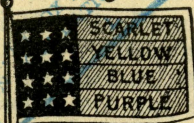


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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3

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THE CLOSE OF PROBATION AND THE END OF GRACE.

The close of probation and the end of grace is one and the same thing. There is another thing that means the same, that is the iniquity is full. Abraham was told that his seed could not enter Canaan till the iniquity of the Amorites was full. That meant the time would come when there could be no more done for the Amorites. They had rejected every offer God had for them and the iniquities of the fathers had been visited on the children through inheritance till none of the offsprings could be reached with the Gospel: When that point was reached, then grace for the people ended. Note. The people determined the end of grace themselves by the course they pursued. In this manner will the close of probation come to the world. The world determining their own destiny, God seeing from the beginning the whole story of man and the course man would pursue saw the end from the beginning and so gave the information to his children through the prophets, when that time would be. Hence when the time comes then the decree is due the world, "he that is filthy let him be filthy still and he that is holy let him be holy still."

Following that decree he says, "Behold I come quickly," (not immediately). At that point begins in earnest the events which are to prepare the world for their destruction in the order specified. This destruction of the world is to mark such a time of trouble as never was. Dan. 12:1, 2. The trouble as to what it is, is plainly told, namely: War, Pestilence, and Famine.

The present condition in the world only leads to the final. Whether there will be a period between the present conditions and the final, of peace, we do not know but we can say this, we know of nothing which teaches there will and it seems not probable at all there will be. That there will be a change in the issues between the nations now at war there is no doubt in our mind. The way of "the kings of the east is not yet prepared," but that is being done just as fast as possible by the present war. Every man, and every dollar spent by western nations is preparing that way.

The United States being one of the western nations it must necessarily come into the war. It is both logical and reasonable it should. So when the time comes that the present issues among the western nations is far enough advanced new issues will arise from other sources. We do not hesitate to say the next issue will

be between the East and the West, between Christendom and Heathenism, with two thirds the population of the world on the Eastern side and one third (and much less counting out their present losses) on the other side. Russia and Japan will be the leading factors on the eastern and England and the United States on the western side.

The present outlook from our standpoint is as stated above. But how is it received? The answer is this: Most every one replies, "that will not come in my day," "The world will stand a long time yet," "It looks as you say but I think you have some wrong views and interpretations of the Bible." Thus there is shown a lack of faith both in the Bible itself, and second, in all interpretations placed on it pertaining to the end of the world. Thus business and all things go on the same and no heed is paid to what any one may say. This shows me that the world has closed every avenue to help them, and the world is ripe for the harvest.

The Conditions of the World in Knowledge of the Bible.

We have noted in all we have read and heard spoken about the war not one word has been said as to the cause from any Bible standpoint. Leaders are blamed, and issues are discussed but not a word as to God's cause of war. In this respect they are different from the prophet Daniel, when the great calamity came upon Jerusalem, "because we have sinned," "Therefore the curse is poured upon us which Moses had written." Then with prayer and confession to God he prayed most earnestly. Also when Ninevah was to be overthrown the king and all his subjects repented of sin in sack cloth and ashes and God changed the decree. Not so today, no one seems to see the real cause of the present war and the future outlook. Not a minister raises his voice to teach the people the truth. All they can see is that "it is the Kaiser," "It is the course the United States is taking," "It is England that is to blame," but as to the moral condition of the world nothing is said. No repentance is advised. No study of the Bible is referred to. No desire to see what the prophets have spoken in the name of the Lord is looked after. Everything else is examined: High cost of living; How to make money out of the war; How to avoid famine. All this is considered and noted with deep interest, but how to seek God, how to know his truth, how to break loose from creeds and isms and receive the truth, all this is of no avail and unpopular. "The wise foresee the evil and hideth himself but the simple pass on and are punished." So the day is near when not a soul will be reached with the Gospel in its purity. Then probation closes and the decree passes. Thus no one is res-

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possible but the people themselves. They reap just what they sow. They get just what they have chosen.

