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## The Seven Keys of Prophecy



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## P R E F A C E

The Bible, with its sacredness, is generally believed by Christians everywhere to be the Word of God, written by inspired men, who under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, gave to the world the greatest and most wonderful piece of Literature it has ever known.

If we accept the teaching of Christ and the apostles, we must also give the same honor to Moses and the prophets, for it was to these old patriarchs and prophets that both Jesus and the apostles referred frequently, to prove the very truthfulness of Christianity.

I believe the messages contained in this little book, are the result of agonizing prayer and careful study of God's word, by the Author, who has been given a wonderful revelation regarding prophecy, as it relates to the days of old and their relationship to the conditions of the world to-day.

May it fulfill the mission for which it has been written, is my sincere prayer.

Alice E. Lupton



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## INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

### The Seven Keys of Prophecy

*Scripture Lesson, Hosea 6: 1-3*

*Text, Luke 13: 32*

The "Seven Keys to Prophecy" entitled, "GO TELL THAT FOX," may seem a very peculiar way to introduce a book, but the simple name for the seven messages are God-given. A short time ago we were led to speak from Luke 13: 32 which reads, "And He said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to-day and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected." This special Scripture had never appealed to us before, as it did when God spoke through the blessed Holy Spirit and directed us to read Hosea 6: 1, where we read, "Come and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." When Jesus spoke, many times His words had a two-fold meaning. Just as this Scripture is not merely words of temporal value, but deep, spiritual wealth is often veiled within one verse.

No doubt, Herod only heard these words as a message of contempt from the lowly Nazarene, that would bring forth volumes of truth centuries later. Note how the Master says, "Tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils." In other words, "Herod, look at me and see that I have power to cast demons from human bodies, and to loose



the souls of men from their prison-houses of sin." Then Jesus goes farther, and says, "I do cures to-day, and to-morrow." The word "cures" will cover the period of Two Thousand years—great spiritual values are embraced in this word, for it means for both soul and body. Of course, we know the Master's mission on earth was to save the lost, but in connection with the salvation of souls, He had a tender, compassionate love for suffering humanity. He would stop to heal the poor, loathsome leper, or to open the blinded eyes of some unfortunate man or woman who had never looked on the beauties of this earth, with its marvellous attractions.

Note further, Jesus says, "To-day and to-morrow," which is typical of the Two Thousand Years of Grace that we have had since the Master went back to heaven to be at His Father's right hand, until the time ripens for the Rapture of the Church. He said, "The third day, I will be perfected," which is typical of the Kingdom Age. This is the spiritual side, for the human side was to go to Jerusalem for the ignominious death on the cross. It had been said that no prophet should perish out of the City. Luke 13: 33 says, "Nevertheless, I must walk to-day, and to-morrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem."

With a careful study of the Scriptures, the reader can connect Hosea 6: 1-3, and get a wonderful picture of Christ, and the marvellous dispensation of grace, as well as of the restoration of Israel. Read Hosea 6: 2, which reads, "After two days, he will receive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."

You will find, in other messages in this book, that Judah and Israel have been a separate people, without

a king—dead nationally and spiritually for two thousand years. A great promise is given them, however, concerning the "third day," which is the Thousand Year reign of peace on earth. Jer. 23: 5 says, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." Verse 6, "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely, and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

So we see, there is a time still in the future when Israel will have a King to rule in righteousness here upon the earth.

The angel Gabriel gives to Mary a beautiful, prophetic message concerning Jesus as King and of taking David's throne. Luke 1: 30-33 reads as follows: "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Israel, however, expected at the first coming of Christ to see a King in beauty, power and glory, take the throne at Jerusalem. In fact, there was so much more said about His second coming, than of the first that it was easy for them, in a back-slidden condition, to overlook the fact that He must first come as a Saviour. Had they been prepared for Him as a King, God would have



sent Him as their ruling Messiah, but God spake through the prophets and said that He would be rejected of men, and that Israel would abide many days without a King. In Hosea 3: 4, 5 we find, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without a teraphim. Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days."

Just before Pentecost, the disciples thought that perhaps the Kingdom might be restored, and even asked the question, Acts 1: 6-8. "When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We see here that the Master was looking far into the future, for He knew it would be a long time before the Gospel could and would be preached to the many nations throughout the world.

During the short stay of Christ on earth, He was not only the Saviour of men, but a great Prophet. From Saviour and Prophet, He was promoted to High Priest, now seated at the right hand of His Father, making intercession for us; and when the time is fulfilled that

He should finish His Priestly Office, He will return for the Church. Then after the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the rewards have been received, He will come in glory, and the Scripture will come to pass as read in Rev. 1: 7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also that pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him."

Let us bear in mind that during the Two Days mentioned, or the Two Thousand Years, all of the prophecies named in the messages written in this little book must be fulfilled. According to the "signs" given in God's Word, and named in the message on "Evening Shadows," it behooves us to watch the fast moving world in all of its modern wickedness, and to realize that we do not have long in which to preach the Gospel of Christ to the teeming millions now in darkness. Oh that we could go forth with a burning love, such as the early Church possessed, and become flaming Evangelists to herald the Gospel of the Son of God, until every valley, plain and mountain, and even the isles of the seas could ring and the echo would reach around the world, "JESUS SAVES! JESUS SAVES!"

We do not have a sufficient number who are heart-burdened for the lost and dying, who are, "Ready to go, or ready to stay," that souls might be saved. To be sure, we could not win every one to Christ, for some will not hear, but thanks be to God, when all of these things come to pass which are written in this book, we shall have enough to crown Him Lord of All, and to live with Him, not just through the Kingdom age, but through all eternity.



# **The Evening Shadows Falling on Every Nation**

*Scripture Lesson, Matthew 24*

*Text, Jeremiah 6: 4*

The long hidden treasures in prophecy are being revealed to those who know and love the truth and who wish to teach the same. Perhaps Jeremiah himself did not realize that decades would emerge into centuries and even millenniums before this wonderful message of Evening Shadows would come into the great plan of God.

At such a time as this, when teeming millions are in training for war, or preparing for it—most of the Prophets use the term, “prepare for war, but the modern term used, takes away the horror of war and some say, It is not so bad after all, we are training for peace. The text reads thus; “Woe unto us; for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.” Jer. 6; 4.

Perhaps some may ask, What could a “shadow” have to do with prophecy concerning the Signs of the Times and the return of the Lord?

It will be remembered that Joel tells us that “In the last days God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh”—Joel 2; 28.

Peter gives us a complete quotation of Joel’s prophecy in Acts 2; 17. In as much as a day has Morning and

Evening, we call your attention to the Morning Shadows, also. Early in the day shadows are lengthened, as in the late part of the day, so we see that the last days will have sunrise as well as sunset. A shadow is a reflection of something, becoming either a dead shadow or a live one. You might be near a dangerous animal and not be aware of it until too late to escape injury, except for the warning given by its long shadow, whether it be morning or evening. This shadow being the danger signal that an enemy approaches.

At noon, shadows are so short they can hardly be seen. The "Noon" in this prophecy has a vital significance. Not so many years ago, Ministers gave very little thought to the return of the Lord in Person. They seemed to be at ease and some went so far as to teach and preach that the world was growing better all the time. Many Churches with their pastors, compromised with the world, opened wide their doors and asked it to "Come in." "Did the world refuse?" No, She stepped into the church with all her alluring, white-washed, damnable sins and "no-harm by-plays" and now we find it difficult to separate them. They are so closely linked together that it is sometimes hard to find the difference in a sinner and a so-called professor of the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The noon-time in our natural day and in our lives, is a time when people settle down, become drowsy or lazy, but when night draws near some kind of preparation is made, because darkness will soon cover the earth.

Let us notice the Morning Shadows. Before Pentecost, Jesus told His Disciples to "Tarry at Jerusalem until

they were endued with power from on high," Luke 24: 49, and in Acts 2: 8, He tells them, "But ye shall receive Power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The Morning Shadows fell with great power on the early Church. We can liken the great doctrines of our Lord to these Shadows. First was the wonderful out-pouring of the Spirit at Pentecost when the Master fulfilled His promise to them, which was to enable them to carry the Gospel of Christ to a lost world, as they had been commanded by the Master. With this great Pentecostal fire burning in their hearts, they could face the world with a boldness they never had before.

Like a blaring trumpet, Peter delivered the first sermon on Repentance, which brought old fashioned, pungent, pricking conviction to the hearts of his hearers and caused three thousand souls to cry for mercy and to say, "Men and Brethren, What shall we do to be saved?" Hear the answer of Peter in Acts 2: 38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Repentance was the first message of John the Baptist, Matt. 3: 1, 2, "In those days came John The Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then let us note the words of our Master in Mark 1: 15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel." We see the first message of the Apostles of the Morning was well supported by former teachers, as well as that of



our Lord. The second shadow stretched out and offered healing virtue and a man lame from birth, rested in the promises; With His stripes we are healed." Isa. 53: 5. "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed."

This great doctrine was sustained by prophets, apostles and Jesus, alike. The first commission included "healing," Mark 6: 13, "And they cast out many devils and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." Also in the last Commission, they were to "lay hands on the sick. Mark 16: 18, "They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

The Third Shadow stretches out to the world a resurrection that gives us a new body when He shall appear. Acts 4: 1-4; "And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the Resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day; for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the Word believed; and the number of men was about five thousand."

These marvelous words of a man of God, just from the greatest Prayer-meeting in the world's history, stirred five thousand to repent, believe and accept Christ. The old patriarch of Uz, saw by faith the same glorious resurrection that the apostles saw in the life of our risen Lord. Job. 19: 25, "For I know that my Redeemer

liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; And though after my skin, worms shall destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job. 19: 26.

