which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

"And it shall come to pass, *that* the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

"Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved." Rom. 9:24-27.

Ezekiel says also she became mother of three children. The names given these children by Hosea are Jezreel Loruhamah and Loami. They are then changed to Judah, Israel and Ephraim.

Ezekiel gives them the names of Jerusalem, Samaria and Sodom. Eze. 16: In character, Ezekiel says, "as is the mother so are the daughters." Eze. 16:44.

Hosea says their names as changed are:

"Though thou, Israel, play the harlot *yet* let not Judah offend; and come not yet unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The Lord liveth.

"For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer; now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place". Hosea 4:15-18.

Their drink is sour; they have committed whoredom continually; her rulers *with* shame do love, Give ye."

In order that the reader might know that they stand for professed Judah, Israel and Ephraim their first names, were given as Jezreel, after the name of the valley of Jezreel where the place of Ahab and Jezebel lived. The second child was called Loruhamah which signifies "not my people" (see marginal reading); and the same of the third child Loami, thus showing they were all apostate from God.

In Revelation seventeen, the woman is called that great city Babylon and says John, the city is divided into three parts all showing clearly that her children which are also harlots are the three great divisions of the Gentile professed church which is the Greek division, the oldest. It now numbers one hundred and forty million. The second, the Roman division, numbering now, two hundred thirty million and last, Protestantism, numbering one hundred and sixty millions of people.

The character of both the woman and her daughters are bad in the extreme. She is drunken with the blood of saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. Let the reader note the mother is represented as the mother of her three daughters, thus making her the mother of *all* Apostate Christendom and not some branch of it. Before Christ there were three divisions in the Jewish history: Judah, Israel and Ephraim. Those names are carried down in Gentile history as the three divisions now exist.

DAUGHTERS OF HER DAUGHTERS

Ezekiel in the sixteenth chapter speaks of the daughters of her daughters. These grandchildren can be nothing else but the subdivisions in which the three great divisions are divided.

All bearing the same character of the mother as is clearly shown by a full study of the subject. It is said that the one hundred and forty-four thousand are not defiled with women. The women here mentioned are the daughters of Babylon.

THE CHILDREN OF GOD WITHOUT AN ORGANIZATION.

The Lord has never had a federated organization of his people since the Babylonish captivity 588 years before Christ. *At that time, the Crown, the Diadem, the Ephod, the Ark and the Sacrifice* were all removed. Hosea 3:4, which eternally settles the question of any federated organization of the Lord's people since that time. He, from that day to this, has never had a representative as head leader of his people. Neither have his people been federated in an organization since *that time*. They have been scattered sheep on every mountain and hill of this world. In the days of the Apostles, the true shepherd went out to find his flock and as they were gathered in companies, great or small

in different places, they were called *the church*, taking the name of the town or house where they assembled.

Those shepherds of God's own calling have cared for them as best they could. But this woman and her children again arose and federated these companies into denominations and thus they became women. In these federations God's honest children have also been inclosed in Babylon.

But now the time is when they must leave or be lost, when probation closes. Read carefully on the gathering of Israel in the book, "The True Jew and the Gathering of Israel." This question is one of great importance. Who will heed the lesson?

In order that the reader may know of a surety that the things we are teaching are the truth, we will give *more* of her history. In the third chapter of Revelation, her story is told in the prophecy of the seven seals. There she is represented as riding a red horse with her sword in her hand to take away peace from the earth. This had its application in the first centuries in the Greek division. In the Latin division, she is there riding a black horse, a symbol of her darkest history with a pair of balances in her hand saying, "a measure of wheat for a penny and a measure of barley for a penny, but see that thou hurt not the wine or the oil." The wine and oil are what was used in the priesthood of Aaron to teach gospel blessings. So in her career she is a worldly organization dealing in the traffic of the world under the claims of Christianity. Then she is next seen riding on the pale horse, of death and hell; (the grave.) Here "she is made drunken with the blood of saints." Under the fifth seal the saints who died on the altar of sacrifice are represented as saying "O, Lord, how long wilt thou not avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth."

