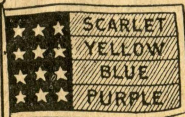
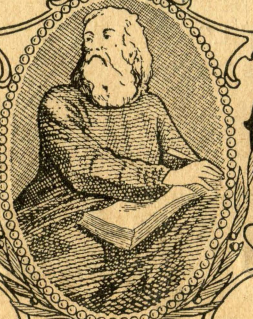


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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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THE TWO SONS OF ZEBEDEE AND THEIR RELIGION

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The names of these two boys were James and John. Their father was a fisherman by occupation. The record says when these two boys were found they, with their father, were mending their nets. Peter and Andrew were also brothers, who were the sons of Jonas. They were partners in fishing with Zebedee and his boys. They were also called to be fishers of men at the same time as were James and John. It is interesting to trace the training of these boys and why the Master called them to his work. One of the best ways to learn the greatness of these boys is to study their production of Scripture in later life. In doing this, we will note the Epistles of John first. Never have we seen so much in the writings and character of these boys as we now see. Therefore we try to give to the reader the merits of these writings as we enter into the search for truth contained in them. The pith, as we sum it all up, is to teach each individual reader *whether they are a child of the devil or a child of God—which?* The examination of the subject, as given by the Apostle, is a critical one. Examine it carefully and ask yourself the question when through. To whom do I belong? If found to be a child of the devil, we urge a speedy effort on your part to be released from him before it is too late by following the rule laid down by the Apostle. In doing so, *remember there is but one way and one rule to follow to obtain that freedom.*

The Epistles of John on Obedience

"That which was from the beginning, which

we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

"(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, *which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;*)

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye may also *have fellowship* with us: and truly *our fellowship* is with the Father, and with the Son Jesus Christ.

"And these things write we unto you that your joy may be full."—First John 1:1-4.

The thought in the above introduction to the Epistles of John is—First, That *in the beginning* the Father and the Son were *one in fellowship*. Second, The Son, which in this is spoken of as *the word*, was *from the beginning*. Third, That word was seen, handled and made manifest to the Apostles, which was *from the beginning*. Fourth, That *eternal life* was in Christ, which was *from the beginning*. Fifth, *All who believed these things had the same fellowship and eternal life* as that which existed between the Son and the Father *in the beginning*.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

"If we say that *we have fellowship* with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

"But if we walk in the light, as he is the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son *cleanseth us from all sin.*"

—Verses 5-7.

This shows that this fellowship and eternal life *with us* and the Father and the Son *depends on our walking in the light*, as he is in the light. Says David, "Thy word is a light to my feet." Another says, "The entrance of thy word giveth light." It is on condition that *we walk in the truth*, that we are *cleansed from all sin*.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

"If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."—Verses 8-10.

The light, as we walk in it, shows us that we *are born in sin* and to say *we are not in sin* makes God a liar, for He has said that sin and death passed upon all men for that *all have sinned*.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, *that ye sin not*. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

"And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

"And hereby *we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments*.

"He that saith, I know him, and *keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*.

"But *whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him*.

"He that saith he abideth in him *ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked*."—2:1-6.

God desires us not to sin, but if any does sin after walking in the light, then they have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. The test is, then whether we are *in him* or not. Also that we *now keep his commandments*. "He that sayeth he knoweth him, and *keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*." Obedience is ever the test as to our standing before God. It is *not our feeling* or our saying we believe, neither some experience in healing, or some miraculous supposed happening, but remember it *is ever and always obedience* that settles the matter with God. He that abideth *in him must walk as he walked*. That is, *do the things Christ did*.

"Brethren, I write *no new commandment* unto you, but *an old commandment* which ye have had from the beginning.

"Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."—Verses 7-8.

Says the Apostle, this is not something new, but *the same we had from the beginning*. No, there are *no new commandments, but the same old commandments we had from the beginning*. John says, "*This old commandment is not new* to us, because the true light now shineth upon it" We often use the expression about some old thing as it is becoming new to us. So when the commandments are taught in their true light, which we have had *from the beginning, they appear new* to us.

"He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."—Verses 9-10.

In this scripture the light and darkness are both explained. The light is *to keep the commandments*. Darkness is *to break the commandments*.

"But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

"I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is from the beginning*. I write unto you little children, because ye have known the Father.

"I have written unto you, fathers, because ye *have known him that is from the beginning*. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."—Verses 11-14.

