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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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"The Desert Shall Rejoice and Blossom as the Rose (Is. 35:1) When We Get Out in the Wilderness

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Yes, God is going to get us out in the wilderness. All that really do love Him and serve Him. He is going to gather His people from the "north, the south, the east and the west." (Is. 43:5-6. From the "coasts of the earth" (Jer. 31:8) from the islands of the sea. From every where that there is a soul who listens to His voice and who is led by His spirit (Rom. 8:14). They are going to come just any how in any shape. No matter what their condition of health or finance, social standing or anything else, God himself is going to gather them. (Jer. 31:8). They are going to be from "Every kindred, tongue and people." (Rev. 5:9). They are all his children. They are the sheep of His pasture (Jer. 23:1). They have learned to know His voice (Jn. 10:3) And they follow (and have followed) Him. (Jn. 10:4). He knows them all by name, Jn. 10:3-5. They have been scattered, all over the world for hundreds of years (Jn. 50:17, Ps. 44:11). In every nation and corner of the earth (Ezk. 11:16). But He is going to gather them (Jer. 31:10) "He that scattered Israel will gather him." So we are going to be gathered (Ezek. 11:17). And He is going to gather us so that He can lead us direct. (Is. 40:11, Is. 42:16, Is. 49:10, Jer. 31:9). Just as He once led His people before they turned away from Him (Jer. 33:7). And He is going to lead us in the same way He led His people when they were in the wilderness the first time. (eJr. 33:7-11). By the Pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night." (Hos. 3:4, 5). It took forty years back there to purify His people enough to fit them to enter the typical promised land. It is going to take 40 years this "second time" (Is.

11:11) to "purify", "make white", and "try" (Dan. 12:10) his people now to fit them to enter the Glorious Promised Land (The New Earth) (Dan. 12:10). But it is going to be done. We have been in a sin-darkened world. We have lived in spiritual Egypt. (Rev. 11:8). We are going to be entirely taken out and separated completely, physically, socially, financially, every way. Going to become entirely independent of the world and its people, its business, its resources, supplies and all. As well as clear from its temptations and its devilments.

And Jesus (whom we have learned to love) will lead us direct. We will not see Him. The cloud will hide his glory. We can not bear that now. It would consume us. We do not know it (perhaps) and do not intend it, but we are full of sin. Full of worldliness. Full of the sights and sounds, thoughts, words, actions customs, ideas, practices and snares of the world.

All that must go. It is not to be taken out arbitrarily and instantaneously at the second coming of Jesus. No. It is to be removed by entirely forgetting it. And positively and wholly living a Godly and a God-like life here for a time long enough to entirely eradicate all we have ever learned and make our hearts and minds as clean as tho we had never learned those things. That is why it is going to take 40 years. That is why their experience is written for our learning. (Rom. 15:4). We are no better than they were. Just as sinful. Just as rebellious. Just as bad as they were. Our experience has been equal and as down pulling as theirs.

They lived in the leading nation of the day (Egypt). So do we. But nations forget God. (Ps.

9:17). Nations set up devices and customs and gods of their own. So they have with us. We have got to have it all taken out of us. It can not be done by remaining where we are.

God knows this and tells us that He is going to gather us out and away (Ezek. 11:17) which will give us time to be made clean. "Purified", "made white", "tried", (Dan. 12:10), (tested to see what's in us). Made "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." (Eph. 5:27). That is the way God's people are when Jesus comes the second time to take them to heaven, and this is the way that they get so. We will see Him then. For we will be able to bear it. For the sin and worldliness will have all been taken out of us. By 40 years of life in the wilderness, entirely away from the world and its worldliness. Those who have died and will die (before this wilderness experience takes place) will be purified by passing thru death. For death purifies. He that is dead is freed from sin. (Rom. 6:7). But we who "are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, must be purified by separation. That principle has been seen and has had a certain effect on men in times past. They have become hermits, entered convents and the like. The principle is sound and the experience coming. But it is not for man to arrange it himself nor for any class except the "Remnant." Those who "are alive and remain" "unto the coming" of Jesus "in Great Glory."

When we get into the wilderness we will find ourselves united. We will recognize that at once. We will discern at once that no wicked people are there (Mal. 3:18). We will see that all are children of God. We can tell it. The spirit of God that is in us will enable us to discern it in the other man. Not that they will be all well-dressed. All correct as to the code of manners or speech we have been accustomed to. They will be a motley gathering. Different clothes, different languages, different looks, customs, manners, habits and so on and so on. But praise the Lord, they will all be sons of God because they all are (and have been) led by the spirit of God. (Rom. 8:14). It will not take long for us to understand each other.

