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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 "Memorial of Blowing of Trumpets"

(LEV. 23:24-26) COMING THIS YEAR 1929 BEGINNING AT SUNDOWN TUESDAY NIGHT AND ALL DAY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1929

By John S. Stanford

To be notified ahead of a coming event is a thing of value. Aviation is glad and is benefited if the bad weather ahead is predicted for them.

Navigation is helped and saved from danger, if told of icebergs or violent storms in the way.

Men develop systems to provide for these very things. And the plan and wisdom is of God. It is His way, and Loving Kindness so to do. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secrets unto His servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7).

Nothing predicted may be of vast or of slight importance, but the prediction can always be appreciated and it gives confidence and a feeling of safety and of respect if we know we have a reliable and faithful predictor.

Now to find out that God is that very kind is worth everything to us. God wants us to know that He is. He doesn't want us to drift along with no idea, thought, nor knowledge that He is so faithful to and careful of His people, that He will not let events of importance nor danger nor love come upon them without notifying them ahead.

The system of blowing of trumpets in the days of the Kingdom of and the encampments of Israel was a repeated demonstration of God's disposition in this matter. Some occasions stirring and some ordinary. But all showing, conclusively, that God always NOTIFIES.

If the leaders were to be gathered together, then a certain trumpet was blown. If the whole congregation, another certain trumpet. If the camp was to move forward a trumpet was blown. If they were to go to war, a trumpet. All moves and concerted actions and interests were given due notice.

"Is the Lord's Hand shortened that it cannot (or will not) save?" Or, "Is His ear heavy that He cannot (or will not) hear?" (Is. 59:1). Do not His eyes still "Run to and fro through-out the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him?"

Is He not "the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow?" Surely all this can be said of Him. Therefore we can confidently and gladly look forward to be NOTIFIED of all coming, important events.

The practical, physical system of the blowing of the trumpets, having (for whatever reason) ceased is no sign that God has ceased to notify. We are a scattered people. But God still notifies through "His servants, the prophets. (Amos 3:7). If we do not look these notifications up and thereby be notified, it is our own fault. For all these things are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." (I Cor. 10:11).

So we can see that God is a faithful NOTIFIER. And He wants us to remember this.

The only way that the human race (changing generation as it constantly does) can be made to remember a thing is to establish a memorial. Very likely the Independence days of a nation here on earth would have (by this time) been forgotten if there had not been established the Independence days (4th of July, and the like).

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extends even to giving due notice of all coming important events, (The Second Appearing of Jesus and all), He has given us a certain Sabbath to observe.

A holy Sabbath Day in which we are to lay aside our work and our play (pleasure) and remember the Blowing of Trumpets (in the past) and contemplate all notifications of Coming events as well.

And so He lovingly says in Numbers (10 Chap. 9th verse) "If ye go to war," blow an alarm with trumpets and ye shall be remembered before the

Lord your God and ye shall be saved from your enemies." And (10th verse) "In the day of your gladness" ye shall blow with trumpets that they may be for a memorial before your God."

And in Leviticus (23:24) is the Lord's plain command to keep this Memorial-Day Sabbath.

"In the seventh month in the first Day of the Month shall ye have a Sabbath." "A memorial of blowing of trumpets." "An Holy convocation." "Ye shall do no servile work therein." (Lev. 23:24-25).

The Day of Atonement

(LEV. 23:27-32) COMING THIS YEAR, OCTOBER 11, 1929. BEGINNING AT SUNDOWN, THURSDAY NIGHT, AND LASTING ALL DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1929

By John S. Stanford

"Atonement" (as probably all understand) means At-One-Ment. At one with some other, with whom we may have been differing. Especially (as is the lamentable case with all the human race) out and separated from God, the Good Creator.

But there is another (or extended) meaning. The suffix "ment" stands for mind. "The word "Mental" means of or pertaining to the mind. So we can see that "At-One-Ment" can mean at-one-mind.