Note that it is stated here twice that Christ *was from the beginning* and the appeal is to those who have accepted Christ, that the word of God abideth in them. Thus showing they have obeyed that form of doctrine *which was once delivered to the saints, Not some new doctrine, but that which was from the beginning, which the saints of God had known from the beginning*.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."—Verses 15-17.

The last statement here made is, he that *doeth the will of God* abideth forever. It is ever the doer. Faith, says James, *without works is dead, being alone*.

(To Be Continued.)

THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW— WHAT DO THEY TEACH?

By John S. Stanford, Niles, Ohio, U. S. A.

The Rainbow is "the Sign of" Jesus; "the Sign of the Son of Man." (Matt. 24:30.) That which Jesus wears *in Heaven*, has *always* worn, (except during His humiliation here on earth during the period of sin), and which He *will wear* when He comes in Power and Great Glory. The Rainbow was placed in the clouds at Noah's time because it was in Noah's time that the rain and clouds began. But the Rainbow was *about Jesus before that* for He told Noah "I do set *MY* Bow in the cloud," showing that He had a Bow (*His* Bow), long before Noah's time. So the Bow during rain was to remind Noah (and all others since) of Jesus. The covenant to Adam was to remind and encourage Adam of Jesus. So this to Noah was also something to remind and encourage Noah of Jesus. All that God did to constantly remind and encourage the people of the coming of Jesus.

To Adam someone to bruise the serpent's head (Gen. 3:15). To Noah that Jesus would not only bruise the serpent's head but that Jesus would be a guarantee that there would no more a flood destroy the earth. This is why God said "I will *establish* my covenant with you" (Noah) and "This is the *token* of the covenant" (Gen. 9:11-12.) "I do set *My* Bow etc. All these things done by the Lord were done of things and *by* things that were reminded of *Jesus* and that *belonged* to Jesus.

And God wanted men to *know* the *things* of *Jesus* and so be able to truly and certainly recognize Jesus when He came or when any lesson was taught that pertained to the *work* of Jesus.

So now we come to a study of the COLORS of the Rainbow. And as the Rainbow is made up of different colors, let us see if Jesus *lived out* the things that those colors represented and taught.

The main colors of the Rainbow are "Gold and Blue and Purple and Scarlet." These colors were to be worn by the High Priest (who represented Jesus). "They shall make holy garments * * * and they shall take gold and blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen." Ex. 28:4-8.)

These colors represented things that Jesus was to do and *did do* in His work for the salvation of man. They were designed to teach the people *then* (and *us now*) certain lessons of Truth.

Now what lessons of Truth do the colors teach? Num. 4:5-6 says The Ark was to be covered with first the veil, second badgers' skins, and third "a cloth *wholly of blue*." The Ark (that contained the commandments) was to be covered with "Blue", note that. Num. 15:37-39 says the people themselves were

to wear a ribbon of "Blue" in the fringe of their garments that they might be *reminded* of the *Commandments of the Lord, to do them*. So we can see that the color "Blue" represents the *Commandments of God*.

Next, Num. 4:7-8 says that (when the camp moved forward) the table of the shew bread was to be covered with "a cloth of Blue." (Commandments again noticed we see.) The dishes, etc., were on the table, also "the *Continual Bread*" was thereon. The bread represented Jesus, "the Bread to come down from Heaven." Jn. 6:33.) Here we see (represented) Jesus and the Commandments brought together.

Then next to the Bread was the covering of "scarlet." Now what lesson does "scarlet" teach? Scarlet is the color of blood, and sin (transgression of God's law) calls for the *blood* of the *transgressor*, so "scarlet" represents *sin*. "Tho your sins be as scarlet." (Is. 1:18.)

So here we have (by these colors and the Bread) this lesson: The Commandments of God demanding the blood of the sinner (the Blue demanding the Red, you see) and the *Bread between* (Jesus between, you see.) The Bread separating the Blue from the Scarlet, in other and plain words, Jesus stepping in between the Broken Law and the condemned sinner, the condemned lawbreaker. And, dear ones, that is *exactly* what *Jesus has done*.

We see it now by *actual knowledge*. Back there they saw it "by faith," and they *understood* the meaning of the colors and the lessons taught. And those back there who *received* those lessons by faith, praised the Lord and so much the better for them. And today those lessons are still good as lessons and reminders to us of the Work Jesus our Savior has done.

