

"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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"Smooth let the waves of life be, Lord, or rough, Without thine arm to lean on, I must fail; But while upheld, by Thy sustaining grace

Calmly I walk, superior to them all.

And as I gaze upon Thee, where Thou art— The vague, wild tumult of life's inner sea,

The feverish throbbings of this restless heart, Are calmed, as, risen Lord! I walk with Thee.

For since I've seen Thee seated far above, At God's right hand in yonder glorious sphere, The light which led me to that place of love

Revealed the wreck of everything down here!" —Selected.

IN MEMORIAM

Once more we've had to part with a loved one. Our dear brother passed away July eleventh. It was not altogether unexpected, but it came much sooner than we were looking for it. We had hopes that God would see fit to raise him up and manifest his healing power. We prayed so earnestly for that, but we said "Thy will be done and not ours". We do not grieve as those who have no hope, nevertheless, we feel our loss most keenly.

The funeral was he'd in the Street and Draper undertaking parlors, the sermon being preached by Elder Clark, president of the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. It was a most comforting and able discourse. We laid him away in the family vault, to await the coming of the life giver. It is a comforting thought to us, that he was prepared to go. I only trust we may all be as ready when God calls us to lay down this life. The following obituary was read by Elder Clark. H. W. Rupert was born December 7, 1781, in Lima, Ohio, the son of G. G. Rupert, for many years in the ministry of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He died July 11, 1925. He was married December 30, 1900, to Miss Birdie Stuart, who, with their son Harley, survives him. A second son, Gail, who was born August 24, 1903, died December 3, 1908.

Mr. Rupert was a student at the Battle Creek College, and following that was in the coal business with his father, at the same place.

He then moved to Liberal, Kansas, where he became general manager of a large wholesale and retail hardware firm.

In 1907 he moved to Choctaw, Oklahoma, where he entered the hardware business for himself, and where he has remained ever since.

He was a consistent christian all his life and a strict observer of the sabbath. His store during eighteen years of business was always closed from sundown Friday till the same time Saturday.

THE PERILS OF THE LAST DAYS By Adolf Schenk

A certain preacher with whom I got into a conversation over the law of God told me the following interesting experience of his. He said there came into his town at one time a certain Adventist missionary who held some meetings at that place and whose meetings he attended and enjoyed them very much. However when the binding claims of God's law was presented, and he began to see that both the Old and New Testaments demand the same, he was at once convinced that he must obey it if he ever would enter

God's kingdom else Christ would class him with the workers of iniquity in the final judgment. But he also saw that in order to keep his position in his church he would not dare to obey and preach the law of God else he would be cast out. Fearing this he became uneasy about it and found himself between two fires. If he obeys he will lose his position which he loves, if he obeys not he will keep his position but will lose eternal life. So this caused him much trouble and remorse so that finally he began to wish he had never heard of the law, because, knowing that he continually transgressed it destroyed his peace. At last he became tired of this continual struggle between right and wrong, and he said that one day he decided to have that thing settled between himself and God, and so he went on his knees and earnestly prayed to God to let him know as to whether his law is to be kept or not. Then there came a voice to him saying, "Cod's law needs not to be obeyed," and at the same time there came into his heart such a sweet peace and firm conviction that he is accepted of God even though he does not obey his law. And from that time until now he never felt any more uneasiness about his transgressing of the divine law and nobody will ever be able to disturb his peace any more he says. Now the truth of the whole matter is, God knew very well that that man was very anxious to be excused from obedience to his law. We are told by the word of God that in a case like this he will always give us our desire. If a man wishes truth, truth will come to him, otherwise error will come.

The above experience is nothing less than Loyola's experience over again. And because, says the unerring word of God, they have not the love of the truth, God will send them strong delusions that they may believe a lie and be damned. 2nd Thess. 2:10-12.