Jesus met Martha on his way to Bethany, where Lazarus had died. John 11: 25, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." In the 26th verse we read, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, Believest thou this?"

Before we go too far from the first shadow, we call your attention to the fact that regeneration is embraced in Acts 2: 38. Time and space will not permit giving all the references on the subject of the New Birth, so we hasten on to the last shadows of the morning.

We make mention of some very precious doctrines, such as, Baptism, Communion, Washing the Saints' feet, keeping the Sabbath day Holy, giving the tenth of all we possess, and we especially emphasize the new commandment found in John 13: 34, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." These might be called "signal lights" with which to enrich our Christian experiences, if put into practice. There are other important points that need to be mentioned concerning the future, or the hereafter. The early Church had fearless preachers who warned the people, of hell, the judgment, the destruction of the world by fire, and other calamities and who never failed to proclaim the "way of escape" when conditions were met in accordance with God's plan of salvation. God endued them with power and told them to be as wise as Serpents but as harmless as doves."



We now take up the Evening Shadows; We shall endeavor to stay close with prophecy, in order that we may draw comparisons with God's revealed Word, and world conditions as they are to-day. There is more preaching on The Second Advent of our Lord to-day than ever before. No doubt but that the time is ripe for the curtain to be drawn aside, and let us take, not only a glimpse of the latter days, but the world as a whole as she nears the tribulation and Armageddon-Nations tottering and kingdoms falling for the lack of spiritual Leaders. The darkness of night will soon cover the land. Our God has always used the simple things to bring out the deep, spiritual truths of life, therefore may we not remember that the Morning shadows are far in the back ground, the noon-day is but a memory and the Evening shadows are stretching out.

These Shadows embrace so much we cannot tell it all, however, we shall endeavor to show how we may be able to comprehend some vital facts as we deal with the most important ones. The first of the evening Shadows we want to note, is that of "Deception," which is sweeping the globe at this time. In the Olivet discourse of our Lord in Matt. 24: 5, we find these words, "For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Paul warns the Thessalonians of deception in the last days. 11 Thess. 2: 3, "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Again in 11 Timothy 3: 13, Paul reminds us again "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse, and worse deceiving and being deceived." Matthew 24: 24 should be an eye-opener for us all, hear what Jesus says about it. "For there

shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders insomuch that, if it were possible they shall deceive the elect.

This last quotation on the First shadow, should be used in our messages, as a sharp edged sword, so convincing that none can deny. 2 John, 7th verse, "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-christ." "Look to yourselves" he continues, "that we lose not that which we have wrought, but that we received a full reward." The second Shadow as given by Jesus is the War shadows, as found in Matt. 24: 6, 7. "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet, for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers (many) places." Such strong and unquestionable prophecies as these, coming direct from the lips of our blessed Master, Himself, should be sufficient for all of us, because they are beyond contradiction. Let us notice what some of the prophets of old-men of wisdom and the God-given insight of things to come, had to say on the subject, relative to wars of the latter days. Even before the prophets, however, God spoke in thunderous tones to a rebellious people in Deut. 28. If the commands given them were kept, peace and prosperity followed, if disobedient, destruction come upon them. (Read the whole chapter.) So it is in our day; when prophet, priest and ruler labor together to promote righteousness in the earth, the people shall be blessed, but when they forget God, war and famines follow, disease and



pestilence and other disasters come upon them. No right thinking person can carefully and prayerfully study this 28th chapter of Deut. without being convinced of the great curse that comes to a scornful, unbelieving, disobedient people. Let me urge you to read it and ponder and pray for a united brotherhood in obedience to God's commands, that hatred, the seed of all strife, may be done away with.

This Scripture has reference more to Israel than to other nations, yet we know that God is no respecter of persons, for Sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14: 34. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." The war shadow is upon us, as none can deny, so we hasten to the next shadow, for as the evening advances these shadows darken and lengthen. False Christs and false prophets, as told in Matthew's Gospel, 24th chapter, also include teachers. Study Paul's letters to Timothy, also to the Thesalonians, these all harmonize with the teachings of Jesus. I have not kept informed regarding the number of false Christs, as reported from time to time, but as far back as the first World War, thirty-four false Christs had been reported by reputed writers. We have met numbers of false teachers, and ministers, in our short experience in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

During a revival we were holding in Earlsboro, Okla. a few years ago, a man in the congregation displayed an evil spirit. He visited us early one morning and informed us we were preaching false doctrine and that God had sent him to tell us so. We were doing a great work, my husband and I, and we knew when he came, that all the Sanballets and Tobiah's were not dead. I

asked him to name some of the points of doctrine we were preaching that he termed as false, to which he immediately replied, "Baptism, for one, also Holy Communion and the fact is, I am here to tell you that you will miss the Rapture." At this, I fell on my knees before God and plead with Him to save this man's soul if he had not "sinned away his day of grace." Prayer ended, he left us without any manifestation of having been touched and went his sinful way. He did not attend any more of our meetings and a short time afterward, we learned that because he had violated the laws of our country, he had been taken and had to pay the penalty of his disobedience. On another occasion, a very wealthy and influential friend of mine who lived in Kerksville, Mo., took a trip to California. At that time it was said that one of the strongest Mediums in the world was there. This lady visited the Medium and asked her to get a message through to her mother. The Medium took pencil and paper and began to write and in a short time looked up and said, "Your dear, loving mother is in Paradise, beckoning you to come to her." Then my friend said, "See if you can get a certain friend of mine, I would like so much to hear from her," whereupon the medium again wrote a few words, and as before, looked up and said "Your friend is with your mother in Paradise, they are both together and beckoning to you to come to them." My friend then asked what she owed her for the two messages, on being told "Five Dollars each," she handed her a Ten Dollar Bill and said, "Take it, you hypocrite, you are the biggest liar I ever saw, for both my mother and my friend are standing just outside your door." She wanted to convince herself as to the integrity and honesty of such a calling. She did, and was in position to proclaim a warning to



friends far and wide, to saved as well as unsaved, the dangers of such damnable doctrine. These two incidents are small, compared to the false doctrines that have developed into religious denominations, and that are crowding into our cities, towns, villages and into our very community life. Start a revival and the devil will send his agents around to sell books, tracts and leaflets, etc. and if the people will not buy, they give them away.

With a few strong Scriptural references, we leave this Shadow and go to another. I Thess. 5: 3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." I Tim. 4: 1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

II Peter 3: 3, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers walking after their own lusts and saying, where is the promise of His coming?" One more thought before we leave the "false religions" is this, let us always remember that Jesus Christ has two things the devil cannot substitute and that is the "Blood" and the "Holy Spirit." Where these false religions exist, we find indifference creeping into many of our churches, resulting in a "form of Godliness" only. It wounds our hearts to see the coldness and frivolity existing among religious groups. What must it mean to the tender, loving heart of the Master who spilled His precious blood for the redemption of mankind? He foretold all of these things and gave a reason why they should come to pass.

Listen to Him in Matt. 24: 12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

Sin has been presented to the world by some modern preachers in many disguises. They have educated the masses to "cover" the real, fundamental doctrines of Jesus Christ, by trying to substitute various forms of rules for the churches that are at variance with God's teachings, and yet, it is sin. All of these white-washed "covers" will melt away when the Master sounds the trumpet to call both quick and dead to make their appearance before Him at the last great day.

Paul, in his day, called it a "great falling away." So many, who in years past, were good workers in the church have given up and fallen by the way-side. In Rev. 3: 20, Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." This has reference to the Church. Oh, how our blessed Master would like to come in and move out some of the things in our Churches to-day, as He did the money changers in the Temple so long ago. The time is drawing nigh when He will show His power again.

We call special attention to another peculiar "Shadow" that is playing havoc in the world to-day, that is Highway accidents. Nahum tells us in his book, 2nd chapter and 4th verse, of the awful wrecks on the highways, only he does not use the term "wreck," but notice how he speaks the warning, "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad way, they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightning."

Anything that moves as fast as lightning, will cause wrecks. No doubt at this moment, thousands are fill-



ing hospitals, wounded and dying—men, women and children. Wreckers are busy pulling in cars, ambulances, with sirens screaming, rushing to and fro in the streets with their suffering victims. Morgues and Funeral homes are filled with dead bodies, grave diggers are kept busy in our cemeteries, preachers are on the "go," visiting, burying the dead, giving succor to the bereaved, all because of the mad rush and hurry of so many incompetent and careless people on our highways. Is not this a reminder that our Lord will soon be coming back to earth? This Shadow will lead to what we might term "Twin-Shadows" and that is drinking and immorality. Jesus says in Matthew 24: 38 "For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the Ark." With the modern, fast methods of travel, drinking intoxicating beverages has become doubly dangerous, not only to the drinker, but too many times, innocent, law abiding citizens have to pay the penalty. Fast and reckless driving, combined with immorality, are two of the greatest menaces to the human family to-day. The drinker, the reckless driver and the immoral are usually found herded together, going from roadhouse to tavern, often to cafe's and filling stations and sad to say, many times to some of our out-standing hotels, all of which leads eventually to the brothel. This does not apply to youth alone, for in this mad crowd many older people are found. Marriage vows are forgotten and counted an unholy thing by teeming millions to-day, while divorce courts are among the most popular and outstanding places of sin and degradation. It is no sight to see men and women with several living husbands or wives, but Oh, how tragic this is when little innocent children become the

victims, who have to pay, and pay all their natural lives for the immorality of parents. Drinking and revelry, immorality and debauchery led Belshazzar and his crowd at the feast, on to meet their doom. God poured out His wrath upon them and though they were an idolatrous people, we know that it is strong drink that crazes the brain, the seat of knowledge, and brings ruin and desolation in the end. Where strong drink is the superior charm in a person's life, we will find low morals. When Lot got out of Sodom, one of the first things he did was to get drunk and we know what followed. In the days of Amos, the prophet, the people were drinking. The prophet Isaiah delivers a fearless and forceful message in the 28th chapter on strong drink. Joel 3: 3, says. "And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink." This Scripture is for the future and yet, it fits the case of our own America, also some other nations to-day.