And so the Rainbow is to us today a *reminder* of *Jesus* and *His Work*. And no one else can wear the Rainbow *but Jesus*. Because no one else has done or can do the Work Jesus has done. So when "the Sign of the Son of Man" is seen it will be the Rainbow, the Bow given to us in the cloud having the colors in it that represent the *Work* Jesus has done.

Yes, the "Blue" (the Commandments, you see), then the Bread (Jesus, then the Scarlet (sin) all together on one table is a beautiful illustration of the Blessed Work of Jesus. Then it was that "Mercy and Truth met together" (Ps. 85:10-11). Then it was that "Righteousness and Peace actually kissed each other." Then it was when "Truth sprang out of the earth and Righteousness looked down from Heaven." The demands of Truth (the Law) sprang out of the sins of man on earth and Jesus, our Righteousness, "looked down from Heaven." Praise the Lord!

More next time about some of the other colors.

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A BROTHERLY LETTER BY JOHN S. STANFORD

Dear Brother. Take these questions kindly—you will, wont you?

Do you, every morning, on waking (or *any* morning, for that matter), “hear the voice” of Jesus? (That means, at waking does the thought of Jesus come into your mind?) And when you do, do you “open the door” of your heart to Him? Do you tell Him that you hear His voice? Do you tell Him that you open (to Him) the door of your heart? Do you?

If not, *why* do you not? Would you mind giving me the real reason *why* you do not? Is it because you do not want Him there? (For you know that if you really did do such a thing He would come into your heart.) Rev. 3:20. So is it because you do not want to have Him there?

Is it because you know that if He really got into your heart, (by your real honest consent), you would not feel free to do some of the things that you now do? When (as you say) “they can be given up, but while you are there and you are invited you do not refuse?”

Is it that you are *unwilling*, or that you do not *know* that if you are ever to give up wordly things, (which will finally destroy you if not given up), you will have to do the giving *all by yourself, alone*, just you and God together or else it would never be a *real* giving up? That to wait till you get to somewhere where somebody was that would “help you” would not be a *real* giving up? *To God?* But would be a sort of giving up to the other party? Which wouldn't amount to a thing? With God?

Are these the real reasons, dear brother? And is it because you are not willing to take *your stand for Him* before those who *have* known and *do know* you and with whom you associate? That you would feel ashamed to let them see you take such a step? And that if taken, at all, you want to wait till you get off away from them? So that they wont see you do so, and then maybe (you hope) it would work and pass off all right?

Are these (all) (or any of them) the reasons?

Is it because you *do not believe* that God would have you *drop* worldly things? Is it because you cannot *see any harm* in them? Do you get your Bible and *look up* and *read* the Scriptures sent you? Read them to see what they *do* say? And with a view to obeying them when you do read them? And when you say “I don't know as I could be such a Christian as *you* want me to be” doesn't it come to you that it is *God* that wants you to be a Christian? Not man?

Does not “the *Fear of the Lord*” (Who, you know, sometime is going to raise up in His might) begin to get any wisdom in you, to take a course that will make you safe?

Doesn't “the *Goodness of God* lead you to repentance?

• Do you not *want to be* a Christian? Really *desire* to be one?

Did you never, before we ever wrote to each other, have any such desire?

Is it and has it ever been a *comely* thing to you *only*? Very nice if you had it? But has there never been a hunger for it?

Is it because you never have known *just how* to get at it? And now that you are being shown the way, are you *indifferent* to it? Or *unbelieving* in it?

You write me just how about it, in all these questions, and tomorrow morning after you receive this, you begin. “Hear His Voice,” and “Open the door.”

Kindly,

BRO. JOHN

Am getting so much good manuscript it hurts me not to print it faster. And if the Lord is willing, I sure want to print the paper every month next year.

Here are a few addresses which I have been asked for a number of times, so will print them here:

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One day, the last of June or the first of July, while I was away, two brethren came to see me concerning "The Remnant of Israel." I have been unable to find out who they were. If these two brethren see this notice, please write me.—Lucile Rupert Smith.