And this is truly, indeed, the meaning and value of the Atonement that Jesus (the Saviour) has made for man. Made possible for all (and glad salvation for all who accept it). At-One-Mind with God (The Father) with Whom (at birth) we naturally are found to be at outs. Of an entirely contrary MIND.

"To be carnally (fleshly) MINDED is death," "but to have the mind of God is Life." Rom. 8:6) Two minds, we see, but separated.

So we are invited and exhorted to "Let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5). That of course, was God's mind. So that invitation is to be of One-Mind with God. At-One-Mind (At-One-Ment) or Atonement.

Again God says (in Rom 12:2) "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." That is, get your MIND changed, so that it will think and desire like God's mind thinks and desire and then, surely, we will be At-One-Mind with God. At-One-Ment, or as the word we use "Atonement."

Now, Jesus is the blessed Volunteer that undertook to bring this Atonement about. He was Eminently successful, but the steps taken were, First to make it possible for the change in man's MIND to be made.

Being that man's (carnal) mind meant death to the man, provision must be made whereby the creature could be justified in letting a breaker of His Holy Law die in the transgressor's place. The Creator can be so justified, provided He, the breaker of His Law, is willing to die in the transgressor's place.

And so, Jesus, being fully willing to die in the transgressor's place, made it possible for man to be justified by His death.

think the matter all over and accept or reject as He might choose.

This Atonement (now begun) was for all and made things possible for all. But cannot (of course) function where it is rejected. So those who do reject it, will have to bear their iniquity and die in their sins, (being a matter of their own free choice).

But (Glad to proclaim the Blessed News!) those who do not reject it, but with a glad and willing heart accept it, now come under the loving and mighty power that can and will and does take their naturally carnal mind and actually CHANGE it. Actually and positively RENEW it. So that it actually ceases to do, speak or think as it did (carnally) and begins to do, speak and think as God's mind do. Do, Speak, and Think. Or in the words of our subject becomes At-One-Mind with God. An At-One-Ment brought about. (The Atonement).

Blessed Work! Praise God, the Lord! Now to One Who did this (made this Atonement) as already noted, is Jesus. First step, made it possible (by His Death) second step (man's part) to accept it, and third (and continuous) step, to have it kept up to final salvation. Jesus has done the first step, the sands take the second step (accept it) but many thousands fail on the third step (the continuous step) because they attempt to take this daily (third step) themselves, instead of letting Jesus carry them. "He shall feed His flock as a Shepherd and shall carry the lambs in His Bosom. (Is. 40:11).

There are two phases to the Christian life. First, get converted (which can be instantaneous) and second, keep it up (which is a life-long, drawn-out affair).

The Bible says we are "Saved BY HIS LIFE" (Rom. 5:10). "We are Reconciled" (Atonement made, you see) "by His death". And that is dearly and beautifully true. His death made the Atonement possible (reconciled us). But that only starts the matter. And where men fail is that they attempt to keep the good work up to final salvation of themselves. But that is literally, physically, spiritually and in every way ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE. Man NEVER in this life, nor eternity, can do right, and finally be saved, by trying. We are SAVED by His LIFE, not by ours, nor by anything we can do in this life of ours.

Now if we are to experience (successfully, to

final salvation) this continuous, third step, it must be done by His Life. And His life must be, not His life that we read he lived, even as our example, 1900 years ago. No. But it must be His Life that He lives IN US today.

"Nevertheless I live, yet Not I, but Christ that liveth in me." (Gal. 2:20). Jesus has got to live IN US. Got to "Dwell in our hearts (By Faith) (Eph. 3:17).

And that has to be done by "Hearing His Voice" at the beginning of each new day and "opening the door" of our hearts to Him for that day. "Behold, I stand" (every morning) "at the door and knock," "If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in." (Rev. 3:20).

This way and this way only, can we have Jesus live in us. Have His Life IN US. "Be saved by His Life." Have this continuous third step of the Atonement deal carried out to final salvation.

This way, and this way only will men cease to fail in keeping up, unabated and unbroken, the Christian life, and be saved in the Kingdom of God at last even though Atonement is made for them and even though they do with all their intentions accept this Atonement.