They have lived for the world and it is all they can see in it. They do not realize that "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people." They do not realize that ruin is staring them in the face. They haven't the faintest idea of the time of trouble before them. We feel some what as Christ did when he saw the fate of Jerusalem by the Roman army. He said, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings but ye would not." He said "she knew not the time of her visitation." She could have known but light was rejected. How glad would we be could we see on the part of the people a seeking of God and true repentance and a desire to know the truth that the people might be saved, but each day seems the people are harder to reach and true repentance is so scarce we no longer see what we call "a godly sorrow for sin." Grave things are soon to open. The Throne of Grace will be no more. The Throne of Glory will be set up and Christ will then reign. Who will prepare with us to be His subjects where war will be no more and peace will eternally reign?

STILL LATER.

Since the above was written. The next thing in the order of events is the plague of influenza. To the thoughtful and those who believe the Bible they expect such things and so have we written and called attention in our paper that pestilence would follow war and so it is here. We do not hesitate to say that such things as connected with the famine and pestilence will come hand in hand with the sword. The influenza is at this writing destroying more lives than the sword, (October, 1918). The prophet in speaking of these things says, "I have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities and want of bread in all your places, yet ye have not returned to me saith the Lord," "and yet I have withholden the rain from you when there was yet three months till the harvest," "and I caused it to rain on one city and caused it not to rain on another city," "yet ye have not returned to me, saith the Lord." "I have smitten you with blasting and mildew when your gardens and your fig trees and your vineyards increased." "The palmer worm devoured them, yet ye have not returned to me, saith the Lord." "I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt. Your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils, yet have ye not returned to me saith the Lord." "I have overthrown some of you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as fire brands plucked out of the burning, yet ye have not returned to me, saith the Lord." "Thus I will do this unto thee O Israel, and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."—Amos fourth chapter.

The man who cannot see the fulfillment of this chapter before his face at this time is surely blinded with the god of this world. Look at the great fires during the last twenty years in our great cities caused by earthquake and other causes similar in nature to Sodom and Gomorrah. See the destroying insects and the effort it now requires to meet the enemy of the products of nature. Then note the drought in various localities, and next note the young men being slain by the sword such as never was since the world began, and last the pestilence is on us. But the worst of all no one returns to God nor sees His hand at all in it. Man is doing it all so far as man sees. The end is not yet, but between now and the end there is to be seen a picture that will cause the old and the young to wonder and men's hearts will fail for looking on those things which are coming on the earth. "The wise man foreseeth the evil and hideth him-

self, but the simple pass on and are punished." If it is not already too late let the wise be in earnest for the door of mercy will be soon closed. Man settles his own destiny. Remember this point and while you are considering if you should do so, that Esau afterwards sought his birth-right with tears, but could not obtain it. He had despised it too long. Also remember the foolish virgins who came too late and found the door shut. They neglected too long the privilege. We are living in important moments just now. Our admonition is to all who expect to be saved, Be diligent and get about it at once.

THE BOOK OF THE LAW FOUND AGAIN.

(Continued from last issue.)

First, all will agree that the explanation given by the angel that the ram with two horns had its application in the government of Media and Persia. Second, they also agree that the rough goat had its application to Grecia. Third, that the four horns of the goat came out of the government represented by the goat. Fourth, that one of them was to trample the truth to the ground, take away the daily sacrifice, cast down the people of God and their rulers and finally the place of the sanctuary (worship). All and every word having its application and fulfillment here on the earth by the power represented by the little horn which came from, or was one of the four divisions of the goat. Fifth, they must further agree that the question asked by Daniel was, how long would this condition continue and when would the restoration come? Every person who is at all fair minded must see the answer given by the angel is a direct answer to the question and states positively the time when the power will finish its career and the restoration be made. So we read the angel's answer. "Unto two thousand and three hundred days then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14. Miller said the whole prophecy was fulfilled on the earth. Was he right? We say beyond all question he was right.

Then we ask, where was the trouble? We reply he was mistaken as to the ending of the time being in 1844. So we hold beyond all question that the Seventh Day Adventists who changed the event, which was, as they claim, to occur at the ending of the period to an investigative judgment, made a greater mistake than did Miller.

He was right as to the event, and wrong as to the time. They are wrong on the time and the event also. Mrs. White said the disappointed ones were all sealed in 1844. Now, they are waiting for the sealing time to come. And now she says the Lord would have come long ago if the people had done their part in hastening the event. First, it was in the providence of God the mistake was made. Then next, to sustain her position, laid the blame on the people for not doing more to hasten the event. No greater mistake could possibly be made than is made in that statement for the Bible says, when the appointed time comes the end will be, no sooner nor later.