We have had a number of articles in the "Remnant" dealing with the different feasts to be observed by God's people. We read, in speaking of the different feasts,—"*It shall be a statute forever* in all your dwellings throughout your generations." Lev. 23rd chapter. I am glad to learn that a small company in Battle Creek, Mich., are observing these. One of that company asked me to put an article in this issue on that subject, but time will not permit. They observed the Passover April 30, and Pentecost June 18. The fall feasts as they have studied them out are as follows: Oct. 6, Blowing of Trumpets; Oct. 15, Day of Atonement; Oct. 19, Feast of Tabernacles. If you are interested in the study of these feasts, write to one of these two brethren: Adolph Schenk, Battle Creek, Mich., c/o Sanitarium, or F. L. Van Sloten, 106 Sunnyside, Battle Creek, Mich.

MORGENTHAU BITTERLY DENOUNCES LAUSANNE TREATY AND TURKEY

NEW YORK, May 16, 1926.—The Lausanne treaty was pronounced "a purposeless and humiliating surrender to a red-handed, faithless military despotism," by Henry Morgenthau, in a letter to Senators Borah and Swanson, made public Sunday.

The former United States Ambassador to Turkey stated that his opinions were the result of his observations in a recent trip around the world, and he supported his contentions by recalling the Smyrna atrocity and other acts which he said had stamped Mustapha Kemal Pasha as "one of the most brutal monsters of all ages."

"America, the greatest Christian nation in the world," the letter said, "cannot, without discrediting her faith and without stultifying herself, strike hands in friendship with a government which has murdered or expelled 4,000,000 Christians."

Mr. Morgenthau pointed out that Turkey had seized the revenues which were to be devoted to the external debt, and had reserved the right to abrogate any treaties.

"What is the use," he asked, "of making any treaty with a government which has no respect for the sanctity of international agreements, which claims the right to abrogate unilaterally any existing treaty?"

Dismissing the financial side of the Turkish problem with the suggestion that Turkey must put her finances in the hands of her creditors before further

loans could be realized, Mr. Morgenthau laid the greatest stress of his argument upon the human side.

He quoted as follows, an interview with himself which previously was published in the Red Cross Magazine in 1918:

"If 400,000,000 of Christians, in full control of all the governments of Europe and America, are going to again condone these offenses of the Turkish government—the cruel torturing of unoffending civilians; the driving of women into the harems; the debauchery of innocent girls; the sale of many of them at 80 cents each; the murdering of hundreds of thousands; the destruction of thousands of cities, towns, hamlets—the wilful execution of this whole devilish scheme to annihilate the Armenian and Greek Christians in Turkey—then I respectfully ask, "What does Christianity stand for?"

Scientists are only now conjecturing that the universe is many times larger than they thought, in length about "10,000 milky ways," and maybe three times larger than that; also that other planets have life as well as this one. But we gathered those facts from the Bible long ago, and wish science would tell us something new. And yet John D. Rockefeller says science has out run religion. If it has, it is like the man who ran without any message, and was asked to stand aside till the truth could be told.

Rabbi Henry Cohen of Galveston says that "there is no conflict between science and religion." How could there be? The God whom we worship is the One who made all things, and such an one can not contradict himself. True science and true religion are one in essence; there is no conflict.

Recognizes Aircraft Menace

"The recent adoption by United States naval authorities of antiaircraft guns of five inch bore as standard equipment for battleships shows that America is coming to a recognition of the menace of aircraft," said Spanner. "But they overlook the ineffectiveness of aircraft guns as fired from the deck of a rolling battleship.

"They also overlook the fact that the naval aircraft attack of the future will not be from the sky overhead, but from aircraft darting at the ships from the side at a height of their mast heads or lower, level with their decks.

"Daytime attacks will be made under the protection of smoke screens; night time attacks under the protection of calcium flares bursting close over masts of the battleships and blinding its gunners to the approach of enemy aircraft.

CONTINUATION OF H. C. WELTY'S ARTICLE

Two weeks ago a friend handed me a Los Angeles Herald of June 1st, and called my attention to a partial report of the great "Scopes trial" for teaching evolution in the public schools of Tennessee, William Jennings Bryan defending the Bible creation and Clarence Darrow defending evolution. The trial commenced last year, but for "causes" the last half of trial was carried forward to this year. In this year's trial we miss our Bible defender, Bryan; thankful, though, that he did as much as he did before his death. In Darrow's defense of evolution he thought he was making quite a point in stating that Greek civilization prevailed quite extensively before Christianity came; but Christianity did not come to dethrone civilization but to reform it everywhere, so that civilization and Christianity might become twins. But see! now this infidel pettifogger becomes bold in his defense of evolution. He refers to the fact that three of our presidents were tinctured with evolution; therefore it should be taught in the public schools,—even before this five million year old "monkey god" had shed its quadruped appendage. Many of the bolder evolutionists called this monkey-god their "uncle." But is there not something wrong with their logic or their biology? This is seemingly an imported god from India's million gods, and it continues to say nothing and *do* nothing save to wear its quadruped hide and be called "uncle."