So these two phases of the Christian life (how different they are! as we stop to contemplate them!) are with us and both must be experienced. Both are of equal value. But one seems so much more easy than the other. Accepting the Atonement (becoming reconciled) by His death (all done so quickly) seems easy as compared with the life-long struggle that follows in keeping it up.

But dear and struggling soul, it NEED NOT be a struggle at all if by "Hearing" every morning the voice of Jesus and "opening the door" we have "His Life" in us.

That makes one phase, although longer drawn out, as easy as the other. Jesus in both cases doing the work Himself. Not we. Dying in our stead to make the atonement possible, and living in our hearts "by Faith" to keep the work of the atonement up to the final salvation in the Kingdom of God. Which will surely be done if man will only quit trying to do right himself and daily let Jesus into his heart to live in and do the right in him.

Now this wonderful and blessed work started and going on. Started and made possible and daily kept up by Jesus, the Saviour, this At-One-Ment is a thing of very great, precious and inestimable value to man. Without it we are lost. With it functioning, with all its love and power, we become sharers in Eternal Life and all the blessed things "eye hath not seen" prepared for them who love Him.

It is a thing that never, never should be forgotten. God wants it that way. God wants men to remember the precious, life-giving thing, He has given us in this Atonement work.

But men cannot (some will not) remember it. God knows this and kindly and lovingly has established for us a memorial day, that by keeping which we may remember what He has done for us.

He says (in Lev. 23:27-32) "On the 10th day of the 7th-month" (Beginning sundown, Thursday night October 10, 1929 and lasting all day Friday, October 11, 1929, this year) "There shall be a day of Atonement." He says further, it is to be "A Holy convention." We are to do no work during it. We are

afflict our souls, for it is a day of Atonement. "To make an atonement for us before the Lord, our God."

Now about the "afflicting of our souls." This is imperative from God (the Father) who gave His Son in this work for us.

It is indeed imperative and carries a plain warning. A warning that no one who loves and looks forward with desire to the things ahead can afford to and will not ignore. Namely "whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, shall be cut off, from among his people." (Le. 23:29). That is serious, so let us remember and observe it.

Now what it is to afflict and why we should afflict are necessary questions to come up and be intelligently answered, in this connection.

Heathen people and some benighted Christian professors (who do penance) seem to have caught the idea and developed some strong methods of doing some afflicting. For instance in India, a man will sit for weeks on a pole (uncomfortable, tiresome, a strain. A real physical affliction we can see). Another will lay on a bed of spikes. Another will lie down and roll over for miles until he reaches the Ganges River. They do all those things to punish, (afflict) themselves for being sinful, and to appease their God who, they conclude, is angry at them for being sinful.

But all that is not why God asks us to afflict our souls on this Day of Atonement, which we will directly see.

But "afflicting" is something that hurts. Either, physically or mentally or the love of the heart.

This can be as the Lord shall lead each individual at the time. But should, of course, be some affliction as taught in the Scriptures, rather than some glaring and public thing as above illustrated.

The Scriptures do not directly state (along with the commandment itself) what "afflicting" is to be. But cases shown in the Bible where people of God in times of distress and impending danger did things to humble and belittle themselves before God. Take the case of Nineveh, which city Joram was sent to warn. What did they do? First they believed God's warning. Then the King, himself, descended from his throne, laid his kingly robe from him, covered himself with sack cloth and sat in ashes. And so did the people. A fast was proclaimed for all the people and all the beasts as well.