Now the experiences of Loyola and the other minister mentioned above are given here to serve as examples to help the people understand better as to how Satan has power to deceive everyone who has not the love of truth in his heart. The word of God calls it Babylon, the mystery of lawlessness. Satan himself is called the lawless one and it is his spirit that leads the whole world to set aside the sacred law of God. His spirit comes to the children of men posing as the spirit of God, and because this spirit does not impress the human heart with the seriousness of transgressing the divine law, but instead flatters the natural inclinations of the heart, therefore the great mass of professed christians are following him and they are just as firmly convinced as Loyola and the other minister was, that they are possessed by the spirit of God. And to complete the counterfeit, Satan lets them do many good works and even wonderful works in the name of Jesus. The spirit of God if he works with a man he always reproves the transgression of God's law. In the days of the Reformation when Luther began to preach God's plain word, and many had accepted the message, then right among those who had accepted it there rose up false reformers who claimed that God had sent them to reform the Reformation.

The historian says that in the town of Zwickan. there lived a few men who, agitated by these great events that were then stirring all Christendom, aspired at direct revelations from the Deity, instead of meekly desiring sanctification of heart, and who asserted that they were called to complete the Reformation, so feebly sketched out by Luther. "What is the use," said they, "of clinging so closely to the Bible? The Bible; always the Bible. Can the Bible preach to us? Is it sufficient for our instruction? If God had designed to instruct us by book, would he not have sent us a bible from heaven? It is by the spirit alone that we can be enlightened. God himself speaks to us. God himself reveals to us what we should do, and what we should preach." Thus did these fanatics, like the adherents of Rome, attack the fundamental principle on which the entire Reformation is founded, the all-sufficiency of the word if God."

"A simple clothier. Nicholas Starch by name, announced that the Angel Gabriel had appeared to him during the night, and after communicating matters which he could not reveal, said to him, "Thou shalt sit on my throne.' A former student of Wittenberg, one Mark Stubner, joined Starch, and immediately forsook his studies; for he had received direct from God, said he, the gift of interpreting the holy scriptures. Another with name of Thomas Munger, a man of fanatical character, gave a regular organization to this rising sect. Starch, desirous of following Christ's example, selected from among his followers twelve apostles and seventy-two disciples. All loudly declaring as some do in our days, that apostles and prophets were at length restored to the church of God."

If the reader would take time to study the history of the Reformation, he would be surprised what a holy appearance these false prophets had and what wonderful spiritual experiences they could tell the people the Lord gave them, and how mightily God works with them. The whole Reformation was shaken by these prophets. Luther was at that time a captive in the Wortburg. When he heard of the character of this movement he wrote to Melanchton to "ask these prophets" "whether they have felt those spiritual torments, those creations of God, that death and hell which accompany a real regeneration. And if they speak to you only of peace and agreeable things, of tranquil impressions, of devotion and piety, as they say, do not believe them, although they should pretend to have been transported to the third heaven. Before Christ could attain his glory, he was compelled to suffer; and in like manner the believer must go through the bitterness of sin before he can obtain the true peace. Otherwise it will be a false peace. Do you desire to know the time, place and manner in which God talks with men? Listen: As a lion, so hath he broken all my bones. I am cast out from before his face, and my soul is abased even to the gates of hell. No; the divine Majesty, as they pretend, does not speak directly, so that men may see; no man can see my face and live."— Luther.

A modern reformer in his "Book of the Law Found Again," makes the following important statement: "Any religion based on feeling or imaginary acceptance, and not first layed in deep repentance for sin, which is in the trasgression of God's law is worthless."

In the above the reader will see the contrast between the true and the false. Herein we see the perils of the last days. Luther, the man of God, said: If I have four hundred heads. I would sooner have all four hundred heads cut off than give up the Bible. Although he was a happy man in Christ, yet he had little to say about dreams, visions and ecstacies. His great joy was to talk of the word of God, and in it he meditated day and night. On the other hand the false ones always talked about peace and of visions and dreams. Says God, "The prophet that had a dream, let him tell the dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? said the Lord. Is not my word like a fire? said the the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rocks in pieces?" Jer. 23:28,29.

As soon as Luther left the Wortburg and again began to preach the word of God, those prophets were soon scattered and the Reformation prospered. To the law and to the testimony if they do not speak according to that word, it is because there is no light in them. Isa. 8:20.

We need men like Luther today who will preach the plain word of God. The perils and spiritual delusions of the last days are upon us and are fearfully deep, and they will deepen and grow stronger as the years pass by until they would deceive the very elect if it were possible.