Six thousand years ago our God said: "Let there be light" and it was so. Our God proves his godhead by writing history in advance. Evolution attempts to prove its godhead by "Pickups" from our "God's footstool." When that so-called "Science" succeeds in foisting itself upon the public schools of the United States, (regardless of the taxpayers), some one of us may sit down and ask evolution to point out the growing sprouts of monkey fur on one of these three presidents of the United States who were tinctured with evolution. Evolutionists do not want to be controlled by *any law*; even "Like begets like" is too specific a law. They all seem to want a more general and prolific law—a five million old monkey-god law; but with all their boasted intelligence, none of them are able to conceive or "born" such a law. Evolution would better be sent down the Jericho road to fall among thieves. See now the beneficence of our God, who, through His Son measured himself down to the outlook of all humanity, claiming that the Son was, in the beginning with God. Oh, read all the first chapter of John, the evangelist, for it says of Him: "Without Him was not anything made that was made;" and it further says: "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." Elsewhere He

says: "I am the light of the world." And just before His going to a far country to receive a kingdom for Himself, He seemingly said to His disciples: "Ye (little monkeys) are now 'the light of the world.'" Let us see, as it were, another snapshot of our God In 1st Cor. 2:9 we read. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Is not that a magnificent sweep of thought? Let us see now where and how this applies, for have I not already cited that God's 144,000 were translated bodily to be the transmitters of the human race in the new earth? Hence social purity now seems to be at a premium.

Now, again return to the wonders of the "Book." In the book of Job you will find that God has a Bible historian and philosopher, whom the evolutionist and the infidel scorn to acknowledge. See Job 26:7. "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."

Astronomers for years have been trying to prove the validity or falseness of that statement. The astronomer with his sweep of telescope or the sensitized photographic plate can find no stars in that "empty space." What do you suppose that God meant by that empty space? But does He not say: "There shall be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness?" Is it incredible to man that our God should drop into that space another solar system like our own? Nay, nay. Why man on this old earth needs space, ash pits and potter's fields. Is our God more neglectful of His needs than of man? In Hebrews 1:11-12, we read: "They shall perish; but thou remainest;" and "They shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but thou are the same, and thy years shall not fail." Read also 2nd Peter 3:10. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Now who dares say that our God will not need potter's fields and ash pits?

Let me refer the reader again to Job 26:7. "And hangeth the earth upon nothing." Now, it may be noted that up to Sir Isaac Newton's time the scientists of that age were largely infidel and discussed the earth as a flat plane. While Newton probably being a Bible student, could discuss the earth as hanging upon nothing as per Job's statement, hence the outcome of Newton's gravitation theory, and the scientists of this age saying amen to Newton's sitting under an apple tree and noting the fall of an apple.

But here I must not sideline too much, but stick to my "social purity" text. I have already noted that the 144,000 bodily transferred over are to be propagators of the restored Adam of the New Earth. Fifty years ago one of the then leading Bible teachers and newspaper publishers taught his readers that "ten thousand immortal souls could dance on the point of a needle and have room to spare," but many of his readers doubted his Biblical knowledge, for they could see that the restored Adam would have to be like the original Adam and Eve and have physical bodies. Ten thousand guesswork immortal souls might dance on the point of a needle, but ten thousand originally created Adams and Eves could not do that, hence God's forethought in having translated enough of the restored Adams to populate the New Earth. It is said God is never "beforehand nor behindhand." The scriptural declaration of God is that He knoweth the end from the beginning. See Isaiah 46:10. Now, do we ever hear of an evolutionist "monkey-god" making such a statement as that? Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying: My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." I again refer the reader to 1st Cor. 2:9 where God absolutely refers to the future, doubtless referring to the removing of the curse from the earth.