In the time of Queen Esther, when the Jews were about to be slain, she had her people, herself and her servants all fast. and humble themselves in other ways. These things are Bible examples and were accepted and can be accepted of God. But we should not conjure up some wierd, fantastic or freak thing to attract public attention. For all these things, that are acceptable unto God, are done, as much as possible, in secret before God alone. Especially did Jesus give instances to His disciples, that they should fasted they should avoid all things that would bring "unto men to fast" (Mat. 6:16-18). The matter be seen in the case of the Jews who loved to be seen in the ca-

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But the reasons why we should afflict our souls on this Atonement Day as God commands are very plain and evident. And if I were to express a personal opinion I should say that I think it would be a shame. A very Burning Shame, and entirely due the man to be "cut off from among God's people," who would pass along through life, knowing that Jesus of Nazareth afflicted His Holy Soul (even unto death) for Him, and then ignore God's reasonable and kindly request that, at least, one day in each year he consent to do something to afflict his own soul. While Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, He was also a man like us. Capable, of like passions, desires, and sensations same as we are. A thing that hurts us, also hurt Him. Mentally, spiritually, physically or however. And, for my part, I think if He did all His sacrificing and afflicting for me (which He certainly did) it is asking little enough of me if I do all that God, the Holy Loving Father, asks of the human race as a recognition of what His inoffensive and Well-Beloved Son has done for us.

So come on. Let us be fair and square and obey God in this matter. It will show that we recognize a favor and are willing to give every man a square deal. Even the man Christ Jesus.

The Lord says (Mal. 4:4) "Remember ye the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb, for all Israel, with the Statutes and Judgments." The laws of God (all of them) are to be observed.

These memorial Sabbaths (Blowing of Trumpets" "Day of Atonement" "Feast of Tabernacles" and all) are stated to be Statutes." And we are commanded to "remember His Statutes." Lev. 23:4-44 gives a list including those taking place in the spring, and Feast of Unleavened Bread," as well. to be remembered as there taught. is to observe that thing by

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Wednesday, October 2nd, 1929 (beginning at sundown the night before) is a Sabbath, a Holy Day, "Memorial, Blowing of Trumpets," no work to be done.

Friday, October 11, 1929 (beginning at sundown the night before) is a Sabbath, a Holy Day, the Day of Atonement. No work to be done, and each one to afflict their souls.

Wednesday, October 16, 1929 (beginning at sundown the night before) is a Sabbath, a Holy Day, the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles. (Lev. 23:34) No work to be done.

Wednesday, October 23, 1929 (beginning at sundown, the night before) is also a Sabbath, a Holy Day. The closing Sabbath of the Feast of Tabernacles. No work to be done. (Lev. 23:39).

Now are we going to fall in and honor and obey the Lord by keeping His commandments, His statutes and judgments and be recognized and gathered when the Lord comes?

The Book of the Law

(Continued)

HEBREWS SEVENTH CHAPTER

We give below a synopsis of this chapter that the reader may better see when the law was changed spoken of by Paul.

Verse 1: Melchisedec blessed Abraham.

Verse 2: Abraham pays a tenth of the spoil to Melchisedec as Priest.

Verse 3: Melchisedec is like unto the Son of God

Verse 4: The greatness of Melchisedec so that even Abraham honored him.

Verse 5: Those who are the sons of Levi who received the office of the priesthood are commanded to take tithe of the people according to the law.

Verse 6: But Melchisedec received tithe from Abraham and blessed Abraham who had the promise.

Verse 7: Hence the less Abraham is blessed of the greater.

Verse 8: Here men who die receive tithe but there he receiveth them from Abraham and never dies.

Verse 9: I may so say that Levi also who received tithe Paid tithe in Abraham.

Verse 10: For Levi was Yet in the loins of Abraham.

Verse 11: If therefore perfection was in the Levitical Priesthood, for under it the people received the law, what further need was there of another Priesthood after the order of Melchisedec and not be called after the order of Aaron?

This verse reveals the trouble. First the opposers of Paul looked for perfection and all that was necessary through the Levitical Priesthood, and yet, they admitted there should be another of whom the Levitical was but representative. So Paul sifts their argument.

Verse 12: The Priesthood being changed there was made of necessity a change also of the law.

Question: When was the priesthood changed and to whom? We reply when the Aaronic Priesthood was introduced at Sinai. Tithe was from that on paid to the Levitical and not direct to the Melchisedec.