The liquor "gang" said, "Bring back strong drink and our country will soon be out of debt, put the revenue in the States and Nation's treasuries and it will bring us out of the depression." If we answer conscientiously, we will have to ring out an honest No; Our girls have been sold for wine and boys given for harlots. Oh, God hasten the day when places dealing in this damnable traffic will be stamped from the earth and we will be free from its awful influence, that like a serpent, winds itself around our youth with all its sinuous cunning until ready for its last spring when it coils itself and in an unguarded moment, fastens its poisonous fangs into the very life blood of the victim and his doom is fixed, both here and hereafter.



Great preparation is being made by our government to keep the foreign enemy from invading our shores, but a worse enemy than war is in our midst. Hundreds of our young men have been led to commit awful crimes through the use of drink. Many of our young women have thrown modesty and virtue to the winds and have tottered down the "primrose" path alone. State prisons, convict camps, county jails, rescue homes, insane asylums, hospitals and other institutions have enlarged their capacity and many are filled to the limit, and yet there is not room to take care of the delinquents of our nation that have come about through the use of strong drink. We could dwell on this for hours and still not tell it all, however we have given an outline sufficient to guide one to the great Teacher, who has given warning after warning in His Book of Books, the Holy Bible. Read 1 Cor. 6: 10 "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom." When we pass up and down our highways, and see the awful beer and whiskey signs and advertisements, it makes our hearts sad, for we have acknowledged to ourselves that those who deal in it do not hope or expect to go to heaven.

We pass on to a group of "Shadows" that we find in Paul's letter to Timothy. He gives conditions as to the last days and warns Timothy to cry aloud against the things named in II Tim. 3: 1-5 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than

lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." A book of sermons could be extracted from these verses, but we do not have time to deal with them separately.

In the first verse quoted, notice carefully that Paul refers definitely to the "last days," and calls them "perilous times, naming the condition that humanity has drifted into. Even our men are in love with themselves. It is a common thing to see men coming from beauty shops, looking more like clowns than men, they are proud, covetous, boastful. When did you ever see a time when people want everything they see and some will even steal to carry out their own plans that they may consume it upon their lusts. Not all men and women are of this type, thank God. We are glad we yet have good men and good women, good boys and girls, who really love the Lord and who are looking forward to that meeting in the air, but it grieves our hearts to see before our very eyes, this Scripture as given by Paul, coming to pass. Oh, the sham and hypocrisy being practised by those having a "form of godliness" but denying the power thereof. Look at the pleasure seekers, many of them whose names are enrolled on Church ledgers, forsaking the House of God for a "mess of pottage," Sabbath breakers, who for what they call a "thrill," will jeopardize their soul's salvation for a few sinful pleasures, pleasures that often turn to bitter wormwood in their mouths, and become as a two-edged sword in their hearts and that frequently end in suicide, especially when conscience becomes active and they realize the awfulness of a mis-spent life, no hope, courage gone, they either resort to suicide or become human derelicts on the sea of life.



Jesus said that when you see the fig tree put forth its leaves, you would know that summer was nigh. The fig tree here is used as a type of the Jewish Nation and with so many persecutions coming to the Jews at this time, many of them going back to Palestine, while thousands are in concentration camps, scattered throughout European countries, while others are hungering for a sight of the Holy Land, we must needs know that the coming of our Lord is drawing very near, yea, even at the door. To His saints, it is sweet to know that while His coming is so close at hand, the redemption of our bodies is also near. My prayer is that all who love His appearing, may be faithful to the end and found worthy and waiting when the Bridegroom comes for His Bride, the Church of the living God.

## The Bridal Call, or Christ's Second Coming

*Scripture Lesson, Matthew 24*

*Text, Hebrew 10: 37; Revelation 1: 7*

No subject in God's Word stirs his saints more than the Rapture of the Church, because it was one of the most emphatic and outstanding prophecies of the Bible, especially as taught by our Lord. In His Olivet discourse, after He had given His disciples the signs of His return, He then told them whom He was coming back for—a prepared people. Let His word speak for itself; Matt. 24: 44, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." Thousands, perhaps millions of men, women and children could tell you what Jesus came for the first time, but are not able to tell you what will bring Him back the second time.

Ask a child what Jesus came for the first time and he or she would answer immediately, "He came to save sinners," no better or truer reply could be made. We might be able to elaborate and give more details, but it would all mean the same thing. He came from heaven to this sin-cursed earth the first time to redeem us from the power of sin. He is coming the second time to redeem our bodies and fashion them after His glorious Body. Phil. 3: 21 "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." If we will read the Fifth chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we find what is ex-



pected of the Bride, but before we go further into the details, we want to make it clear that the return of Jesus for His glorious Church is in two divisions.

On account of the awful tribulation that is coming on the earth, the first stage is when He comes and takes one with Him and leaves another. Note Luke 17: 34, 35 & 36; "I tell you, in that night, there shall be two men in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken and the other left.

"Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left." So we see that the wicked will be left behind to go through the great tribulation, for it is only those who have put on the "wedding garment" and made themselves ready, who will be caught up to meet Him in the air. 1 Thess. 4: 16, 17 "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Our first text, Heb. 10: 37, reads "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and not tarry." There is nothing said about Jesus remaining on the earth at this time. Coming for the saints and coming with the saints are two different things, for only the dead in Christ and living saints are meant. The tribulation saints are still under the altar. Rev. 6: 9 "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for His

testimony which they held." Another Scripture in Rev. 20: 4, takes place after the battle of Armageddon and is classed with those whom the Lord will bring with Him at the battle, when He comes to sit in judgment and to make war. Rev. 19: 11. When He calls His Bride to the banquet halls of heaven, He will come as a gentle, glorious Bride-groom would come. No earthly bride-groom comes for the lovely girl he is to wed, with war weapons, poisonous gasses and other death dealing instruments, but he comes with love in his heart and fond hopes and expectations for future happiness and prosperity.

God's wrath is just as sure as that of His mercy. When He comes to fight Armageddon, and brings His Bride back with Him, His wrath will be poured out. Read Rev. 19; 7, 8 & 9. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: For the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he saith unto me, write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And He saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God." Now back to the first part of this message. Read Rev. 5: 9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue and people, and nation." 10th verse—"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth."

We see these are at the wedding, rejoicing, while those spoken of in Rev. 6: 9, are in sorrow, yet waiting for something.



Go with us to the 14th. chapter of Zechariah, which shows us the second division of His coming, and read "When his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives," which He will not do when He comes for His Bride, for She shall rise to meet Him in the air. No doubt but the air will be filled with spiritual bodies on that great and notable day, coming for their new bodies which shall be given at the first resurrection. I Cor. 15: 23 reads as follows: "But every man in his own order; Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." In this same chapter, we note that the resurrection brings a change, verses 51 and 52. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." Next verse, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible; and we shall be changed." The sounding of the trumpet to the saint, will be the sweetest music ever to fall on either mortal or immortal ear.

No doubt, when the Church is caught up, there will be, here upon the earth, a great stir for a short period of time.

People who are familiar with the circumstances of His second coming will realize what has taken place, others will enter the Tribulation spiritually blinded. Not that God wanted it this way—they made their own choice. While the great Tribulation is sweeping the earth, heaven will be ringing with praises to Him who suffered and died that we might live. The longest standing engagement ever heard of will have been brought to a close; the Bride will be receiving her reward for her loyalty, her faithfulness and her fond hopes and expect-

tions for the coming of the Bridegroom. Note that the bridegroom of an earthly bride, usually comes and takes his bride away to his own home, and that is what the Master promised in John 14: 1-3. "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." Jesus says He will come as a "thief" in the night, to collect His jewels, and He will leave more than He takes away.

When a thief enters a bank, he goes after the cash; he leaves papers and other things behind, for he cares nothing for land notes, mortgages etc., so will it be at the Rapture. The world will be left behind. It may mean the separation of husbands and wives, children from parents, friends and loved ones, but alas, too late, too late!

Let us note who shall see His coming. "Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him, and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." Rev. 1: 7.

We call your attention to Zech. 14: 4, "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the East." This is only a part of the verse, and a part of the fifth reads thus: "And the Lord my God shall come and all the saints with thee." This means the saints of all ages, including the Tribulation saints. Paul says the Church will be presented to Christ a glorious Church. Eph. 5: 27 says, "That he



might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Dear reader, if you are a Christian, can you not be as faithful during His absence as you would in His presence? Would you like to be somewhere in worship, trying to win souls when the clouds roll back, or would you like to be somewhere in the palaces of sin? There were only two classes at the cross, and there will be only two classes when Jesus comes, they will be the saved and the unsaved. It has been nearly two thousand years since He went away, and He left sufficient evidence that He is coming again. He told His disciples that He would first send the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit. John 15: 26, John 14: 26.

He also told them at the supper, "As often as ye do this ye do it to show forth His death until He come." The beautiful engagement ring will soon be laid aside for the Crown. Thank God for the Communion Table, for while engaged in this part of our Lord's commands, we can look back to the Cross, from whence comes our salvation. Then we can look forward to the Rapture, for the blessed redemption of our bodies, which will never die, nor grow weary while the ages roll on.