Loyola is a good representative of the spiritual condition of professed Christians of today. Loyola was convinced by the spirits that he was a very good Christian and also were those prophets among the Protestants. If anybody approached them with the real truth of God's book they rose up against it and considered themselves as far superior in spiritual

things than those who clung so closely to the Bible. for they received their teachings directly from heaven. This is the condition of the majority of professed Christians of the last days. So Christ testifies that in the last days they would feel rich, and in need of nothing; but do not know that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked. They are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. And as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further. 2nd Tim. 3:7-9. Says Christ, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." He also warns us and says, "Repent, else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. And thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Remember Lovola.

No reasonable man or woman will deny that we have reached the last days of this world's history. This being so, the false apostles, claiming to be the apostles of Jesus Christ, must also have appeared on the stage of action, saying, "Lo here is Christ, and lo there," for Christ declares that this will be the case especially in the last days. The man who walks in all the light of God's word, who has accepted Christ Jesus as his Saviour and seeks earnestly by the help of God to keep the same law in the same manner as Christ did, sees very clearly that these false apostles are very numerous today, indeed on every hand he finds them. Each one claims he has the truth and invites people to come and join his church, for Christ says he, is with us, (lo here is Christ, and lo there). Everyone makes the same claim. They have much to say about Christ and the Holy Ghost, of peace and of Joy which they enjoy in their religion, and they are fully satisfied with their spiritual condition. Because of this they conclude that they are accepted of God and will certainly enter the kingdom of God just the way they are without further reformation.

Speaking of peace and joy, the writer can testify of having experienced the same also and he wishes to express his thanks toward Christ for his great goodness and kindness which he shows me. However by the study of God's word he finds that the false Prophets and false professers have always been loudest in proclaiming their peace and safety. Because they feel so secure, they take it for granted that in the sight of God they are alright. It is true that Christ loves every man and deals kindly with all, because it is his heart's desire that all be saved. We are told by God's word that he lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:9. And further he says: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all

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men unto me." John 12:32. And furthermore, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. It will be seen in the final judgment by every soul that God has done everything that possibly can be done to save them. The trouble is not with God but with men. Says God: "Judge I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should by ng forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plans; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. Isa. 5:3, 4, 7. Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye. Acts 7:51.

The above scriptures ought to be for anyone to understand that the reason men are not saved is, they resist the spirit of truth which is sent upon every man to lead them into all truth that they might be saved.

THIS MAY OCCUR, UNLESS-

(From the "Great Divide" of November 19, 1924)

In the old days danger of attack interested those that lived along the edge of the water. Ships might bombard seaports, troops might land and attack people along the shore. But people INLAND paid little attention to war talk It is different now. Look at this picture. Ships like this will be crossing the ocean in a few years. Such ships, transported on gigantic freight ships, could be brought across the Pacific or the Atlantic NOW, turned loose in the air a hundred miles from either coast, and within a few hours half a dozen such ships could destroy San Francisco or Los Angeles or Seattle or New York, or THE CAPITOL AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Or they could fly a few hours inland and lay waste Denver, Kansas City, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis.

Every human being is interested in war today, because EVERY FOOT OF GROUND IN THIS COUN-TRY IS ON THE EDGE OF THE OCEAN.

The reason is that the ocean now IS THE AIR. Sea power is a part of past history. AIR POWER is the thing today. The nation that controls the air can control the world. The Japanese and the French know it.

France has 2,000 fighting air craft in the first line and 2,000 in reserve. The Japanese, as rapidly as mechanics and money can do it, are building up a great fleet. They are not wasting their time on floating battleships, they are building for this coming world's battle, which will be IN THE AIR.

The Japanese are building not only in their own shops at home, they are also getting machines built in France, and hiring German mechanics to build ships like the one in this picture in Denmark.

At the top of this page you see a gigantic, up-todate, high powered FIGHTING AIRPLANE built for the army of Japan.

This great war machine is on its way to the Japanese empire. It may soon be coming back in our direction. Notice the powerful construction, huge wheels like tractor wheels, to bear the heavy weight in starting. Don't overlook the two guns mounted above the wheels. These guns, firing thousands of bullets a minute, would riddle approaching enemy air machines, while this heavy air giant proceeded to drop tons of highest explosives and deadly gases on enemy cities.