There was no change of Priesthood when Christ

came for the Melchisedec had always existed, and always will, as long as there is need of Christ being priest. What law was changed to effect the payment of tithe? We reply that Abraham kept God's commandment and laws. Gen. 26:5 and at the time the law governing Abraham required the tithe to be paid direct to Melchisedec. But when the Aronic Priesthood was instituted then that law was changed and tithe paid to Levitical Priesthood. Having no reference to any change of law or Priesthood when Christ was here.

Verses 18 and 19: The conclusion of the argument is reached thus: There is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law given at Sinai made nothing perfect as they supposed it did point to the true Priesthood which had always existed and thus brought in a better hope. It was good for that, but perfection was not to be obtained thru the Levitical Priesthood. Paul continues in verses following showing that the Melchisedec Priesthood was based on the oath of God and the Aronic was made without an oath. This oath was in the Abrahamic covenant which was confirmed before of God in Christ. Gal. 3:17. Verse 28 says the oath of God is still good since the law was given at Sinai. And we say it is good yet.

Thus this chapter which is so much relied on to teach that the law was changed when Christ came, teaches no such doctrine but directly to the opposite. When will men cease accepting things from others without careful thought for themselves.

We again say there is not one text when carefully examined teaches that any part of the law written by Moses was changed or abolished when Christ came and we challenge any man to take the scriptures we have used and show that our teaching of the same is not the truth.

"THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS WERE UNTIL JOHN"

Said Christ, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force." "For all the Prophets and the law prophecied until John, and if ye will receive it, this is Elias which was to come." Matt. 11:12-14.

Luke says, as he records the words of Christ, "the law and the Prophets were until John, since that time the Kingdom of God is preached and all men presseth in to it," "and it is easier for Heaven and earth to pass than for one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:16-17.

What are the facts taught by the above scripture? We reply that the law and the prophets were taught until John, since when and especially, during the Ministry of Christ, the personal Christ was preached. John was a fore-runner of Christ, and then Christ appeared personally, and that was the Theme and he being the King of Heaven that preaching of the personal Christ was the preaching of the Kingdom of Heaven of which the law and the prophets bore testimony. Third this preaching aroused the people and Jesus suffered violence and the violent took him by force and crucified him. Following this Christ said it was easier for heaven and earth to fail than for one tittle of the law to fail." Why did he say this? We reply it was to emphasize the

law in its proper place. Adam had violated the law of God and hence death passed upon all men. This caused the death of the Son of God. So he said it was easier to give up heaven and earth or anything in it rather than remove the obligation of the law. This we hold to be the true idea of the text so in the place of it releasing any being from the obligation of the law it ought to teach us the truth, namely that it is easier for heaven and earth to fail even to the giving of the Son of God for our sins than to remove any obligation of the law upon any being. The Law and the Prophets are still to be preached.

(To Be Continued)

Dear Readers: This is next to the last number of the Remnant for this year. This has been a hard year financially. Every issue it seems as though I'll have to make it the last. Then some means comes from somewhere for another one. I feel now as though I might have to stop it after the next issue. But it hurts me to do so. The eastern question, and the Yellow Peril are shaping more and more all the time as G. G. Rupert understood it from the Bible, and published it so many years ago. Of course God isn't dependent on me and my efforts to carry His work forward. But as long as I possibly can, my desire is to carry on this paper. Surely there is some one reading these lines who can help us more financially. If so let us hear from you.

I ask God, daily, to bless each subscriber in body, in store and in spirituality.

—LUCILE RUPERT SMITH, Editress.

As at the First

(Continued)

By John S. Stanford

Now let us not pass by Micah 7:14. There it says we (who are God's obedient people) are to be fed "as in the days of old." No rent to pay. No farm shares to give. Raise all our own food. The very finest from the best, most productive soil. No fertilizer to buy. The Lord having renewed the fertility and caused "in the wilderness, waters to break out and streams in the desert." (Is. 35, whole chapter). Praise His Holy and Glorious Name! (I say).