At the wedding, we shall meet long lost friends and loved ones, who went away years ago and who have been waiting for us. Earthly gatherings and re-unions bring great joy to our hearts, but how much greater and more sublime will be the glory of the meeting with the blood-washed throng awaiting us up yonder—people of all nations, kindreds and tribes. Let us take particular notice of the great preparation that is being made

for our reception. Many of us will never be able to live in a mansion in this world, but Jesus is fitting one for each of His children.

Some of us will never be dressed in silks, satins and fine linens here, but we will wear robes of righteousness at the wedding feast of the Lamb. Many of His redeemed ones have never seen the beautiful earth in which they live. Some have lived in hovels, and in the very slums of our large cities and in many undesirable places, but they will know what the future holds for them, and realize the beauties of the new life with Christ Jesus in the "House of many mansions."

It seems almost too good to be true that frail, mortal man should be promoted to such a high place in the kingdom of our Lord. But when we think of the martyred Stephen and his glorious experience when he saw the heavens open and Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father, while he was crossing over the great divide between earth and heaven, it should inspire and encourage us in our every effort to be faithful till Jesus comes. Oh, help us to live every moment as though it were our last upon the earth. We could even give time gazing up into the heavens and open our ears to the voice of the angel as he said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11. Some people will tell you Jesus comes to earth every time that one of his saints falls asleep, but this is a mistake. Read Heb. 9: 24. "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the time, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Jesus is engag-



ed in His mediatorial work. Doubtless He sends thousands of sweet angels when one of His redeemed passes on. Another beautiful Scripture is given in Heb. 12: 22. "But ye are come into Mt. Zion, and into the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and the spirits of just men made perfect."

After writing this message, I thank God I can say with John in Rev. 22: 20, "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## Watchman, What of the Seven Years of Night

*Scripture Lesson, Revelation 16*

*Text, Isaiah 21: 14*

The Tribulation period has been one of much comment and speculation. Some say the Tribulation comes before the Church is Raptured, others say the terrible suffering, both spiritual and political, will come after the Church has been caught up. Before giving Bible references concerning this subject, let us draw a comparison: An earthly bridegroom would not let his bride suffer any great calamity, if he could find any possible way to avoid it.

He would risk his very life to save and protect her from danger, and to secure for her the best possible position in life. How much more, then, would God do for His very own? The fact is that Jesus never did say to them, watch and be ready to escape all these calamities that were coming to the earth, but He did say, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21: 36.

There is a vast difference between some fatal disaster that God would send, and one that the devil would send on the people. If God sends famines, pestilences, earthquakes and floods, He saves His people from them, just as He did when He sent the flood and wiped out the



antedeluvian world, with the exception of Noah and his family.

Before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, God sent angels to get Lot and his family out, and was so merciful that He held back the fire while Lot was hastening from house to house, trying to get his wicked children and their families to flee with him. As soon as he had escaped the city, God rained fire and brimstone from heaven on these wicked cities, and all the cities round about them. Jude 1: 7 says, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Let us notice the terrible seven years of famine that God sent Joseph on to Egypt ahead of. Joseph here is a beautiful type of Christ. Joseph suffers and makes preparation for his brethren, who had sold him into slavery, to escape the awful dearth that was soon to sweep the land. He was also getting ready to take unto himself, a Gentile bride. Joseph was rejected by his brethren, so was Jesus. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1: 11. "Away with Him, away with him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no King but Caesar." John 19: 15.

Jesus was the last King the Jews ever had, and they crowned Him with thorns. Hosea 3: 4 says, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince and without a sacrifice, and without an image and without an ephod and without terap-him." Between the fourth and fifth verses, Millenniums

will come and go before Israel, as a nation, seeks the Lord in spirit and in truth. Verse five says, "Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days." Also between these two verses, the seven years of great tribulation will come upon the earth, for prophecy must be fulfilled.

There is no doubt but that we are now in what the Master called, "The beginning of sorrows," but not the period that will be known as the "Tribulation." With the Bride of Christ gone, which also is a Gentile, the earth is staged for one of the greatest periods of suffering the world has ever known. According to prophecy, it is the time of Jacob's trouble. Jer. 30: 5 says, "For thus said the Lord, We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace." The 6th verse reads, "Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child, wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness."

We see the type of suffering in Jacob and his sons for rejecting Joseph, but Jacob's suffering is not to be confused with that of his sons. Joseph here is a wonderful type of our heavenly Father. Gen. 37: 3 reads, "Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph, more than all of his children." This is all we need to convey the thought we want to bring out. Jacob himself will not be in the Tribulation, only his descendants. Jacob was saved from the famine, but note how his sons suffered before Joseph revealed himself to them.

To reach the real depths of the Tribulation, we go to



the Olivet discourse of Christ in Matt. 24: 15, which says, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.\*)" Let us see what Daniel says in Dan. 9: 27: "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

It is generally understood that students of prophecy are agreed that the "weeks" spoken of by Daniel mean seven years. At this period, the Beast will have his part in bringing on more suffering for the people who are left behind. Daniel tells us here that he will "make a covenant with many for a week," which means seven years, but in the middle of the week he will stop their sacred oblations and sacrifices. Just think what a deadly blow this will be to the Jewish people, to have their temple worship cease. According to Daniel in chapter 11, verse 31, "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." Surely this will corroborate with Paul, as he speaks in II Thess. 2: 3, 4. "Let no man deceive you, by any means, for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God, sheweth himself that he is God."

This leads us to the prophet Ezekiel, where he uses the King of Tyrus to point out and foreshadow the Beast. It is the most alarming thing mortal man could be guilty of, to turn from worshipping God, or to worship the creature more than the Creator. The question is often asked, "Can any people be saved during the Tribulation? We answer, Yes. Daniel 11: 33 says, "And they that understand among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days." Leaving Daniel's prophecies of the Tribulation mysteries, risking and giving their lives to save others, we take up the two Witnesses named in Rev. 11: 3, 4. "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candle-sticks standing before the God of earth."

Notice the 3rd. verse, that we may get a clearer conception of the "two Witnesses" and who they are. It may be helpful to the reader if I relate to you a personal experience of my own which took place in my early ministry, perhaps about thirty years ago. I received a letter from a very dear friend, asking me to tell her who the "two witnesses" were and also the "beast." I had never made a special study of either one, so I was unprepared to give her a definite answer, but I immediately turned to my Bible and began to search and to study and pray. The more I perused God's Word, the more confused I became. I felt that it would never do, that I, a minister of the Gospel of Christ, should not be familiar enough with the prophecies, the teachings of the Master and the preaching of the Apostles, not to be able to give a clear conception of these Two



Witnesses. I was not so much disturbed about the "Beast," as I was the Witnesses. Days passed, and even weeks, still I was unable to write to my friend and give her an answer that was purely Biblical and that would be satisfying. I became so anxious, and so burdened that I went into a Fast before God, telling Him all about my dilemma, and, that for His glory, I wanted a revelation on these "Witnesses." On the third day, as I was praying and searching, the "Still small voice" whispered to me, "Read the last verse of the 10th chapter of Revelations." I immediately opened my Bible and my eyes fell on these words—words that I shall never forget as long as life lasts. Rev. 10: 11, "And he said unto me, thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and kings."

Then the same sweet voice said, "Read the last verse of the last chapter of Daniel. You can judge for yourself how happy I was when I read the Scripture, for the mystery was no longer a mystery. Daniel 12: 13 says, "But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Many years have passed and I have read numerous articles on this subject, some of which said that the Two Witnesses are Enoch and Elijah, others say, Elijah and Moses. Those saying it was Elijah and Enoch, claim that it must be these, for they never tasted death and will have to come back to earth to die. To my mind, this is poor argument, for teeming thousands will be in the Rapture that will never die, but will be changed and go through the air, shouting, "O, death where is thy sting? O, grave where is thy victory?" I Cor. 15: 55. Other writers who claim Moses and Elijah to be the Two Witnesses, say that the fact that these two ap-

peared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration is testimony enough, that Moses represented the resurrected saints, while Elijah represented the living saints at the Rapture. However, to continue with the revelation given us, if we stopped with the reading of the 3rd verse of Rev. and the 11th. chapter, we would not likely get the spiritual light necessary. We might say the Two Witnesses were just two olive trees and two candlesticks, but in order to bring out the revealed Word of God, the olive tree has a wonderful significance in God's Word, relative to Israel, and also to the Gentiles.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans in the 11th chapter gives us definite details regarding Israel being cut off from the good olive tree, which is Christ. He then speaks of the Gentiles being "grafted" in. We should bear in mind that Jesus was a Jew. We are just touching on the olive trees. Daniel, under the law, represents Israel before being cut off from the good olive tree. Christ has been our Saviour in the eternal past, as much so as He is to-day. Under the law, the people were saved, looking forward to the coming of the Messiah and the victory of the cross. To-day we look back to Calvary, where our salvation was purchased, for we know there is no virtue in the cross of wood, but in the living Christ, so it was with the people under the law. John represents the Gentiles "grafted" into the good Olive tree, which is Christ. We must remember, however, that Israel will be "grafted" in again, when everything has been accomplished that was destined by the great God of heaven.

Now let us notice what is meant by the "Candlesticks." We recall that Jesus told John in the first



chapter of Revelation that the Candle-sticks represented the Churches. Daniel, under the law, represented the church. Some one will doubtless say that there was no such thing as a Church under the law, but Paul calls Israel a Church in Acts 7: 38, and says, "This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the Mount Sina, and with our fathers, who received the lively oracles to give unto us." However, this church mentioned is not to be confused with the New Testament Church which became an organism on the day of Pentecost, which later, with other redeemed souls, will become the Gentile Bride of Christ. We are not able to say whether these "Two Witnesses" will be as Jesus told the disciples when they asked if Elias would come. See Matt. 17: 11-13. "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that He spake unto them of John the Baptist." Now if God wants them to come in person, that is His business, but according to these Scriptures, they will prophesy again and doubtless many miracles will be performed during the terrible days, weeks and months of suffering. These two great men of God, representing both Jew and Gentile, will be able to win both races, or classes.