One battleship of dreadnaught class costs 45 million dollars. For that sum the nation could build and mobilize TWO THOUSAND FIGHTING AIRPLANES. Does the president or any other sane man ask what chance a battleship would have against 2,000 fighting air machines dropping TNT from the clouds?

While Japan builds these gigantic and EFFIC-IENT engines of war, we are amusing ourselves and DELUDING ourselves with popguns, out of date, ridiculous little cannon placed along the edge of this gigantic continent.

Our army men announce that these sixteen-inch guns can shoot to a distance of thirty-five miles an explosive weighing one ton.

Of course they can, but what of it? Look at this Japanese fighting machine. It could fly across our

territory, and just in passing drop on this little "coast defense" popgun enough TNT to wipe it out of existence, then pass on to bomb and gas New York, Chicago or the capitol at Washington, as the brown commanding officer might choose.

And this isn't imagination. Could there be any greater joke than building battleships at 45 million dollars apiece when the price of one battleship would build 2,000 first class fighting machines?

Could there be anything more idiotic than relying on sixteen-inch guns, with a poor little thirty-five-mile firing capacity, to meet fight flyers that would come across the ocean, or be released from great airplane carrying ships 100 miles out beyond the reach of these out beyond the reach of these little coast POPGUNS?

Those flying machines with the deadly charges of the highest explosives and poisonous gases would fly over our out-of-date battleships, 25,000 feet up in the air, so fast that the sleepy elderly admirals wouldn't even know they were there. Released for flight 100 miles off the coast, before dawn, they could bombard and lay waste New York or Washington and fly back to the fast ships that brought them, before our modern "civilian warriors" knew what happened—except for the explosions and the poisoning. And there are submarines now building, big enough to carry fighting planes, that could travel under water close to any coast city.

The Japanese are not neglecting the power of the flying machine in future wars, or the danger that war may come at any time.

"The International News Reel" sends out photographs made in Tokio, showing a high Japanese officer with a crowd of other officers around him, talking war talk with a miniature model of the big Japanese City. The Japanese officer isn't talking about earthquakes, or the beauty of the city. He is explaining to the Japanese army and navy officers HOW TO PRO-TECT TOKIO FROM AIRPLANE ATTACK.

They know that if they attack others THEY will be attacked. And while they get ready to attack others, which is their international right, if they choose to make war—they are planning to protect their own cities from airplane attack.

This country thus far is sound asleep. We are not prepared to defend ourselves against attack by airplanes. And we are not equipped with airplanes that, IF WE HAD THEM, would make it certain that no other nation would attack us.

P. S.—One of the greatest experts in England says: "Bombardment of a great modern city by a few airplanes with the explosives and deadly gases now manufactured, would produce more deadly results than TEN EARTHQUAKES LIKE THE GREAT EARTH-QUAKE IN TOKIO."

TO THOSE WHO HAVE HESITATED

We have no doubt but many have been impressed with the teaching of our paper and books in the past but hesitate to take a stand for the things which they believe to be true. Some of these are represented by the Nicodemus class who came to Jesus by Others have seen so much humbugery night. among pretended teachers of the Bible in this age they are very skeptical as to what to accept. Still others sav I was fooled once or more times and do not care to try it again till I know. These are all feasible excuses and they have all our sympathy for we came in along this same line in the past. This position is nevertheless dangerous, for the rule is given you in the Bible and that rule we have followed. Namely, to search as for a hid treasure and we are promised "ye shall find the knowledge of God." I am glad there is positive proof for every position but we are free to admit unless earnestness enough is manifest to find that proof it may not be found. The Bible is a book of scientific principles fit together, and it will require earnest study to know and learn those principles, and in addition to this it needs a touch with God and His spirit to lead us into all truth, as we compare scripture with scripture. We are plainly told it is to be found "here a little and there a little," when this is done then you can say you know you are right.