Now, Reader, we have seen from many and plain scriptures (and there are many, many more) that the Lord is going to "set up" His Kingdom, on THIS EARTH, as it now is. That it is to be a renewal of the Kingdom of David (once nicely established here among men but which became dismantled and broken up and scattered because of the disobedience of its people.) That (this time) it is to be a success because of a perfect King (Jesus) and an obedient people. (God's elect).

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So, although the Kingdom of God is (for a fact) going to be "Set Up", here on this wicked earth, (Dan. 2:44), yet it cannot always stay that way. So, the fair and pertinent question comes up, How long is it to "stay that way?"

The answer is, 40 years. But do not take my word for it. (Unless I speak the Word of God for it). So let us now look the matter up in the Word of God.

The object the Lord has in setting it up on the earth (in its present condition) is that the world may see it. (Ezk. 28:25). That the nations, and all the wicked, may see what they have rejected. (Ezk. 38:16).

Also another object is that God's people (those who are alive at the time and do not have to pass through death) may see that (sure enough) they have made the right choice, and may rejoice in it. (Ezk. 20:41). And also remain here long enough to learn its ways and become "purified" and "made white" and "tried", (Dan. 12:10) before they are ushered into eternity, where nothing that defileth shall ever enter. (Rev. 21:27).

Those are some reasons (among others) that the Lord has for setting it up here among men. It was broken down among men. It is to be renewed among men, that men may not be able to say that the Lord cannot do things. Cannot make a success of what ever He starts out to do. God has always been jealous of His great and holy name. And has pardoned and extended mercy many times (when it was perfectly due and proper that He might cut off and destroy) just for the sake of keeping all onlookers from saying He was not able. This was the reason that Moses (His close servant) always pleaded (when God would say to him "Let Me alone that I may consume them and I will make of thee a great nation"). (Ex. 32:10). Moses brought forth the plea for "why should men speak and say God was not able but did it for "mischief," etc.

Oh! Yes! There is good reason (and to God's honor and Glory) that before He takes His people away from this sinful earth He should let Jesus of Nazareth, His Holy and "Well Beloved Son" (whom the world has rejected) come in His glory and sit upon the throne of His glory (Matt. 25:31) and have gathered before Him all nations, that they may KNOW that He is God" and that He may deal with them direct and in justice as they deserve.

But the waiting question (before us) is how long will all this take before the wicked are slain and His people taken to Heaven? How long will the Kingdom of God, which Jesus "sets up" (when He gathers His people) exist (here on earth) after it is set up?

The answer is 40 years, "According to the days coming out of the land of Egypt." (Micah 7:

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from all known sins, but even then, there (time after time) comes along something (may be) we did not know was a sin, and we find ourselves "overtaken in a fault." (Gal. 6:1). All this must cease before ever Jesus can change us to immortality ready for the New Earth, promised land. We must be purged. We must be "purified". We must be "made white." The way all this is done is 40 years under the leading, and teaching and cleansing of Jesus in the Kingdom of God, entirely separated from association with the world and its ways. Come! Let's go!

Satan knows all about the teaching of the scriptures concerning how Jesus is to gather His people together and "set up" His Kingdom on this earth in these last days. Indeed he does, and many are the snares he sets to get us going wrong. And those who fall (for his false doctrines and wrested scriptures) he prospers them. Gives them an increasing membership, a successful printing and publishing outfit and other things that look good to them who want things that way.

Let us mention a case or two of error that is widely deceiving the people.

The expressions "Zion", "Jerusalem," "Israel," and others are used to denote God's people. So, to hold and to teach that the gathering of the people of God is to take place in a certain locality (where they once centered) is a mistake. But the mistake is being swallowed by thousands. And money and men, labor and effort, are being put forth in the old land of Palestine, the old city of Jerusalem (and its environs) and is thought (by many) to be the actual literal fulfillment of the Bible prophesies of the gathering of Israel. But this "Zionist" movement is a movement of men. Not of God.