Daniel, being familiar with Jewish customs, will perhaps turn many poor, dispersed Israelites to God, and we know many Gentiles will be saved, according to Rev. 7: 9. "After this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindred,

and people and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands." There is another thought in connection with the preaching or prophecy of these "Two Witnesses." We have already said that Daniel represented the Jew and that John represented the Gentile, but that does not mean that both Jew and Gentile would or could not be saved, only as these prophets met them in person and expounded the Word separately.

In the age in which we live, a converted Jew can reach more of his race than a Gentile preacher. The Two Witnesses will be miraculously preserved until they have finished their testimony, then God will permit the beast to make war with them, and overcome them, just as He permitted Christ to be crucified. The wicked people will rejoice at their death, and even send gifts to each other, and will go so far as to not bury them, but at the end of three and one half days, the Spirit of Life from God will come back into them. Rev. 11: 11 says, "After three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them." The 12th verse tells us that "while their enemies beheld them ascend to heaven, the same hour the earth was visited with a great quake." With all these great prophets could do, people still rejected God, just as they have in the past and are doing now. With nations at war and thousands being slaughtered, while numberless others, with women and little innocent children are living in terror day and night, the devil is still up to his old tricks of blinding the eyes of thousands of others.

Show houses are filled, taverns are still doing a thriv-



ing business, night clubs, brothels and other "dives of sin," are still turning out their victims. Drink and lusts of all descriptions are rampant, and yet there seems to be no let up of the devil. He is the busiest person known to mankind, always on the alert for new victims, never still, never satisfied.

We can rejoice, however, that his days are numbered, for the last days of the Tribulation reveals to us the sad reaping which shall come when the "beast" has lost his power, and leads toward Armageddon. We are not able to tell you the name of the "beast," or who he is, other than that he will be some political ruler, endowed with the power of Satan himself. There are vast speculations regarding his personality, but perhaps our surmise is as correct as that of others. He may be right in our midst to-day, but not manifest yet. He will be well supported by Satan and false prophets and leaders, and as many as choose to follow him. There will be such terrible suffering as the Tribulation draws to a close. The power of the "beast" will be so great that when the poor victims of sin see the miracles he performs, will doubtless cry out, "This is the Christ, we will follow where he leads." While those who refuse to be deceived by him will, in all probability, die the death of martyrs. We can see the work of the beast foreshadowed in some things that predominate the political world to-day, but we are unable to say what form of deceit will be used. We can give, however, a sure and complete remedy, a way of escape from the evil and vicious influence of the "beast." That way is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, to serve, to worship and adore and to be caught up in the Rapture, and so miss all these terrible calamities that are coming upon the earth at a

latter day. For fear of over-lapping this message with the kingdom age, we shall leave the last days of the Tribulation, telling of the great sufferings of Israel and of their restoration to their own land, which is to be brought out in the message, "The Dove Will Come Home in the Evening."



# The Battle of Armageddon and Five Outstanding Prophecies Fulfilled

*Scripture Lesson, Revelation 19*

*Text, Revelation 16: 16*

Perhaps no battle in past history has been discussed with the anxiety and interest as has that of the "Battle of Armageddon." In fact, no battle has ever been promised the victory that this one has. Something about the name itself has soul-stirring power, and yet the word "Armageddon" occurs only once in the Bible. Rev. 16: 16 reads, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon." The location of the battle ground will be the ancient hill and valley of Megiddo, west of Jordon in the plain of Jezreel.

In Joel 2: 11, we read, "And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" No battle of the past has ever met the description of Joel's, so it is yet in the future. Read Joel 3: 9. 10. "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near; let them come up." Jer. 25: 29 says, "For lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts." In



the 30th verse we find these words: "Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; He shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout as they that tread the grapes, against the inhabitants of the earth." Verse 31 says, "A noise shall come even unto the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh, he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord." Let us notice the 32 and 33 verses which read, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." The prophet gives here a wonderful account of the battle, as does Joel and John. We refer you to Zech. 12: 2 which reads; "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem." Please read the entire 14th chapter of Zechariah as it gives a climax to all these other quotations.

It includes the battle of Armageddon, the visible return of our Lord in His glory and the kingdom age set up. We are not prepared to say how long the battle will go on, but we want to bear in mind that the beast gathers all his armies together and comes against the Lord. The devil has given the beast so much power during the latter part of the Tribulation, that he feels he can conquer the forces of heaven. Oh the horror

of being deceived to the extent of thinking for one moment that human power could win the victory in a battle with Christ as Captain of all the armies of heaven. Doubtless there will be great improvements made from time to time of war weapons of present use. Think of what powerful guns, bombs, poisonous gas, fighting planes of various descriptions and other war machinery, but if we turn to Rev. 19: 11 and read on through the rest of the chapter, we will see Satan's power defeated, and our Christ gloriously exalted. Not only is the battle fought and won, but the outstanding prophecies that head this message are fulfilled. Joel tells us that multitudes will be in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened and the stars will withdraw their shining. What a terrible day, when the fulfilment of these prophecies is complete. The beast and the false prophets will be cast alive into the lake of fire. This is the 2nd. prophecy. The devil will be bound and Christ will win the victory in the great battle. Israel will be restored, as given by Zech. 12: 10, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for his first born." As we mentioned before in this message, we are not able to say how long the battle will last, but to add to the horrible picture, earthquakes will abound, the moon will not only be darkened, but will be turned into blood. Some time before the battle begins, the sun will be hot enough to scorch men. Isa. 30; 26 says, "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of



his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." Rev. 16: 8 reads, "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given him to scorch men with fire." Remember that a day can last a thousand years. The day of the Lord can last from the Rapture until the White Throne Judgment. The day of grace has lasted nearly two thousand years. Peter tells us that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. The battle of Armageddon will mark the close of all these terrible wars that are now raging. There must come a time when all nations will lay down their arms and learn war no more. Isa. 2: 4 says, "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This is a very gracious and welcome promise of the One who loved us and washed us in His own precious blood and hath made us priests and kings. We close this message with Rev. 5: 10, which reads as follows: "And has made us unto our God, kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth."

## The Dove Will Come Home in the Evening

*Scripture Lesson, Zechariah 12*

*Text, Genesis 8: 11*

This subject of the "Dove" returning in the "Evening," has a most unique connection with the re-gathering of Judah and Israel, which will be brought out in this discourse. It will doubtless take references as far back as Genesis, in order to lay a foundation on which we wish to build.

When we speak of an individual, or a nation, that is of any significance, about the first thing that comes to our minds is, Who are they, or where did they come from? So it is in the case of Judah and Israel. Who are they, and where did they originate? We shall let God's word speak often, that we may keep in the clear light of prophecy.

We will say first that these two great nations had their origin in the mind of God somewhere in the eternal past, and when it pleased Him to reveal His purpose and plan to mortal man, He chose Abraham, who was a type of Himself. He next selects Isaac, the son of Abraham, who was a type of Christ. So we can say that God made His covenant with Abraham and his descendants. In Gen. 17: 19, we find the promised covenant, "And God said, Sarah, thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him." The scene shifts and we find that Isaac



came according to promise, and in the birth of this promised son, we find God's miraculous power demonstrated. He had told Sarah that she would bear a son in her old age—would not any of us consider it a wonderful thing for a father One Hundred years of age and the mother, Ninety to become parents of a child? Gen. 21: 2 says, "For Sarah conceived, and bear Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him." In the 22nd chapter of Genesis, we find Abraham taking Isaac, his son, to the land of Moriah, to one of the Mountains, to offer him for a burnt offering, which is the type of Christ offered at Calvary for the sins of the world.

Perhaps no event mentioned in all the Old Testament is so pathetic as the relation between father and son at this crucial hour. Alone, the two went on together until the designated place was reached, the place appointed of God, where an altar had been set up wood was there and the fire, but Isaac, the lad, said to Abraham, his father, "All of these things are here, but where is the lamb?" I have always believed that God answered through that old patriarch, who said, "God will provide Himself a lamb," and sure enough when Isaac was stretched upon the altar, "An angel spake from heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham, and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." Gen. 22: 11, 12. This gives us such a beautiful picture of the blessed unity between Christ and His heavenly Father.

We next take you to Jacob, the son of Isaac, and give

some data on this great character, who is a direct descendant of Abraham, and also the father of the great nations which we have under discussion. Jacob calls his twelve sons around him, and each one receives a blessing, which contains future prophecy concerning both Judah and Israel. Let us remember that often the twelve are spoken of as the sons of Jacob, and again they are spoken of as the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

In order to keep this clear in the sight of prophecy and in our minds also, we recall that when Jacob wrestled with the angel at Peniel, God changed his name from Jacob to Israel. Gen. 32: 28. "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel, for as a prince thou hast power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

With these notable references, we deal with both Judah and Israel. Gen. 49: 10 says, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." This blessing pronounced on Judah, also included the coming of the Messiah. We see very little friction among the tribes until we reach the 19th chapter of Judges, which includes the 20th chapter also.