Then there will be no "speaking in tongues." There will be no interpretation of tongues. But there will be a quickening of heart and mind and intelligence.

For at this time is when God returns unto His people a "pure language". Talk about a universal language. Surely there should be (and more) SURELY there WILL BE. The world all recognizes the value of it. "Esperanto", (and other attempts by men) shows their wish and need of it. Confusion of languages come as a rebuke from the Lord, and it is still here with us. But in God's renewed nation there will be no confusion. "For THEN will I turn to the people A PURE LANGUAGE". Why? "That they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent." No there will be no "speaking in tongues." No interpreters there. None will be necessary. Just as easily as God confounded the languages at Babel, so easily will God return them a universal tongue. And this is the proper place to do it. And here is the place and time that God will do it. Need not take my word for it. Let us read (and mark you it is to be done in the United States of America.) "Beyond the rivers of Ethiopia" (10th

verse of eph. 3) and it is to be done at the time God gathers the nations and assembles the kingdoms (8th verse) and also at the time when "the daughter of my dispersed" (10th verse again) (God's scattered but now gathered people) shall "bring mine offering".

LISTEN! God says "It is my determination to gather the nations." x x x "Then will I turn to the people a PURE LANGUAGE, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent." "For beyond the rivers of Ethiopia (United States) my suppliants even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering." The Remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity x x they shall feed and lie down and none shall make them afraid." "SING Oh! daughter of Zion." "SHOUT Oh! Israel!" "Be Glad and rejoice with all the heart. Oh! daughter of Jerusalem." "The Lord hath taken away the judgments." "He hath cast out thine enemy." "The King of Israel even the Lord (Jesus) is in the midst of thee." Thou shalt not see evil any more." (Zephaniah 3:8-15). Do you think I would miss that? I would not miss that for a million worlds. Come and go a-long too.

Each will show the good, sweet and blessed spirit of Jesus. Each will know his place. Each will take his place will show that blessed spirit that is so sweet to get along with and live with.

All things will be had in common. No one will say that aught of the things he has are his own. There will be a table spread in the wilderness. (Ps. 78:19).

We may think it a scary thing (as we flee from men at the command to worship the beast) to get up and run for the wilderness. Elijah may have thought so, but God fed him by the brook. Lot may have thought, and Noah may have thought things looked dreary to leave a city and run to the mountains, or to step out on a flood washed earth, nearly all alone. But God cared for them. One thing that made God wrath with the first wilderness experience people was that they asked the question, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" "God heard this and was wroth." (Ps. 78:19-21). Are we going to ask the same question? Or are we going to believe God? We (God's real people) are going to believe God. And when we find ourselves out in the wilderness, (gathered together with the sons of God from every nation under heaven). We will rejoice to change our tune. Our tremblings of fear and "Oh! what will we do?" "How will we ever get along?" "Out in that dry place?" "With no money?" "No tools to work with?" "No anything, only just some things we have read or heard read in the Bible?" Ah! trembling infant in God's mercy. "In the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert." (Is. 35:6). Then "the tongue of the dumb shall sing." Why will he sing? Because he has recovered his speech? Or because "the parched ground has become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water?" Yea, both. Yes! Indeed! Speech will be recovered and "The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." Is. 35:1).

One miracle will be as easy as the other. And BOTH are promised. Let us not be gloomy over the prospect, but rejoice (now) over the coming thrilling experience when we will be made free from the wicked world and gathered (by the Lord, himself) with no one but His people.

Yes a table will be "spread in the wilderness."

How will it be done? Will God strew the ground with quails? As he did for the murmuring ones back there? Oh No! For there will be no murmuring ones this time!

(To be continued)

THE DISCIPLES AT EPHESUS

The apostle Paul had such wonderful experiences in the Holy Spirit and knew the blessedness, the exceeding joyfulness of the heavenly anointing, that when he arrived at Ephesus, he asked the disciples if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed.

His trip to the Church of God at Ephesus, coupled with his teaching and work there, shows how important it is that every believer, every child of God, should receive the heavenly anointing of the Holy Spirit in his life.

Jesus, Himself, taught this great truth very plainly to His disciples. He said to them, "I will send the Promise of My Father upon you." "Ye shall be endowed with power from on high." "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." And again, "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be My witness," etc. Acts 1:18. Hallelujah!

The disciples at Ephesus were humble and obedient, and ready to receive all the Lord had for them.