Then another serious false doctrine, is the 1000 years temporal reign of the Kingdom of God (when it is set up). Men see the gathering of Israel (taught by the Bible) and while that is true, it is not true that the Kingdom exists here on this earth 1000 years. It only exists (as a temporal kingdom) 40 years, and the reason is this: The 7th 1000 years, is a period of darkness and desolation. (Joel 2:2, Zeph. 1:14-15). (instead of a period of brightness of the kingdom of God). The 40 years of the Kingdom, comes, is "set up" God's elect "gathered," "purified," "resurrected," "changed" to immortality and "translated" to Heaven all by the end of the 6000 years. So that the 7th 1000 year period is a rest for them (of a 1000 years) in Heaven. The wicked all slain and dead (till their resurrection at the close of the 7th 1000 year period).

So in this 7th 1000 years it is impossible to have that period serve as a bright condition of things. With Jesus spending His time here purifying His people and getting them ready to be translated to Heaven. Which (like the type back there) is to be done in 40 years instead of 1000.

And this 40 years experience all has to take place inside the 6000 years. For the reason that the 7th 1000 years is the Day of the Lord. And is an entirely separate affair from the 6000 years. The 6000 years is the great antitype WEEK OF GOD. (For His salvation work you see). And when that 6000 years week of salvation is done, God ceases to work at salvation any longer (all who will, having consented and been gathered in) (promptly on time too at the close of HIS WEEK) and then His great, antitypical Sabbath begins. (1000 years long, same as any of the

individual days of His 6000 year week).

So this 7th 1000 year (Day of the Lord) is an entirely separate and separated period from any of the six 1000 year Days. Therefore this gathering and building up His Kingdom (of Dan. 2:44) (for 40 years) has all got to be and is done inside the last 1000 year days of the 6000.

So the chronology (as given in the Bible) is a very useful and God-given thing to us. And that chronology shows that from 1928 to the end of the 6000 years (when Jesus finally takes His people, His "established", "built up", "purified", "resurrected" and "changed" (to immortality) Kingdom (His Church) to Heaven to stay during that 7th 1000 year period of DARKNESS and GLOOMINESS and DESOLATION of this earth) is yet 68 years.

So we see that we (yet) have the sufficient time (of 40 years) for the "establishing" "building up" and going to perfection of this predicted and promised KINGDOM OF GOD. We have it and 28 years over, to boot.

(To Be Continued)

The Desert Shall Rejoice

(Continued)

By John S. Stanford

And we know that the people are constructing highways through desert places. Whether or not this "highway" will be one constructed by the worldly people or whether God's people, themselves, will construct it after they get there, is not revealed. But there will be a highway there. A traveled road. An open and free entrance for God's people. It will not remain a chaotic place for God is going to "PLANT" all of His people this time. (Jer. 24:6). To plant a thing means to select a location and put that thing right there with the expectation that thing will stay right there in that location and GROW.

That is exactly what is going to be done with the "Remnant of Israel." They are going to be set by themselves, apart from the world, be planted and grow. (Jer. 31:28). and it will be in "their own land" too, that they will be planted. This earth never did belong to the wicked. This earth has been given to Abraham (Gen. 15:7, 18) and to his seed. (Meaning Christ and all who are Christ's) (Gal. 3:29) The wicked have usurped it. And especially since God's people (for these hundreds of years) have been scattered, the nations have secured (what they think is) a rightful hold. A God-given right. But they will be usurped. For the day of surprise is coming.

But (as already said) the wilderness will not stay in its wild state. For when God "plants" His people there they will "grow". (Hos. 14:5-7). Not only will they, themselves, plant and build, cultivate and develop things around them but God, Himself promises to do so, too. The desert they will be in will have impassable places in it. Equal to the "Death Valley" has been, and maybe is yet. But the Lord says that He will "open rivers in high places" and "make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water". He says He will forest