On account of a terrible tragedy which took place in Gibeah, and when the other tribes saw that the Benjamites took part in the crime, they waged war against them and slew thousands of them and drove them to Rimmon, and it came to pass when the tribes went up to worship that they wept when they realized that the tribe of Benjamin was cut off from the tribes of Israel,



and they repented for they had killed all the women, and they had made an oath that no wives should be taken from the other tribes. So they sent and brought in four hundred young virgins from Jabeshgilead to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. Yet this was not enough wives for all, and another scheme was planned. A number of the daughters of Shiloh came to a certain place to dance, and they sought their opportunity, and as these young women passed, they caught them so that each Benjamite got a wife and took them away to their wasted cities and began the process of rebuilding, after all their harrowing experiences of war. This Tribe was re-instated with Israel. Many people think and often refer to this as the "lost tribe of Israel," but let us quote James in his epistle, First chapter, verse 1. "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the Twelve Tribes which are scattered abroad, Greeting."

According to this statement, no tribe was lost, for no distinction is placed upon one more than another. James said they were "scattered." Only Judah, at this time, holds her identity as a tribe, yet it is scattered to the four corners of the earth. At the death of Solomon, Judah and Israel became separate kingdoms, Judah was appointed to Rehoboam, who was to rule over them, but when he came to Jerusalem he assembled the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin together, to war, in an effort to get the kingdom back to the house of Solomon. However, the kingdom remained separate, both kept sinning and going into idolatry, then wars followed and God began to scatter them, finally allowing the heathen nations to capture them and drive them out from their own

country. If we read the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah, we will see how they suffered. But with all of their rebellion, God sent them prophets to tell them what He would do if they would repent.

As Judah and Israel drew nearer to the coming of Christ, many beautiful promises were given concerning the SECOND coming. In fact, more was said of the second coming than of the first coming. Beyond the second coming, God was offering a kingdom that he had promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David, although this long promised kingdom was postponed on account of sin and the rejection of Christ.

## SECOND CHAPTER

In this second chapter, we take up some new phases of Israel and Judah. They are compared to the "Vine tree, the Olive tree and the Fig tree."

We might class these as symbols of nations. The Vine is an Old Testament symbol. In Psa. 80: 8, 9 we find, "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it. Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root." We might ask, Why should this be the Old Testament symbol? The wood of the vine is good for nothing, its leaves are worthless, because after God, having been so good and merciful to them, they became like a wild vine that produced wild grapes. Isa. 5: 1, 2 says, "Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill (Canaan). And he fenced it and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the



choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes." The vine, unless it brings forth good fruit, is fit for nothing, only the fire.

Let us notice a part of verse seven, same chapter, "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant." All of these prophecies have literally come to pass. The vineyard has been trodden down, which is Palestine. The vine has been up-rooted and scattered throughout the world, and to this very day, Israel as a nation, can be compared to a fruitless vine.

Again the Lord speaks through Ezekiel; "What is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest? Shall wood be taken there to do any work? Or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst is burned. Is it meet for any work?" Ezek. 15: 24.

Let us compare this with John 15: 1, 2. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." The fig tree is of great significance also. When the Master came to the barren fig tree, it was a symbol of the Jewish nation, that would have a curse to come upon it, at the crucifixion and rejection of Jesus, which was their last king.

All Bible readers will remember how they cried out

and said, "Away with this man, we have no king but Caesar," even going so far as to say, "Let His blood be on us and our children." Matt. 24: 32 reads, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." Many have asked, Is there any future for the Jews, which as we have already learned, came from the tribe of Judah, and also Israel, because Jacob, who became Israel, was to become the father of many nations? Yes, the covenant made with Abraham still holds good.

We are rapidly nearing the place where these nations will again come into favor with God and man. The Olive tree comes in its place last. We want to notice the nature of the Olive. It is the most fruitful of all trees, and is of long life. We are told that they live a thousand years. In the Bible, an olive tree always signifies an emblem of one whom God favors. "I am like a green olive tree in the house of my God." Psa. 52: 8. The olive tree was good for oil, and food. The oil was used in sacred ceremonies and for anointing the sick, and it brings forth its fruit even in old age, and its leaves do not wither. It is the first tree mentioned in the Bible, and it is from this text we get our subject, Gen. 8: 1. "And the dove came to him in the evening; and lo, in her mouth, was an olive leaf plucked off; so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth." All of these centuries Israel has been passing through deep waters and fires of persecution.

The dove here is a type of the Holy Spirit. The Olive leaf plucked off is a type of the remnant of Israel. The Evening is a type of the age in which we live, for we are



now nearing the end of the Gentile age. We have seen in the different messages how God has dealt with them, but that is not yet all of the Scripture we shall give. When the Dove comes in the Evening and presents back to God the "remnant" that has been preserved around the battle of Armageddon, there will dawn a new day for the long dispersed Israel. Before giving other Bible quotations on the Kingdom Age, it would do injustice to God's plan to leave off how He carries the "remnant" through the last days of the Tribulation. Revelation 12, gives us a true picture of Israel, through the WOMAN John saw, she that fled into the wilderness.

Let us go back to Jeremiah, 31: 2, "Thus saith the Lord, the people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest." Read Ezek. 20: 33-35 which says, "As I live saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you; and I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face."

We recommend that this entire chapter be read, also read Ezekiel 22. It will help the reader to see that God will purge out the dross and purify to himself a people and preserve them for the Kingdom Age.

We refer you also to the 37th chapter of Ezekiel to see how God brings the long parted nations of Judah and Israel together. In the 21st and 22nd verses of this

chapter we find these words: "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all." By reading the remainder of the chapter, we see that this prophecy is yet in the future. To get a real and vivid picture of this prophecy, it would be well to read the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel, telling of their horrible wars which lead up to Armageddon, however some of the prophecies have reference to the battle of Gog and Magog, which we will speak of later.

These long scattered nations will look upon Him whom they have pierced. Zech. 12: 10 says, "And I will pour out upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon."

If these verses are carefully studied, the anguish and bitterness noted, I think they could easily be connected with Ezek. 22: 20, and Mal. 3: 2, 3. They will doubtless suffer in their souls with such bitter agony for their disobedience to God. It could well be compared to a refining fire. This will be when a nation is born in a day. Isa. 66: 8 says, "Who hath heard such a thing?



Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." This Scripture has a two-fold meaning. At ONCE Zion is restored; the Spirit of grace is poured out, after a bitter repentance. Then the day in which she brings forth children can mean the Thousand Years on earth in which many will repent and be saved, for one day in the Bible often means a "thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." II Peter, 3: 9 reads, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." It is not so with us here in our mortal state. Time drags along from year to year, but time reckoned by God is different. He says in Isa. 11: 11, "He will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people." This is not the entire verse, but we recommend the reading of the whole chapter. However, another connecting link between the Wilderness experience of Israel and the setting up of the Kingdom Age will be found in Zech. 13: 9, which says, "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried, they shall call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

After these great nations have been brought to Jerusalem and the rebels purged out, and the third part refined, they are ready to take orders from their new King.

We must remember that the earth is in a wrecked and ruined stage. Israel will be seven years burning the

war weapons, and seven months burying the dead and cleansing the land. Read the 39th chapter of Ezekiel. All of this will be easy for them, since the devil is bound and wars have ceased. We are now ready for God to tell us when the Kingdom Ages will start, and what the nature of things will be. Isa. 2: 2, tells us, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountains of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." This prophecy is yet to come. There has never been a time when all nations went to Jerusalem to worship. There has never been a time when all nations beat their swords into plow-shares and their spears into pruning hooks. The 11th chapter of Isa. deals with the Kingdom Age also. There has never been a time in the history of the world when children played with the wild animals, but in the 9th verse of this 11th chapter, we find these words, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my Holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

At this present time, the earth is covered with wickedness of all kinds and descriptions—wars, famines, earthquakes, pestilences, and everything that the devil can turn loose on humanity. We earnestly recommend the careful perusal of these Scriptures, with a prayer that God will give wisdom and understanding. Isaiah gives us in the 27th chapter and 6th verse, this prophecy,



"He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit." This has not yet come to pass, but we are watching for it to begin.

Another beautiful expression of Isaiah, given in the 62nd chapter, tells of the earth and the deep spirituality that shall be felt during the peaceful reign. "For Zion's sake, will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed desolate; but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and the land, Beulah; for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married." This chapter should be studied by all who read this, also the 65th chapter of Isaiah, from verse 20 through the 25th. We notice here how long life is pictured, even a child is mentioned at a hundred years old and a sinner a hundred years old will be accursed. This means that if one is not saved before he reaches a hundred years of age, he will not likely be saved at all.

During this age in which we live, if a person is not saved before they reach old age, they are never or rarely ever saved. Isaiah refers to the "wolf" and the "lamb" feeding together. Oh such sweet peace! Some one might ask, Will every one be saved during the period of righteousness? No, there will be people at the close

of the Kingdom Age, who will be in the battle of Gog and Magog, just as it was at Armageddon. People still have freedom of their will to choose right from wrong. The earth is not yet in her purified state, but a productive state. It will be a beautiful country to look at and to live in, according to Ezek. 36: 33, which says, "Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded, and the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited." Read the remainder of this and see how God blessed and multiplied the people. In the 29th verse of the same chapter are these words, "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." Let us turn to Zech. 14: 11 and read, "And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited." Other beautiful and convincing passages of Scripture could be used, but we believe sufficient references have been given to justify our discourse on this matter. We have made a prayerful and conscientious study of these prophecies, so we do believe, according to the light God has given us, that we shall have a thousand years of real peace on earth, and that Israel will have one day, or one thousand years in which to multiply and glorify the Messiah, whom they rejected.