Let each reader ask himself or herself, Am I humble and obedient, and ready to accept all the Lord has for me? Read Acts 5:32.

If the Lord has visited you with spiritual or temporal blessings, has He not also given you a vision of duty to perform, remembering the words of the apostle, We are fellow-helpers of one another?

The Holy Spirit's anointing gives not only peace and joy, but also visions of duty, which, if performed in love, will bring more peace and joy, and give power to live a holy Christian life right here in this present evil world. Praise the Lord!—J. J. Jobe, P. O. Box 1533, S. Y. Station, Oklahoma City, Okla.

SOME NUTS TO CRACK

First, chronologists tell us that Paul's statement in Acts 13:20 which says, "And after that, he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years until Samuel the prophet," cannot be harmonized with the actual number of years the judges ruled.

Do you believe that? If not then get to work and show us that Paul figured correctly. Get your bearings by reading verses 18-22.

Second; And it came to pass, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord."

The same chronologists tell us that the above 480 years is not correct, and cannot be harmonized with the 450 years as mentioned by Paul.

Here is a good chance to verify the scriptures. Let the reader send in his solution to the Remnant and some of the best answers will be published.

The rule of the judges will be found in Judges, chapters 3-16, and I Sam. chapters 4, 7.—A Reader,

The Book of the Law

"Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promises by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

"But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

"But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:17-26.

As before stated the Jews in the days of Christ interpreted the covenant made with Abraham to be: First, the literal seed of Abraham; Second, the land of Canaan to be the literal land, and Third, the inheritance of that land was accomplished when Joshua led them over. Thus losing sight of the whole object of the Abrahamic covenant, Paul said to them, the seed mentioned in that covenant "was Christ." Verse 16. Second, that that covenant was "before confirmed of God in Christ." And third, "the law which was four hundred and thirty years after, as given at Sinai, could not disannul and make the covenant of none effect." He then continues in Verse 18, that "if the inheritance be of the law it was no more of promise." In Verse 19, he says "wherefore then was the law given?" The answer is, that it was added to the Abrahamic covenant "till the seed should come to whom the promise (of the inheritance) was made." This plainly states how long the law was to continue, namely, till Christ comes and the work of redemption is completed and the inheritance secured. This is not yet done and will not be done till the second coming of Christ and God's people are saved. Verse 21 says, "Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: For if there had been a law given that could have given life, then verily righteousness would have been by the law." In Verse 22 the Apostle says, "The scripture hath concluded all under sin, that promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came we were kept under the law." Shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Verse 24.

Now he gives the climax in Verse 24 thus: "Therefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ." This states the whole purpose of the law. First, the moral law taught them and us what sin is. The civil law taught them the wages of sin was death. And third, the sacrificial law taught them through the offering the remedy through Christ. Other laws taught them and us how to live when we are in Christ. The whole system, teaching us everything we need as Christians and how to come to Christ. Verse 25 says that "after faith is come we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the Children of God by faith."

Now the blind teachers in the days of the Apostles though great contenders for the law, knew no

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more of the real purpose and object and mission of God's law than a mule who is guided by bit and bridle. And we can just as truly say the same condition now exists, with those teachers who teach the people that the law is abolished and no longer of any benefit to teach people how to come to Christ. They are hirelings and not called of God. They may be like Paul before his conversion when he did what he did ignorantly. In Verse 28 Paul says there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither male nor female. If ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed. Law is not national for the Jews but it is for all people. Christ is not national for the Jews but for all people. In Romans, ninth and tenth chapters, Paul says:

"Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

"That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed"

"What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness even the righteousness which is of faith.

"But Israel which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

"Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone." Rom. 9:7-8; 30-32.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

"For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Rom. 10:1-4.

The teachers now tell us that when Christ came he was the end of the law. We do not like to accuse them of teaching a thing they know better, but with the scriptures and dictionaries before them, with even their own commentaries on the above

scriptures, we surely believe that all intelligent men who teach from this text that the law is no longer of force (from the word "end" in Rom. 10:1-4), know better. They know well enough that the word "end" is design and means, as elsewhere used in the Bible, the design and purpose of the law is to bring us to Christ. We think we have given sufficient evidence to show the reader where the mistakes of the Jew lay in the days of Christ and the Apostles, concerning the works of the law and faith in Christ, and also some of the blunders made in our day in teaching the law. We now wish to consider certain texts that modern teachers use to teach the people that the law was abolished at the cross. These scriptures are found in Galatians, Ephesians and Collossians, and also in Hebrews.