The Three Messages, of Revelation, Fourteen, Six to Twelve.

As shown in a former article when their disappointments came they hunted for other scriptures to sustain their position and prove that they really had made no mistakes after all. So these messages were hitched onto their interpretation. They claimed the first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844 and the third angel's message was a test to the disappointed ones to

prove them before the Lord came. Again we see that their trouble was a want of more of a general knowledge of the Bible.

First, had they known the consecutive order of the feasts of which the atonement was one (Lev. 23), they would have seen that their interpretation of the atonement taking place in 1844 was not correct, for following that, there was to be the feast of tabernacles and the feast of ingatherings before the Lord comes.

Second, they would have also seen that there were two atonements, one made at the first advent of Christ and one at the close of probation. Hence the one they claim was made in 1844 will not be made till the close of probation and the one they claim was made in 1844 was not the one made at the first advent at all. For a further explanation of these points see our work "Time, Tradition, and Truth." We say had they known these facts they would not have tried at all to connect the three messages with their disappointment at all.

The three messages of Revelation fourteenth chapter is another subject entirely. The "judgment" in Rev. 14:6 has no reference to any investigative judgment at all. Neither has it any reference to a heavenly sanctuary, or the ministry of Christ in heaven, but to an execution of judgment on Babylon and her daughters, as plainly stated. The subject of Rev. 14:6 is as separate from any investigative judgment in heaven as black is from white.

It only requires a little thought to see this to be true. From the twelfth to the nineteenth chapter of Revelation is one continued subject. The twelfth and thirteenth chapters introduce three world powers symbolized by the dragon, beast, and false prophet, or two-horned beast. The latter two are especially shown to be persecutors of the Lord's people. The fourteenth chapter brings out 144,000 as getting the victory over the beast and its image. Next, these messages are introduced as saying "the Hour of His judgment is come, for Babylon is fallen and if any man worship the beast and his image the same shall drink of the wrath of God which is shown to be the seven last plagues in chapters fifteen and sixteen. These plagues are called the judgments of God. The prophet Ezekiel calls them "the four sore judgments." Eze. 14. In Rev. 15:4, it says, "Thy judgments are made manifest." In Rev. 16:5, it says: "And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art and wast and shalt be because thou hast judged thus." Verse seven says: "True and righteous are thy judgments." In chapter 17:1, the prophet says, "Come hither and I will show thee the judgments of the great whore." In chapter 18:8 we read, "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." In verse 10 it says, "In one hour shall her judgment come." In chapter 19:2, it says, "For true and righteous are His judgments for He has judged the great whore which did corrupt the earth."

We ask, will that people after their attention is called to these plain scriptures continue to teach that the judgment of Rev. 14:6 is an investigative judgment to take place in heaven? If they do then we can say it is useless to try to help such to correct their mistakes. We ask, will they as honest men and women confess the mistakes they have made or will they continue with a brazen face like so many do to still propagate such an error?

How many persons, after their attention is called to the many mistakes made in the past history of the Seventh Day Adventists can still continue to teach these errors is a mystery we cannot solve. How the ministry dare to still close the ears of the people and keep these things from the people by locking their houses of worship and prejudicing the minds of the people by saying

that those who have changed their minds and given up the error, have left the truth, have gone off and so on and compare them to Kora, Dathan, Abiram, Philetus, and Himenus. I say this is a mystery to me.

Let us add this one thing, namely, if any one can get out of Daniel eighth chapter anything pertaining to a heavenly sanctuary or an investigative judgment, then we are free to admit the Sunday keeper can establish Sunday keeping from the reading of the fourth commandment which says the seventh day is the Sabbath. And next, if any one can find an investigative judgment to transpire in heaven with its beginning in 1844, then the immortality of the soul can be fully established by the scripture which says we are "to seek for immortality in order to obtain it." And last of all, if any one can establish Mrs. White as a prophet of God who has made such glaring claims that the Lord has shown her such an interpretation and teaching as claimed by her on these scriptures. Then it is easy to prove there is no reality in what is called truth at all. May God help every soul who loves truth to aid in lifting such a mask as is now and has been placed over these scriptures, that the people may see the truth and be made free. This is the only object we have in the publishing of this booklet. We make no charge of dishonesty or lack of sincerity, but we do detest any organization or men who will stand in the way of sinners to keep them from the light they need.