Some one may ask, What will the Church be doing at this time? We refer you to St. Paul, in I Cor. 6: where we read, "Dare any of you having a matter against



another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" Rev. 5: 10, gives us this message, "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth." We, the Church, shall be in the armies of heaven when they come with Christ to fight Armageddon. Remember, at the Rapture, we had the promise to ever be with our Lord. So we will help Him in His earthly reign. We will have resurrected bodies and can move slow or fast, for we will be like Christ; we will be priests and kings. Just how wonderful and magnificent and holy, will be our experiences in that day.

The earth will be a beautiful place to live with Jesus as our King. Think what it will be like then, with no whiskey being sold, no drunken people reeling on the streets and highways, no cursing or swearing, no night revels where all manner of sin is carried on, no devil to set traps for unwary feet, nothing but peace. There shall be no wild beasts in the forests, nothing to make us afraid, or to make our hearts to quiver with dread. Think of the rapturous worship there will be in Jerusalem, with our blessed Savior as the leading factor in the Temple and in the City! Ezek. 48: 35.

No doubt but that Jerusalem will be for yearly feasts and sacred gatherings, they will come from all over the world to worship. Zech. 14: 16 says, "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which come against Jerusalem, shall even go from year

to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of Tabernacles."

The Temple itself will be beautiful beyond description. We can imagine the holy hush that will be felt when one enters and sees the Master and thousands of the saints of all ages pouring into the greatest worship and praise service ever known. One glorious thought about it is, that it will never cease, for as the years roll on, the saints will live with Him and glorify Him for what He has done for us. Rev. 20: 6 says, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." With this illustration, we shall close.

A few years ago, a little book fell into my hands that contained a man's dream concerning the kingdom reign. The dream was something like this: The man dreamed that he was in a strange, beautiful country, with mansions, flower gardens, fruit trees, green grasses and other attractive objects. As he was walking, he saw a man bending low in the waving grass, as if he had lost something. When he asked, "Have you lost something?" the man answered, "No, I am just looking for a snake for the baby to play with." "Oh," the stranger said, "a snake will bite your child." "Not so," said the man. "I perceive you are a stranger in our country. The snakes are all tame since the great King is ruling in Jerusalem."

In a few minutes the snake was found and the man threw it over his shoulder and started for a lovely mansion close by. The man of the dream walked with him and as they came near, a number of children were playing



with a lion and the stranger cried out in amazement and fear, "Oh, children, you are in danger," but his companion smiled and said, "No beast hurts or destroys since the great King is ruling in Jerusalem." The man of the dream said he went near and the lion and snake had such a kind look in their eyes, that his fear left him, and as he had grown hungry on his journey, he asked about a fruit stand where he might purchase some fruit. The man with the snake told him where to go. As he walked on to the main part of the City, he saw much luscious fruit of various kind, such as he had never seen before. On reaching for his money, he remembered he had a large bill, so he asked where the bank was. He was directed across the street by the fruit dealer. As he entered the building, he saw a woman at a typewriter, and said, "I see I am in the wrong building." She replied, saying "This is the Bank." He informed her of his desire to change his bill, and she told him "the money is at the door, change your bill there." Whereupon he replied, "We do not have banks like this where I came from," and the woman answered, "We have no bank robberies since the great King is ruling in Jerusalem." About that time a large airplane lighted close by and he hurried out to it and asked its destination, and found it was going to Jerusalem with five thousand passengers. It had twelve engines in the front and twelve in the rear, and that it only stopped ten minutes to take on those desiring to go up to worship, so the man said he got on the plane and they were soon going at a rapid speed. He said to one of the passengers, "What if this great plane should wreck?" The passenger smiled and said, "We have never had a wreck on land, sea or in the air since the great King has been ruling in Jerusalem." Just before

they were due to arrive at the beautiful City of Jerusalem, the man awoke, to find it only a dream. But thank God, dear friends and loved ones, our long expected dreams of the Master and His return and kingdom reign will be a glad reality, when we awake in His likeness. We close with Psa. 17: 15, which says, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake in thy likeness."



# **The Battle of Gog and Magog and What Follows**

*Scripture Lesson, Revelation 20*

*Text, Isaiah 34: 4*

After beholding the earth in the Kingdom Age with its beautiful, waving fields of grain, vineyards, orchards and gardens, it must have a closing period. For a little season, the devil will be loosed to go out and deceive nations which are in the four quarters of the earth. Rev. 8: 20. Remember that all during the Kingdom Age, the people had no tempter and that God was at no time a respecter of persons. So God permits the devil to contact the nations once more and he deceived many, then comes the battle of Gog and Magog. Ezek. 38: 22 reads, "And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many that are with him, an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone." Read Isa. 34: 3, 4 and you will find some strong points on this. Also note what Peter has to say. II Peter 3: 12 says, "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." In the 7th verse of the same chapter he connects the day of judgment with the destruction of the earth by fire. The great battle of Gog and Magog is fought with fire and will send the devil into the lake of fire after he makes his last attack on the city of Jerusalem, with that numerous throng which is soon to be devoured with fire from heaven. What a terrible, ter-



rible day, when sin and its victims meet the vengeance of God!

It is an awful thing to see a house burn, and some times whole cities are destroyed by fire. But when this old earth is melted and made over, it will be the biggest and the most terrible conflagration this world has ever witnessed, and the sad part is, people will still go on choosing sin rather than light, preferring to remain aloof from the blessed Christ who has bought and paid for them with the most precious price that could be, that of the spilling of His life's blood on calvary. We do not feel that it is necessary that we go so much into details regarding the destruction of the world by fire, for it is not so important as the final judgment and eternal damnation.

It is an embarrassing situation to have a case in one of our courts here on earth. How much more shall we dread being called before the highest Court that has ever been on record, where God will be the Judge! People in the courts of our land have been known to buy over judge and jury, but remember there will be no "bribing" in this Court, no appealing cases, for the final verdict will be sealed. This judgment will be for the wicked, as the righteous and the wicked do not go together. The Church has passed before the judgment seat of Christ long ago. All through the Tribulation and at the close of Armageddon, judgment was given the saints. Rev. 20: 4 says, "And I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither

had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." If we could keep in mind that "one day is as a thousand years with God, and a thousand years as one day," we would realize more fully how He marks time.

The dispensation of Grace is spoken of as the "day of salvation." It has lasted almost two thousand years. Some phase of judgment can be going on from the Rapture of the Church until the White Throne judgment. God does not say that judgment will be in the "twinkling of an eye." That is mentioned concerning the change of the living saints. Judgment will last until the records are searched, and the Books balanced, and whosoever was not written in the Book of Life, will receive the verdict of condemnation.

Rev. 20: 12-15 reads, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged, every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life, was cast into the lake of fire." You will notice that no books were opened at the Rapture, and nothing said of judging the wicked at that time. Heb. 9: 27 says, "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." I Peter 4: 17 reads, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the



house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God?" These are very strong points, and we must concede that the writers, who were inspired by God through the Holy Spirit, knew what they were doing.

The Master warned the wicked cities where He preached, that it would be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for them. Paul, while preaching at Athens, warned the people of a judgment day wherein God had appointed to judge the world in righteousness. Daniel said he saw the judgment seat and that the books were opened. What a terrible, although just, judgment. Even fallen angels will be there. Jude 1: 6. The wicked of all nations will be there. It is a fearful thing to think about, for a few of us do realize that it takes the various kinds of sin-wrecked lives to make up the wicked dead.

The question may be asked, What becomes of the sinner at judgment? Let the Psalmist answer. In *Psa.* 9: 17 we read, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

Thousands are deluding and consoling themselves that hell will burn them up as chaff, if they do go there. But listen, Paul warns the people of Galatia of just such an excuse, when he says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." *Gal.* 6: 7, 8. We see by this that there is a reaping time both here and hereafter. Eternal punishment will last as long as

does eternal life. Hell will last as long as heaven. The rich man in hell was still living; but suffering, oh, such terrible agony and torture! His memory was active; he thought of lost opportunities, he thought of loved ones and he did not want them to go to that awful place of torment. Doubtless, he thought of the various sins he had committed during his life of sumptuous living, but it was too late, he sealed his own doom by refusing to accept the sacrifice of Jesus for the redemption of lost and fallen man.

There will be only two classes of people when Jesus comes, and there will be only two places of abode, where residents never move away. One will be heaven, the other will be hell. Can you imagine, or picture a place where no sweet little baby's footsteps will be heard, no loving mother's voice singing the sweet lullaby's in the language of the redeemed, no place to rest from the toils of the day, no music to lull us to a sweet and dreamless sleep? The wicked will be there. All kinds and descriptions of criminals will be there; those who rejected the Gospel of Christ, together with all who neglected such great salvation, will all find themselves, when too late, in this vile place of punishment. In this hell we are talking about, will also be found people who have lived here in palaces and mansions, who have catered to every form of vice, spent their millions on their own sinful lusts, turned from every opportunity of accepting Christ and have gone to the last mile stone of life, when perhaps many times, some of them were brought face to face with the fact that at this crucial moment, when they most needed Jesus, they had to cross the dividing line alone, to awaken in the very torture of the damned. They find themselves prisoners, bound



with the fetters of sin and degradation. They will remember then the numerous times they put off salvation, and realize that there is no one to blame but themselves. Wicked rulers will spend their eternity with the beast and the false prophets, and have the ages of eternity to think of their terrible leadership here, for people never forget in that place of torment. Oh, poor lost souls, it brings an ache into our hearts to see so many on their way to eternal night. How we sometimes yearn to snatch them, as it were, as a "brand from the burning," but, as the Master said on looking on Jerusalem, "Ye would not." Let us take heed to the prophet as he says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 7. Oh, man of God, fail not to warn the lost of their eternal doom. Spare not, for surely we do not want the blood of any man crying out against us at the last great day. For we know the fruitless cries of false teachers, preachers, and false workers of all kinds, will ring out at that day with all the horror of lost souls. But it will then be too late to obtain mercy, for we must keep in mind that God's wrath is just as sure as His mercy. A person's own wickedness sends him to hell. God does not convict, he passes judgment, so if we go to that awful place, it will be from choice and not because our God desires it. Let us choose Christ and live.