In doing this searching you must be free as an individual and not bound by any previous education, or denominational influence. It does not matter how strong you have believed such and such to be true. All must be given up if you would know the truth for this time. there is another point I would mention. It is this: I have before me my Bible and also the one used prior to this one. The former I used several years in the ministry. I look at it. I considered it worn out and compelled to get a new book. But on examination, I now see it to be worn out beginning with the Acts worn considerable, from that on still more till the last book of Revelation, it was really worn out. Then I turn to Daniels book in the Old Testament from the seventh chapter on it is also worn out. The rest of the old books are all intact as good as ever. It reveals to me I was no bible student at all. I was simply teaching what had been taught me, things which were interpreted by the denomination I belonged to. This is true of every sect. For instance the Holiness people will have every text where the word holiness is mentioned marked and so on This must be all changed if you would become acquainted with the Bible. Begin at the beginning and follow the story through, use all parts of the book, keep the story defined in your mind and soon it will be clear to you that you will know you are right.

G. G. RUPERT.

ONE OF TWO THINGS

There are but two choices to take with our finances. One is to keep it till the work of God is over and then during the seven last plagues "throw it to the moles and the bats" as stated in the Bible they will do. The other is as stated by Christ "sell that ye have and give alms and lay up treasures in heaven where thieves do not break through and steal."

Individuals must decide for themselves what they will do. God does not want rash things done, but he does expect that in view of the times in which we now live that each individual will be a faithful stewart of that which God has committed to his keeping and given him talent to acquire. In doing so, he has obligations to his family, himself and to God, and also to do his duty to God in the Lord's work. All of which must be decided by himself. We say if that consecration has not been made by you which you will wish in the near future you had better get about it now. One thing is certain, that is, we can't fool God. No doubt but there will be again, in fact we know there will be a mixed multitude go out again into the forty years feast of tabernacles in the Wilderness, but only such as have been true before they go out will get to the promised land. They will fall in the wilderness, all who have not been true to God. From this on it surely means business and earnestness to be saved. No proxy through some denomination, no scheming, no such as Ananias and Sapphira will go through. If you have never practiced strict honesty began now both with God and man.

THE TWO WOMEN OF THE TWELFTH AND SEV-ENTEENTH CHAPTERS OF REVELATION

By G. G. Rupert

(Continued from June Issue)

"Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance." Deut. 28: 15, 49, 50, 59.

"Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

"Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men." Jer. 5:15-16.

"In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makes thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire: "Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

"And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

"And I will also give thee unto their hand, and they shall throw down think eminent place. and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

"They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with swords.

"And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgements upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more." Ezek. 16: 31-37-41.

"Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Isreal, wich prophesied in those days many years, that I would bring thee against them?" Ezek. 38:17.

"Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand." Isa. 28:2.

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

"Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

"But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

"Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain." Dan. II: 36-39.

Her judgments are fully described in the book of Revelation, from the sixteenth chapter to the nineteenth chapter. For a full explanation of the national situation see the "Yellow Peril", by the writer.

HER NATIONAL HISTORY

There are two beasts in the Book of Revelation. both representing a Government connected with this harlot woman, one in the thirteenth chapter, the other in the seventeenth chapter. The beast in the thirteenth chapter, represents her history for twelve hundred and sixty years when she was connected with the civil power of western Rome. The other beast in the seventeenth chapter gives her entire history from her rise until her final overthrow and ruin. The scarlet colored beast in the seventeenth chapter is scarlet, because the Government ruled by her is professedly Christian. This is the only beast in all the field of prophecy that is scarlet, showing it is the only Government ruled by her under a professedly Christian character. All the rest are simply the beasts of nature, in their color. Christ is represented as being clothed in scarlet, the sin bearer of the world. See our studies on the Glory of God and the rainbow.

Under this form of Government she ruled as a Christian, representative of Christ. It was a theocratic form of government where the church ruled the state, (but it was a counterfeit). She is called the mystery of iniquity, the lawless one. No blue is connected with her clothing or in the color of the beast. In the seventeenth chapter her entire history is told. The angel said "I will tell the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carrieth her which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was and is not and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition; and they that dwell upon the earth shall wonder whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world. When they beheld the beast that was and is not and yet is." We now stop for a moment before going further. Let the reader remember this beast in both these chapters thus far gives the history of western Europe during the days of the Papal rule over the ten kingdoms there located. This was from 538 A. D. when this point was reached she received her deadly wound as described in the thirteenth chapter and now she is not." But the seventeenth chapter savs these ten kingdoms will again renew their allegiance to the beast and she will be again. "Yet is." So much for that history. But that is not all. The prophet next explains the seven heads of the beast. Thus the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth." These mountains are explained thus: "And there are seven kings (governments) five are fallen and one is and the other is not yet come." We again stop and ask what and where are the five governments ruled by this woman which have fallen or had fallen in John's day, and what one was in his day then in operation? In order to answer this question we must go back and study the history of the woman and her