Another Item Can Also Be Cited.

It is a well known fact by many who are now bolstering up the purported visions of Mrs. White that no small amount of those writings are taken from other writers, such as "The Life of Christ" by Geikie, the "History of the Reformation," by De Aubigne, and also from "Connebear and Hawson's Life of Paul." These writings have been used without quotation marks and the people have bought them supposing they were the direct inspiration of Mrs. White herself. If this is denied we will furnish the proof and plenty of it. The reader may say, Elder Rupert is personal and peeved from some cause. We deny the charge. We have withheld for some time the unfolding of this error. We dare not do it longer and be not guilty. It is the duty of every minister to cry aloud and spare not and show my people their transgressions. We fully believe the time is here for the crooked to be made straight and prepare a people to meet their God. We therefore say our motive is of the purest and with best wishes to all.

The Book of The Law, Vol. 2, Reviewed.

I has been our lot for several years to finish a book, and then hasten on to other things, so that we have not had time to become familiar with our own books. Since the above book came out we have had time to look it over. We are satisfied with our effort. It is surely a book designed to aid many in a better knowledge of the Bible. A party just wrote us they could not see what it was for *Christ to come in the flesh*, and how it was done. They said he had come in their flesh, and gave them an experience by which they could tell he was with them doing the work promised for them. We say there is a big difference in believing that Christ was born of a woman and became flesh, and that of believing *and knowing He is in our flesh*. Get the point brethren, it will do you much good if you do. Let him sweep the house and garnish it and make it clean. Learn that true religion is a reality and known by all who possess it.

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Don't forget your renewal for the paper the coming year. Knowing as I do, what is to be placed in the paper you will miss it if you do not renew.

Read the two letters in this paper under the title, "Correspondence." We visited Dr. Uptegroves home on the eastern plains of Colorado last summer. Her strong faith and welcome given us, made our visit a happy one. Mrs. Robinson is no doubt equally good, if she would follow the same rule to know the truth.

One party has ordered five hundred copies of the booklet, *A Positive Appeal and Challenge to Seventh Day Adventists and others to Cease Teaching Error*. Others are ordering in various quantities. The booklet is free. We ask that you send us all you can to meet postage and printing. The edition cost us several hundred dollars for printing and postage. Help us all you can. Don't fail to order. We want the names of every Sabbath keeping family possible, we wish to send them reading matter. Send names and help to pay postage we will do the work of mailing. Please don't fail to send us all the names you can.

New Subscribers.

This is the month to renew your subscription, and also to get all the new ones possible. Who will do this?

Our Printing Bill

This fall our printing will run up towards one thousand dollars. Not much for a denomination, but large for us. It shows that besides our own credit to help us out we have some who believe the teaching we put out. We predict this is small to what it will be in the near future. It seems it must be as we view the work before us to be done for the children of God. The time is here for us to obey Christ, "sell that which we have and give alms." This is true as ever before, who will begin to do it?

THE CHILDREN OF GOD

We sincerely feel that from this time on our work is to search Jerusalem as with candles to find the lost sheep, the

children of God. The children of God are those who have an honest heart, that desire truth in the inward parts. They are those who do not need to coax and pound your breath out over them till it is like beating on a tin pan, but they are a class who hunger and thirst after righteousness and are glad to hear and learn truth. These are the ones we are hunting. They are not a class who in their own mind know more than Solomon but are learners. They may belong to church and may not. All such we desire to meet and hear from. They are children of God and need help.

A Mistake.

For a month past we have feared the printer would get his wires crossed in our printing, having several jobs on hand at one time from us. So we wrote and even telegraphed not to get the Miller movement in the Book of the Law. Behold when the book arrived it was there as the closing up of the book. Both the printer and myself have come to the conclusion that "all things work together for good," and in spite of our effort it appears. I have read it over and concluded it so good that it will stand to be any where and will result in good anyway. All the objection I had was foreign to the subject of the book. I only wish the Miller movement was sown like the leaves of autumn, that all might understand why and where the S. D. A. people come from. We have no criticism or fault to find with, with their start. The founders were doing the best they knew how. It is the holding to an error when they can now know better that we find fault with.

The Book of The Law, Vol. 2.