## Heaven

Revelation 4: 1.—"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven." This will be the text for our message.

John, no doubt, saw more of heaven than anyone living on earth. He gives us enough in this fourth chapter to let us know that heaven is a real place and that real people inhabit the place. Now a great many people are distressed about not knowing their loved ones, and wondering if it will be heaven without them. We will give you strong Scriptures to prove that you will know your loved ones, and also be happy if they don't get there. Read Isaiah 65: 17. "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." We next take you to John 14: 1-3. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." We will talk on these verses for a while. Isaiah tells us that God will create a new heaven and a new earth. The former will not be remembered, nor come into mind. So we see that all the old past sins and horrible scenes of the devil's works will not be remembered in the new heaven. But look to John 14. Jesus had just been betrayed by Judas, and had instituted the blessed Supper. Of course, the disciples, knowing Jesus had been betray-



ed and would soon be crucified, were filled with sorrow. Then Jesus gave them the blessed assurances of meeting them again, and in His Father's house were many mansions. He said that He would prepare a place for them. John also used the word prepare in Revelation, "coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

We understand by the language of Jesus and John that, in the heaven that now is, great preparation is going on, getting ready to receive the ones on earth, that shall believe and forsake sin. Jesus is spending much time getting ready to meet us and take us to Himself in glory. Matt. 17 gives us a picture of the happiness and glory that shall fill heaven and the people that dwell there, also it shows us plainly that we will know each other. Peter, James and John knew Moses and Elias that had been dead for years, even centuries. They were like Jesus, in beauty, glory and brightness, and according to one of John's epistles, they were like Him in every sense. 1 John 3: 2. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

We get from the transfiguration on the mount, that some time, somewhere, we shall all be gathered home with Jesus to be like Him in every way, filled with glory and happiness forever and ever.

John tells us in the text that he saw a door opened in heaven, and goes on to say that he saw a throne, and describes the beauty of Him that sat on the throne, and before Him were gathered four and twenty elders.

He also tells of their beauty and their worship before the throne. This indeed will convince many that heaven is not a fairy land as some have pictured in their vision of the place. In Heb. 12: 22, "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." We get another splendid view of the heavenly country, as did Moses from Mount Nebo, when he viewed the promised land. We can take the different Scriptures, rightly divide them, and get heaven located. We will give one more Scripture right here to prove that we can have a real knowledge of the place, 2 Cor. 5: 1. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Now, with all these proofs from God's word, we can see that heaven is the home of the redeemed and a place of rest after life is over; a place where the long parted friends will meet again. This old, wicked world is the only place where the righteous will suffer. A woman once asked a minister if heaven would be a place of happiness and rest to her without her only boy. The minister answered like this: "If your boy rejects God and His mercy and dies in the service of the devil, at death there will be a transformation with him, as with the saints, and what was once your boy will be a demon, having passed into the devil's realm, and it is impossible for God to love the devil, as he continues in wickedness." We thought this was a good explanation, for there are Scriptures given to prove that the righteous have been transfigured after death. Matt. 17; 1 Cor. 15; Rev. 7, and many more Scriptures we could mention, but it is not necessary.



When a soul is saved by the blood of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, then and there a heart knowledge of heaven begins in that life. The Spirit reveals the blessed promise concerning heaven and we don't have to die to know something of the place: no death; no sickness; no sorrow; no separation; a city of God, with streets of gold and foundations of all manner of precious stones. It seems that the beauty of heaven and all the promises God has given would cause more to accept Christ and turn from their wickedness. Christians, be true to Jesus, fight the fight of faith, for after a while we will enter heaven and behold the place and see its glory and beauty for ourselves.

We can learn, by reading the word of God, that several of the chosen ones had great experiences concerning heaven. Jacob saw a ladder that reached to heaven and angels ascending and descending. Paul was caught up in the third heaven. John was caught up in the Spirit on the Lord's Day in the Isle of Patmos and saw the most wonderful things in heaven of any man we have any record of. He saw the redeemed in their heavenly robes of white, and the golden crowns on their heads; he also talked with them, and it seems that they had great wisdom and had at last reached their goal. John also heard the sweet music of the heavenly region and gives us a description of the place, and of the folks.

Some people believe that when they get to heaven, they won't be like people. But dear readers, then is the time when we will be real redeemed people of God, without sin or sorrow. One great blessing connected with the life beyond the grave for the saints is that our bodies will be like the body of Jesus. No blind, no lame,

no disfigured bodies, but perfect bodies like that of Christ.

About ten years ago I was made to appreciate the religion of Jesus Christ more than I ever had before. I called in the home of a sainted woman by the name of Aunt Jennie Smith. She was an invalid and was in bed, had been helpless for twenty-nine long years. Rheumatism had gone almost over her entire body. It was a pitiful sight, and yet, heaven was let down the few minutes I stayed in her room. She told me her story of suffering. For over thirty years she had been a sufferer, and for twenty-nine she had not been able to put a drink of water to her mouth or any kind of food, yet she was happy and you could feel the very presence of God in her life. We sang hymns and praised God together. Aunt Jennie said, "I will be with you in every revival till God takes me home." I went from the presence of that bed-ridden saint with a deeper vision of heaven than I had ever had before. I thought of Aunt Jennie when she left this world of sorrow, then of the glorious resurrection, then of the triumphant entry into the New Jerusalem with all her limbs straight and praising God forever. Friends, let's study out both sides of life and see whether it will pay to become a Christian. If we are Christians, with crippled bodies and poor homes, the toils of the journey will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way.

Think what a grand and glorious thing it will be to step out of a vale of sorrow and a humble home into the realms of love and peace eternal. God looks on the inside of hearts, man looks on the outside appearance, and when we are walking the streets of Gold, we will see



many who were poor in this life and had poor chances and hard struggles, but now all of their trials are ended and the beautiful scenery of heaven is theirs, and the sweet companionship of all the saints—no wickedness to ever meet again.

This short life ought to be spent in preparing for eternity. Heaven is worth making a sacrifice of every sin to reach and spend eternity in. One great hope we have is seeing Jesus, and we all want to see Him first, for what He has done for us. Heaven is a place where all of God's people will be satisfied. Think of what David says in Psalm 17: 15. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." The Martyr Stephen saw heaven opened and the Son of God standing at the right hand of God. Acts 7: 56. I have seen a number of saints pass into the realms of glory, and one of the happiest scenes I ever witnessed was an old man in Texas. He was somewhere near ninety-six years of age. He had been my Sunday school superintendent when I was a child, and at the time for him to bid farewell to all loved ones, I was there. He mentioned a number of Scriptures, and told me heaven was open. He said, "The journey has been long, and sometimes hard, but now God shows me the beautiful city of life, and it is worth more than all the trials and struggles I have ever had." Then he said to me, "Be faithful; it won't be long till you will meet your reward." It seemed that my faith was made stronger by knowing this saint of God. I preached his funeral and it seemed that angels hovered round his casket while I was preaching. Oh! it is sweet to know, and have the assurance that heaven will be your home after death—a home where

no crepe hangs on the door knob; no doctors are ever called; no prisons there; no courthouses for trials; no hospitals; no hearses passing up and down the golden streets; no deaths and sad partings, but one eternal day, where the brightness of Jesus will shine forever. "There will be no need of the sun to shine, for His glory will lighten it." Sometimes when sin is all around us and the hours are saddened by death and disappointment, we long to go home; but we must wait a little while, till Jesus says it is enough. The voyage may be long and stormy, but praise God we will have a safe harbor to anchor in.

We have given you some idea of the old heaven that receives us at the Rapture, but praise His dear name, John saw a new heaven and a new earth, after the final judgment. In Rev. 21: 1 we read, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Rev. 21: 2 says, "And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Paul says in 1 Cor. 2: 9, 10, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

We see by this Scripture that even in our finite being, we can see by the eye of faith, through the Holy Spirit, the great and beautiful City, not made with hands, where its walls are of Jasper with its twelve



foundations garnished with all kinds of precious stones. We realize that we cannot pierce the veil and behold, with the natural eye, the glories of heaven, for "here we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face."

1 Cor. 13: 12. At the entrance of this Holy City, we find twelve gates and twelve angels and the names of the twelve tribes of Israel are written on them. Then also in the foundation of the City are the names of the twelve apostles. The streets will be of pure gold and the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of the Lamb, for no sun will be needed there. This is the Capital City, and perhaps it will connect the New Heaven and the New Earth, for both places will be pure and clean. There will be no devil, no sin nor anything except the most perfect habitation, filled with the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of our great cities are divided by streams or rivers, one half of the city lying, perhaps in one County or State, the other half in another. So it would be a beautiful sight to see the New Heaven on one side the River of Life and the New Earth on the other side. It matters not how it will be, so long as we know God makes no mistakes, and it will be just as He planned from the foundation of the world, and best of all, Jesus will be there and we shall see Him as He is. The Tribulation will be past, Armageddon fought and won, Israel and Judah re-gathered, the Thousand Year reign over, the earth purified by fire, the final judgment concluded, the devil, the old deceiver, in the lake of fire and Jesus will reign, having delivered up the kingdom to God, the Father. In 1 Cor. 15: 24-26 we find, "Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even

the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

Praise God, in the New Heaven and the New Earth there will be no death, no sorrow, no more partings and no sad Good-by's, but eternal joy and peace and happiness forever.