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IMPORTANT ITEMS

Lemon juice destroys Typhoid germs in the intestines.

Saturate a cloth with lemon juice and bind on the chest for a cold in the lungs.

Bind a piece of lemon on foot after bathing it a half hour in water as hot as can be borne to avoid having lock-jaw if you have stepped on a rusty nail.

For dandruff rub the juice of half a lemon on scalp once a week. Rub in well with ends of fingers.

Lemon juice being a ger mkiller, apply it to all sores two or three times a day till they heal up.

Drink a strong lemonade at meals. It helps digestion, and contains the vitamins which are very essential for good health. Do not use lemons with much starchy foods, or with milk.

A COMMON COUGH—For a common cough, if you begin at once, take one part of honey to two parts of lemon juice, mixed well. Take a teaspoonful every once in a while when you cough. The lemon juice cuts the phlegm and relieves the tickling in the throat. Both the lemon juice and honey are healing. Both are a food and not a drug.

COMMON SORE EYES—For sore eyes, hub spirits of camphor on the eyelids. Be careful not to get it in the eyes. Try lemon juice the same way.

SORE THROAT—For a sore throat take a cloth the size of a handkerchief and double it several times, then saturate it with lemon juice and bind on the throat. Cover it well with a woolen cloth to keep the air from it. When it dries, wet it again. Use cold water if you have no lemons. Listerine is fine as a gargle for sore throat. We know a person who had it so bad that a scab formed on the back of the throat, and he cured himself with gargling listerine when other things had failed. If your throat is very tender and sensitive, mix some listerine with water half and half to begin with. But use full strength as soon as you can.

If you have cold on the lungs use the lemon juice or a cold water compress on the lungs. Be sure to cover well with a woolen cloth so the air will not get to it. These cold compresses applied to the throat and lungs are used with great success in the sanitariums and other institutions.

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

BY RAYMOND SHANKLIN

(Continued from last issue)

Turning back to the subject of the study we will notice that the kingdom in Dan. 7:27 is spoken of as a most glorious condition. "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." As we continue we must notice that this kingdom is to be an earthly kingdom, and not an heavenly one. We can be assured of a permanent home as the territory of the kingdom is bought and paid for and a deed given with it as we read in Jer. 32:13-15:

13. And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

"14. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

15. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land."

In verses 42-44 we read:

"42. For thus saith the Lord; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

"43. And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

In connection with the deeds and ownership of this territory we learn of the extent of it as well as the glorious promises made to God's people scattered everywhere. Ezekiel has not left us without this knowledge for:

"13. Thus saith the Lord God; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.

"14. And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: Concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

"15. And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

"16. Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

"17. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

"18. And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

"19. And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to

the great sea. And this is the south side southward.

"20. The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side.

"21. So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

"22. And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

"23. And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God." Ezek. 47:13-23.

Having considered the location and the extent of the kingdom we will give consideration to the king or ruler for every government must have a ruler. This kingdom throughout all time, has had a ruler in the person of prophet, priest or king. At times it has been strong and vigorous and at other times weak and languishing, depending on their spiritual condition, whether they were idolatrous or depending on the salvation of God, by a "cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night." It is quite important to know that there is no king reigning upon David's throne at present and there hasn't been since 586 B. C. But there will be a king take the throne in proper succession according to the word of God. "Let God be found true and every man a liar." The word of God standeth sure, having this seal; The Lord knoweth them that are his, and let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." II Tim. 2:19. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Mal. 3:6. We take the liberty to state that the next king to reign upon David's throne will be Christ himself coming again the second time as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In the prophesy of Jeremiah mention is made of Zedekiah as the last king of Israel. In this connection we read:

"Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

"And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

"And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: They shall die of a great pestilence.

"And afterward, saith the Lord, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the

edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

"And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

"He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.

"For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the Lord: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire." Jer. 21:3-10.

We further find the same thought in Jer. 22:30, "Thus saith the Lord, write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of

David, and ruling any more in Judah." In I Chron. 3:17 we find that no mention is made of Zedekiah having any sons according to the prophesy that "no man of his seed shall prosper sitting on the throne of David and ruling no more in Judah. As Zedekiah had no sons to take the throne we must wait for the proper succession to the throne in which Jer. 37:1 more definitely confirms the word for "King Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jeholakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah." Mention is still made of the kingly succession, "For thus saith the Lord: David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel," or as translated in the margin, "There shall not be cut off from David to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." Jer. 33:17.