This book is now here from the press. It is second to none in importance. Note it is the Law and the Prophets that are God's two witnesses. These two go hand in hand with every child of God. If you haven't the money, order the book. It is wonderful to realize that this teaching draws only such as are seeking for truth and wish to aid rather than live from the loaves and fishes. They desire to do all they can to aid rather than hinder. We have no bad accounts so don't wait if you sincerely wish the book of the law now, order it and pay when you get the money. It will teach you your duty to God and his word so that you can do your duty to God and His cause, and in turn he will bless you in basket and store. We have no books to throw to the wind in unwise acts, but we do have books and papers for those who are seeking truth, and know in their own hearts they will do all they can to aid and work for God as they know his will. To such we wish to help all we can. The price is \$1.25, the two volumes \$2.00.

NOTICE

Before you get this paper if everything works right the third edition of *Time Tradition and Truth* will be out. This edition is nicely illustrated with not mere pictures but those which teach a great lesson. It will have a map of the Roman Empire as it existed in the days of Rome, but it is written in modern names showing the countries that now occupy the territory. It deals with the seven trumpets quite fully. It shows just where we are in prophecy and what the war just now closed for the time being at least has done and brought about in the fulfillment of prophecy. It is wonderful when you read this book and realize the result thus far and how clear it makes the future before us.

It deals with the close of probation and the prophetic periods. There is added about seventy five pages or more. It is the only book up to date or any where near it.

We have been compelled to make the price practically double that of the old price. The price is \$1.75 post paid. We want agents for this book especially. It ought to be sold everywhere and as quickly as possible. We can say up to this date and what has happened has placed us beyond all question as to the correctness of our teaching on chronology and the periods as we have presented them in the past. Order the book at once and help us out in paying the cost of printing. We have used our credit to get out the book, so place your order soon as you read this notice, if you regret it, we will refund the money after reading it.

A NEW BEGINNING.

We feel that since the surrender of Turkey, there is now a new beginning marked in Bible study and also the experience of the children of God. We are now settled to the year 1918. In 1914 one month before the war begun we published in our book, *Time Tradition and Truth*, our position on two prophetic periods. One of 1290 years, Dan. 12: 11; and one of 391 years found in Revelation 9: 14. Our position then is found on pages 94, and 305-308 in the book cited.

We then said that probation would close in 1918 and that would mark the close of the sixth trumpet and the duration of the Turkish nation. This we now hold has been literally fulfilled. Thus leaving us to now enter the seventh trumpet when "the nations will be angry." The gathering of the Remnant takes place. The thirty year period begun as shown in our diagram on Chronology. The three fold message to begin as found in Rev. 14: 6-12. The seven last plagues to fall. The sending out of missionary work to foreign lands to enlighten the Remnant and gather them to the United States.

In brief to meet the fulfillment of all things pertaining to the closing events prior to the feast of tabernacles. With this field in view we say it truly marks a new beginning in the work of God for this time. This places a new phase on the whole situation and should work a great earnestness on the people of God. We fully believe it will and no better test could be given to our own selves whether we are one of the Remnant than to examine ourselves as to our spiritual condition regarding these things. The spirit of God will more and more rest on the true Remnant while coldness will more and more appear among the mere professor. At least will this be true till the time comes when the professor begins to think they are lost, then they will have zeal but it will then be too late. Now is the testing time to prove the genuine from the false. We say Brethren and Sisters, now is the time to "wake out of sleep." Now is the time to put on the whole armor of God. Now is the time to be faithful in all things. Let us do what is now required of us and not be found wanting. The above will all be made plain to us when the new edition of T. T. T. comes out which will be before you get this paper. Order a copy at once, if not satisfactory money refunded. Price \$1.80, nicely illustrated.

MY TWO WITNESSES.

Is it not strange that a large denomination who claim that they are the Remnant of Israel and who claims they are far in advance of all others, and yet they will teach in their denominational literature that the two witnesses of

the Lord is the Old and the New Testament Scriptures?