Now what were some of the "curses" that God placed upon man for his betterment? Now some of our readers will remember that I said elsewhere that half of the world (*the woman*) went into transgression first; see Gen. 4:16. "Unto the woman He said: I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." In Revelation we see there shall be no more pain, sorrow nor crying. So there will be no more need for the husband putting his face in the bosom of his sweetheart and crying with her because of the pains of her birth-delivery. Evidently in the New Earth, woman's child-delivery will be no more painful than the begetting of a child; and the first curse on man is recorded in Gen. 3:17-18-19. And unto Adam He said: "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns also, and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground, for out of it wast thou taken, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Return "to dance on the point of a needle?" Nay, nay! For that is some more of the devil's misconstruing. "God knoweth that ye shall not surely die."

But now again returning to this Bible quotation: Many of my readers fully realize the back-breaking process of earning bread in the sweat of our faces. And the only way pointed out for escaping returning to the dust was proclaimed by Christ at the grave of Lazarus, viz: "Whosoever liveth in me and believeth in me shall never die." See John 11:25-26. Oh, sweethearts and lovers of God's great New Earth family, I want to be one of the 144,000 translated ones. Don't you? Don't you?

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OMENS OF THE YELLOW PERIL AND BIBLE FACTS

About twenty-five years ago a certain book appeared in public, entitled: "The Yellow Peril, Or The Orient And The Occident." Said book gives an exposition of the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters of Ezekiel. The position is there taken that ere long the Lord would use the heathen nations of the East to punish His professed people for their unwillingness to repent of their sins and to give God the glory.

At the time the book made its first appearance it was hard for people to believe that the professed Christian nations would ever get entangled in a war with the heathen nations as described in those two chapters. Twenty-five years have passed, and today we have only to read the newspapers to see that such a great world war is inevitable and not far distant. It cannot but be conceded that mighty changes have taken place in the far East among the yellow nations since that book has been written, which go far to prove and substantiate the positions taken therein.

The people will yet find out that there has been a profit among them. Ezekiel 33:33. As I said before, professed Christians twenty-five years ago, when these things were first published, were unwilling to believe and went even so far as to scoff at the man whom God used to publish these important things. Christ says: "Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he." John 13:19. So in this case also when these things begin to come to pass the people will then realize that this man had spoken by the authority of God's word.

It is our purpose in this article to give a short sketch of the above mentioned chapters, comparing them with current events so that all may see that we are at this time facing, not a war like the one just passed, but a real World War.

World War.

In the Bible we find that God always punished his people for wholesale transgression of His Law. And at this time the transgression of his professed people is so great that he will again use the heathen to punish them.

'And the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Son of Man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him." Eze. 38:12. Note Gog is of the land of Magog, and that Magog was a grandson of Noah. You will see by the ancient maps that he settled north of the Caspian Sea, which is now occupied by Russia. The Revised Version says: "The chief prince of Kosh." Smith's Bible dictionary states that Kosh were the original Russians. This locates beyond question the country referred to. Meshech and Tubal were the grandsons of Noah who settled near the Black Sea. The dictionary mentioned above states that Meshech was the original Moscovy, which is now a part of Russia.

Verse four states that Gog will be turned back. This surely was done in the late war. After this the same verse states that hooks will be put into his jaws and he will be brought forth with all his army, a great company handling swords. The two verses following state quite definitely who are to come with him. Persia, Ethiopia (the Black races), Libya, Gomer, a grandson of Noah who settled south of the Black Sea and is now known as Turkey, and all his bands; the house of Togarma, another grandson who settled south and east of the Black Sea, which is Armenia, and all his bands; "and many people with thee." The many people, as we will see later, will be China, Japan, and India, making a vast multitude of two-thirds of the population of the world.

As brought to view in the following verse, Gog is commissioned as leader of this greatest army the world has ever massed. "Be thou prepared and prepare for thyself, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them."

"In the later years thou shalt come unto the land that is brought back from the sword and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which has been always waste, but is brought forth out of the nations." Verse 8. Also Ezekiel 33:28. Ezekiel 34:13-14. When a country is in the hands of heathen it is said to be controlled by the sword.

Let the reader take another glance at the above scripture; you will notice that the country described is that of America, and more particularly the United States. This country was taken from the heathen, made up of many people from the mountain (nations) of Israel, or in other words, from the churches of other nations. Being persecuted in those nations they came here for religious liberty.

The expression, "Which has always been waste," is very significant. This is the only great nation that has lain waste till the latter days of the world's history. We see in verse eight a plain statement that this prophecy has its application in the Latter Days.

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