(To be continued)

The Future as Viewed by W. W. Walker

Verse 3 says, "The Lord is against Gog." Even though he is going to give him leadership of the greatest army the world has ever seen. Verse 4 says, "I will turn thee back (or hold thee back for a certain time or till the last days, as is stated in verse 8 and 16) and then I will bring thee forth all thine armies, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

It can be seen at a glance that the Lord is marshalling these powers against someone for battle, and in verse 5 it is stated that Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya will be with them. "All of them with shields and helmets, Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the Northern Quarters, and all his bands; and many people with thee."

Everyone is familiar with the location of Persia as it still bears its ancient name; and Ethiopia and Libya are the African races. Gomer is the oldest son of Japheth and located north of the Black Sea and is now the territory of the Turks and is the northern division of the Grecian empire as divided by Alexander's four leading generals, Cassander, Ptolemy, Seleucus, and Lysimachus, at the death of Alexander. These are the North, South, East and West divisions, Dan. 8:8. These northern and southern divisions are carried down in prophesy to the last end of the indignation or the last end of the last days. Dan. 8:19. Daniel says these things will take place in the last end of the 2300 days or years. Verse 14.

Gomer or as it is known now as Turkey, is one of the principal tribes in prophesy that forms the northern army, and is the northern division of the Grecian empire. Russia will be their leader and is referred to by all the prophets as the Army of the North.

"And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him, and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." Daniel 11:40.

The king of the South here is Egypt, and is the

southern division of the Grecian Empire as divided at Alexander's death, and is now controlled by England. The text says the country that controls that southern division, or the king of the south "Will push at him," the king of the North, or in other words, will declare war against the king of the North (Turkey) which was done the 28th day of October, 1914 when England declared war against Turkey. This was to take place in the last days. The text continues and says, "He, the King of the North, shall come against him (the King of the South) like a whirlwind, he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass over, and many countries shall be overthrown." Dan. 11:41. Our text says this will be in the last days so we look for the kings of the north to come against Israel.

Continuing our study of Eze. 38:6; Togarmah is a son of Gomer, and a great grandson of Noah's, and located in what is now Armenia.

These eight ancient heathen tribes are coming in battle array against Israel in the last days; besides he says, "and many people with thee". The location of these many people, who are an addition to the eight already mentioned are not given here but will say that they include the millions of China and Japan. This vast army of heathen is coming against Israel in the last days. Of that there can be no question if the Bible can be relied upon.

The verses following can hardly be misunderstood. Twice in this 38th chapter of Ezekiel it is stated that its fulfillment will be in the last days. "And after many days thou shalt be visited, in the latter years (or in the last days) thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste, but is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. Verse 8.

These verses declare that in the last days Israel or Modern Christendom will be visited by these companies of heathen, and will be led by Gog. Verse 4 says, "The Lord will direct their movements." Verse 8 says they will come against a land that is gathered out of many different nations or people. Where this

is done the home of Israel and the place the prophet saw uninhabited, but later saw the different nations inhabit it. Verse 16 says the people who came and inhabited the country, that these eight tribes are coming against, came from all nations of the earth, and it is called the mountains of Israel (or many churches). Now the only question to be settled is to locate the country that was taken away from someone by force, and at the same time the country that was a desert and wilderness, not being cultivated, and what country has had freedom and been favored with christian liberty so that they could give the Gospel to all nations in the last days. And what country has been populated by all nations of earth? The only answer to these questions is the United States.

Verse 9 says that the country occupying the territory of these ancient heathen tribes in the last days, "Shall ascend and come like a storm. Thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, and many people with thee."

Think how completely the land is covered with clouds when a storm comes then try to realize our helpless condition when these eight tribes and many other people come against us, which includes China and Japan.

Verses 10-11 "He shall think an evil thought, I will go to the land of unwallled villages." Verse 12 gives the motive of God's evil thoughts. He is going to take a spoil; and to take a prey; he has turned his attention to desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of many nations." This describes the country that Gog is coming against.

In the 38th chapter of Ezekiel the Lord has given the movements of this enormous throng of people in battle array, the country affected and where it will take place. It has been given twice as the following scriptures will show.

In Verses 8-12 the description of the country is given, as the United States. Verses 8-16 the time when these things are to take place; namely: the last days. Verses 9-16, the way they will come, "as a cloud to cover the land." Verses 6-15 tells that they will come from the north. Verses 3-18-19 says, "God is against thee, O Gog," the leader of that vast host of people, at the same time God uses Gog to execute vengeance on the people located in the territory described as the United States, in the last days as before stated.