the desert. Will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the myrtle, and the oil tree." "I will set in the desert, the fir tree, the pine and the box tree together." (Is. 41:18-21). So we can see that the wilderness will indeed "blossom as the rose, will be forested, built up and occupied by a planted growing people that are the real, true owners of the land. And their highway will belong to them, whether the world has already built it or they, themselves, have built it, it will be their exclusive property. None of the world will drive over that. "The unclean shall not pass over it." (Is. 35). The world will have to make a detour when they come to this highway. Not that there will be stationed any customs officers, nor toll collectors nor any officers of men's laws to intercept them. Nothing of that kind. For the Remnant of Israel bear no sword. But this highway is "the Way of Holiness." So it is Jesus, Himself, that keeps that highway. (The margin says "He shall be with them" (Is. 35:8). One of the "Four sore judgments that the Lord sends (at this time) on the wicked world is "noisome", ravenous "beasts," (Ezk. 14:21). But nothing of the kind will be there. "No lion shall be there. Nor any ravenous beast shall be found there. (Is. 35:9) "But the redeemed shall walk there." What a blessed beginning of eternity for God's true people. Who will believe God and humble themselves before Him now. Complete protection from the wicked world and complete protection from destructive beasts. Only a few days ago, a mother in Lithuania (N. E. Europe) coming from town only a little ways out from home was attacked by wolves. The horse ran as hard as he could to almost home and stumbled and fell. And before help could get there the wolves ate the baby up and almost killed the mother. "No ravenous beast shall go up there on." (Is. 35:9). What blessed promises, all these are! What cause for songs! And that is exactly what will take place. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return." (from being scattered). "And come to ZION" (this built up wilderness) "with SONGS." "And EVERLASTING JOY." This "joy" will be everlasting" because this gathering "return" is a permanent move.

In the wilderness of Sinai, and the typical promised land of Palestine, things failed. (Because of sin). Here it will not fail. Because only the RANSOMED of the Lord "shall return." God, Himself, does the gathering and He will not gather any one except those, He knows, positively, to be His people. All that back there "happened unto them" for a sample of this move. (1 Cor. 10:11).

The unbelievers back there never reached the typical promised land. But died off before they reached it. Here no unbeliever, no unforgiven sinner will ever reach this antitypical promised land.

This earth (even in its unrenewed state) will finally be renewed) is the land of Abraham and His seed. The Lord take possession of it. The next ahead of the people, the sight

a thousand years. And although during that time their property (this old earth) lies waste (because of other required uses during that time) yet it is finally cleansed (like they, themselves, have been) and becomes their eternal home. Praise the Lord!

But all this gathering work is going to be done right here in this sin-filled, uncleansed earth for 40 years, before Jesus comes the "second time." God scattered His people all over the earth hundreds of years ago because of their rebellion and sins against Him. And has let them remain that way because they have continued to be a sinful, rebellious people. But before Jesus comes and as probation draws to a close, He knows that He has called out enough who have accepted Him (in their hearts) to make it safe for the required number to make up His nation. So now at this wilderness time shortly ahead He GATHERS them.

Hear Him tell it in His own words.

"The heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity. Because they trespassed against me. Therefore I hid My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies." Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel. After that they have borne their shame, they shall dwell safely in their own land, and none (R. V.) shall make them afraid."

When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies lands and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations." Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen but I have gathered them into their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them. For I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel saith the Lord God." (Ezk. 39:23-29). Yes! Yes! Yes! Indeed!

God is going to give directly into the possession of His true people this earth NOW. By gathering them and being sanctified among them and they shall dwell safely for 40 years, before Jesus comes to take them to Heaven for a 1000 years and until the earth is made NEW for their FINAL HOME.

We have, now, seen things (so far) from what the scripture says. Let us now have some reasoning and principles to go with it. Some thoughts that naturally and properly arise as we consider such a subject. First, God's obedient people are His church. Whether angels in Heaven or people on earth, (Heb. 12:22, 23). Whether in Adam's and Cain's and Abel's time or Moses' time, or Isaiah's time or Isaiah's time or now. In whatever manner God chooses to lead His people that is the best way for them to be led or He would not lead them that way. Back in the days before He had to scatter them they had certain leaders and directed them. Such as (Ephod, Teraphim, etc.) they became scattered. But those leaders were not leading them to be scattered. They had been

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