Hosea says: "She sold the poor for a pair of shoes." He again says: "Thou hast gone a whoring from thy God; thou hast loved a reward upon every corn floor." He further speaks of two of the divisions thus: "Ephraim has compassed with lies and Israel with deceit. Ephraim has compassed me with lies and Israel with deceit. Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people, Ephraim is a cake unturned." (Half baked.)

"They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God, for the spirit of whoredom is in the midst of them. *They have begotten strange children.*" The above quotations are all from Hosea. The Prophet Micah says: "The head thereof judge for reward, the priests teach for hire and the prophets thereof divine for money." Yet will they lean upon the Lord and say, "*Is not the Lord with us?*" "*No evil can come upon us.*" Micah. 3:11. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the Prince asketh and the judge asketh for a reward Mich. 7:3.

"Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city;

"She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God."

"Her princes with her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

"Her prophets *are* light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law." Zeph. 3:1-4.

She is spoken of in the New Testament thus:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

"Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good."

"Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

"For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women, laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.

"Now as Jan-nes and Jam-bres withstood Mo-ses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

"But they shall proceed further; for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as their's also.

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

"For all nations have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornications with her, and the merchants of earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." 2nd Tim. 3:1-9.

"Let no man deceive you by any means; for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

"Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things." Rev. 18:2-3.

"*Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Sa-tan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie:

"That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2nd Thes. 2:3-5, 9.

Her counterfeit worship was very similar to that of Israel except different days of worship. One was the worship of Baal, the other the worship of God. Baal worship remember, was the worship of the planets and her Sabbaths and days set apart for her feasts were named after her Gods. She is a counterfeit in every way. Hosea speaks thus of her feast days:

"And now will I discover *her lewdness* in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hands.

"I will also cause all her mirth to cease, *her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths*, and all her *solemn feasts*.

"And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, *These are my rewards that my lovers have given me*; and I will make them a forest and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

"And I will visit upon her the days of Ba-a-lim, wherein she turned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the Lord." Hosea 2:10-13.

Isaiah calls these feasts "*Your appointed feasts*" and says *my soul hates them*.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye *rulers of Sodom*; give ear unto the *law of our God*, ye people of Co-mor-rah.

"To what purpose *is* the multitude of *your sacrifices* unto me? saith the Lord; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

"When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

"Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the *new moons and sabbaths*, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

"Your *newmoons* and *your appointed feasts* my *soul hateth* they are a trouble unto me; I am weary *to bear them*."

They were adopted by Jereboam after the death of Solomon:

"Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

"And he set the one in Bethel and the other put he in Dan.

"And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

"And he made an house of high places, and made

priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi." First Kings 12:27, 28,32.

Paul shows that these days, New moons, and sabbaths were of heathen origin and the worship was based on vain philosophy, and consisted of the rudiments of the World, Doctrines of men, Commandments of men, Worshipping of Angels, and not after Christ. They were a shadow of things to come in their own imagination, thus leading them away from the body which saved them, which body was Christ. All such ordinances say the Apostle touch not, Handle not, which are all to perish with the using. On these ordinances the principalities and powers of heathenism were founded:

"Beware lest any man spoil you *through philosophy and vain deceit*, after the tradition of men after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ, which all are to perish.

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

"*And* having spoiled principalities and powers he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:

"Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.

"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

(Touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with using; after the commandments and doctrines of men?

"Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh." Col. 2:8, 14-23.

Any attempt to make these Bible ordinances of the true woman is a fraud. They are heathen ordinances and nailed to the cross as men are converted.

"After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

"Ye shall do my judgements, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God.

"Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgements: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord." Lev. 18:3-5.

Much more might be said on this point. Suffice it to say that her doctrines with which she made all Nations drunken are not the doctrines of the true woman.

With this picture of the woman and her work what should we expect?

We will let the reply come direct from the word of God without scarcely a comment. We will say however, that in every other age of the world when this woman became the principal ruler of professed people of God, her character so marked as it is now by the prophecies, there followed a judgement of God and if it does not come now then the Lord has changed his plans of operation. He has not, though, and the world will soon witness that the same God rules among men as of old and his plans are the same.

Her destruction is sure to come.

"Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate as overthrown by strangers." Isa. 1:7.

"Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

"Go ye upon her walls, and destroy, but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the Lord's.

"For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord.

"They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

"And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

"Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts. Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:"

"The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand:

"A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of old, nor shew favour to the young:

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