Ezekiel 38 is of vital importance to the Bible student as it is the key to the prophecies relating to the United States and the Northern Army in the last days. This chapter gives some of the movements of the northern army, and is connected with the work of Lucifer. Here Lucifer takes advantage of the power of God and when he sees so-called Christendom fall by the forces of the north he directs his whole attention there, as you will see from the following:

"For though, he (satan) hath said in his heart, 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne (satan's throne) above the stars of God, I will also sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north.'"

At this time satan takes his position among the congregation of the North, and exalts himself that he will be like the Most High, and only the individuals that know to leave the so-called Christian de-

fenced cities will escape death either by famine, sword, or pestilence, or be taken captive, just as ancient apostate Israel fell in A. D. 70 when the Romans came against them, and those who fled from Jerusalem to the mountains as the Lord told them to do, saved their lives and liberty. Matthew 24: 16-18.

Jeremiah says that the so-called Christian will make a proclamation to "Gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves and let us go into the defenced cities. Retire, for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction, Jer. 4:6-7. "The lion is come forth from his thicket and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way." The lion here refers to the northern army of heathen and they are coming against the Gentiles, which the Bible teaches is heathen also. Abraham was a gentile before he accepted life by the faith of Christ, and so is every one. The Lord knew in the last days that the Apostate Churches would call themselves Gentile Christians to avoid some of the Bible. He is gone forth from his place (the north) to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste without an inhabitant." Verse 7. If the cities of Christendom are laid waste without an inhabitant and the land desolate, then Satan will have nothing to do there, and as we have before stated in Isaiah, Satan establishes himself in the north where the people have returned with their spoils and prisoners. Isaiah 13.

The Lord says that the prophets say unto the people, "Ye shall not see the sword: neither shall ye have famine, but I (The prophets) will give you assured peace." Jer. 14:13. Verse 14 says that the prophets lie. Verse 19, "They looked for peace, and there is no good; and for a time of healing, and beheld trouble." The last citation here shows that this is in the last days, as there is no healing for them.

(To be continued)

DOES HEALING PROVE THAT THE LEADER OF THE HEALING MEETINGS IS A SERVANT OF GOD AND IS CONVERTING PEOPLE TO GOD?

By JOHN S. STANFORD

BY NO MEANS. It simply proves that God is "Faithful" whether man is or not. And that wherever the Name and Power of His Son Jesus is preached, God (the Father) will respond to it whether the teacher will do to follow or not or whether the one healed is ever saved or not.

But the people do not see this. They think (by the thousands, and flock by the thousands) that because healing is actually done at those meetings, the preacher is surely a man of God and that he will do to follow. And so they not only partake of the Blessed benefits of God's Power to heal, but also they sit and listen to and receive in what else the preacher says. And that is exactly what Satan wants. For it gives him the desired opportunity to sow error and evil to the ruin of souls. That many of the cases of healing and betterment are truly of God, does not (and will not) repudiate the Holy Name of His Son Jesus. Even though he knows that the one healed will go and sin some more. And also knows that while the preacher is preaching one Good thing, namely, "The Power of God to heal", he is also

preaching error and things that lead to disobedience.

So we can see that getting healed is not a proof at all of getting converted to God. Getting converted to God and His Word is an entirely different thing from getting converted to a resource of physical benefit and health.

An attractive preacher, (man or woman), a big tent, a big tabernacle, a fine church, with a record crowd or a noted evangelist. All of these things attract. Are easy. Are popular (in the sense that a vast majority of the people are willing for that very thing).

Getting converted to God is entering the "Strait Gate". ('Strait' meaning Narrow). Entering the "Narrow Way."

The "Narrow Way" is the Way that leads to Life. And while people think they want life they do not want the way to It to be "Narrow". They want "Latitude" instead. Or as Jesus termed it, "The Broad way."

So it is an easy thing for satan to take advantage of God's mercy and Faithfulness to His Son's Holy and Powerful Name and start up meetings by some man or woman who sees and believes in The Power of God to heal, but is careless or indifferent or wilful (as the case may be) in other things and gather great crowds and heal many and capture the credence and the following of many into the ways of final death. "The Second Death."

The service of God which brings the final salvation of God consists of loving God, and doing what He says do. Because we do love Him. This is the Love of God, that we keep His Commandments."

But people do not want and do not and will not keep God's commandments.

Kindly, Brother John.

ARE THE BIG NATIONS ARMING?

(Editorial from Arkansas Democrat of March 11, 1929).

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