worship and see what nations she had been associated with in her past history. If we will but call our attention to Baal worship (for that is ever her religion) we will at once see that the first mentioned in the Bible where she enticed the Lord's people in the worship of Baal, was the Asyrian, founded by Nimrod after the building of the tower of Babel. The second was the Egyptian, the third was the Babylonian, the forth was the Medo Persian and the fifth was the Grecian, and the one that was stated "now is" (in John's day), was Rome, which was the sixth, but none of those were professedly Christian. But when we come to the keast, representing the western kingdom of Europe, it was scarlet in color and was professedly Christian showing the blending of the two religions in one under that form of government, making it the mystery of iniquity. Hence the beast is scarlet in color. Now says the prophet, there is to be another, the eighth but "it will be of the seven," so we look for one more after probation closes, like the one that was and is not and yet is and when it comes it will go into perdition.

Every other nation ruled by her has fallen and now these kingdoms which stand for her and will again renew their allegiance to her after probation closes, are now under the reeling tottering condition that marks *their downfall*. And their future attempt to save her and themselves will only increase their calamity. The story is told and the race is nearly run and note this point—there never was nor never will be but that one Government ruled by Her under professedly Christian rulership. The United States will make an image to her and unite with her but never will church and state be united in this country *until after probation closes*, for the two-horned beast *is not scarlet*.

Who will learn this lesson? Who will see that National religious liberty is secured until probation closes and then the remnant are cared for and flee out of Babylon. Let the effort now put forth to prevent laws being enacted that will prevent persecution, be put forth to save souls and teach how to flee out of Babylon.

A STRONG INDICATION

The question arises in the mind of the thoughtful whether the beast, after its restoration, after the close of probation will be scarlet in color?

There are strong indications that it will not. We know that at the end of seventy years they will federate with the nations of the whole world to destroy the Remnant and to blot out the name of Israel forever. Note what we said before who Tyre was. We know that the beast that is to come "the eighth and is one of the seven" comes out of the bottomless pit. Rev. 17; and goes into perdition. We also know that

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in chapter eleven this same beast, when renewed, comes out of the bottomless pit and makes war against the Bible for three years and a half. These are some things we know. Now what is it to come up out of the bottomless pit? In the Ninth Chapter of Revelation there is brought to view, a power also that came out of the bottomless pit and that power undoubtedly is the Mohammedan power clearly defined. Now that power professes to believe in God but not in Christ, but says that Mohamet is their prophet. They hate Christianity and we also know another thing, and that is that the world is going into skepticism regarding the inspiration of the Bible and the story of the gospel just as rapidly as possible; and another thing we know and that is that the Catholic power never was, to say the most favorable thing possible not more than half Christianity, the other half was pagan; and further, every other nation ruled by the woman, except western Rome, was not represented by a scarlet colored beast and to say the least, after probation closes, it is not likely they will become more true believers than they are now. For the spirit of God will be entirely withdrawn from them.

It is true they will, as before, quoted from the prophet "run from sea to sea and from north to south to find the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it." Then they say it is because we have no King and "What would a King do to us" and they also, with protestantism, make an image to the beast but on what principle will it be made is the question. To say the least, there is a strong indication that the beast, as made, will not be scarlet in color, thus leaving but one beast in its history as the only beast in all the field of prophecy-scarlet in color.

At the most, if the beast is ever scarlet, it could not be but one hour (fifteen days, prophetic time). It does seem that in their first move to again unite the ten kingdoms the aim will be to restore the scarlet form of government, but if it is ever formed, it can be but the brief time specified, for verses 16 and 17 say they hate the whore and make her desolate and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire for God has put it in their hearts to fulfill His will and to agree and give their Kingdom to the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled. This shows that the ten kingdoms to give their power and kingdom unto the beast is not to give it to the support of the whore that sits. on the beast.

This will harmonize the statement of Daniel which says that at the expiration of the scarlet colored beast. in 1798, his dominion was taken away and consumed unto the end. Hence it is the old Baal worship restored.

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