We say, is it not strange that they would make such a blunder and claim such a thing? If the claim is good, then the Lord never had but one witness for four thousand years before the New Testament was written, and further he never had any witnesses at all for twentyfive hundred years till Moses wrote the first of the Bible and then the rest of that witness was not in existence for hundreds of years after till the writers wrote in the age they lived. We say such logic is strange and especially so when we read such a Scripture as the following. "But now the righteousness of God is manifest *being witnessed by the law and the prophets.* Rom. 3: and further, anyone knows the commandments of God are known by the term testimonies of the Lord. The ark was called the ark of His testimony. The tables of the law were called "the tables of the testimony," and who would deny the Scriptures teach that "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy," Rev. 19:, and again who would deny that the Remnant people have the law and the testimony of Jesus." Rev. 12: 17. And once more, who would deny that Peter did not plainly say that the prophets *did testify* of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow and that testimony the Apostle says, was the *spirit of Christ which was in them.* 1 Pet. 11

We say is it not strange that such literature would be put out by a people making such high claims? Now Brethren you know that what we have here said is nothing but the truth, will you change your literature and from this on tell the people the truth, or will you continue to teach as before that the testimony of Jesus is the writings of a certain prophetess and then use the same text and claim the two witnesses is the Old and the New Testament? Now is the time to correct such errors. The true Remnant will do it, but we greatly fear that a denomination will not do it.

OUR SECOND APPEAL.

We make our second appeal to accept truth in the place of error found in the teaching of Rev. 18: 8.

The Lord in speaking of error said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up" We do not notice what we call error for mere passtime, but for benefit only, that the people may know the truth. Truth is a benefit to all who will receive it. Error is a curse to all who possess it and only a double curse to any who will hold on to it when they could receive light in its stead.

In the literature of S. D. A writings the position is taken that the word *day* found in Rev. 18: 8 is prophetic time, therefore the plagues will be one year in falling on the world. To this teaching we object, believing it unsound. In verse 10 it says "in one hour shall her judgments come." Therefore we say if the verse eight teaches prophetic time, then verse 10 teaches the same, and hence no man in the world can tell which to accept. To my mind neither refers to prophetic time at all, but does refer to suddenness and as expressed in Mat. 24:50. "In a day that he looketh not for him and in an hour when he is not aware of." It is further spoken of thus in Isaiah 47: 9 "In a moment, in one day." These scriptures all speak of the same thing, namely the judgement of God as manifested in the plagues in the last days. Now we hope and desire that our brethren may weed out this error in their literature. One great reason is for this. First their position is a positive error, and second, their teachings stands directly in the road of receiving the truth on the scriptures that does speak of prophetic time on the same subject. See our comments on Hosea 5, and Zech. 11, in the "Yellow Peril" on the close of probation.

COLPORTEURS WANTED.

Believing as we do in the shortness of time left us in which to work, and knowing also as we do, that the printed literature that we have contains the very truth which the people should have at this time, we are very anxious to get our books and tracts into circulation. Surely there are many who can and will devote their time just as gladly in selling these books from door to door, as we have done in writing and printing them. We want colporteurs everywhere, and offer a liberal commission to all who will take up the work. Let us hear from you at once, that you may get out during these winter months, with their long evenings, while the people have leisure time to devote to reading. We are anxious to see this work moving out. Shall we not hear from several interested ones at once.

WHAT A MINISTER DID.

There was a certain minister of old acquaintance on reading the article whom a party copied from our paper and sent out in circular form on the prophetess question, said "I had charged the ministry with dishonesty and he challenged me to prove where Mrs. White had ever made a failure in a single one of her predictions when she had said *the Lord showed me*. In an addition to this the minister drew an arrow pointing to the name of D. M. Canright where he said "I had done worse than even D. M. Canright had ever done."

We wrote this minister a reply some weeks ago and asked him if he would consent, we would publish his letter and reply to it in the paper. Weeks have passed but all is silent. I guess he has been since that time as the dutchman said about the man who owed him, he says, "I guess he now shleeps all de times."

The brethren know too well, the less said about their positions on both Scriptural interpretations they have taken and Mrs. White as visions, the better. Silence and secrecy is the strong argument to maintain an error once adopted.

A Brother who has just read the tract *Appeal and Challenge to S. D. As.*, writes "The mind must be exceedingly dense that will still hold to the interpretation the S. D. A. gives to the seventh eighth and ninth chapters of Daniel as pertaining to the 2300 days and also Mrs. White's visions as she endorses those positions. Dense, does not spell it. We say nothing short of hypnotic condition of the brain with the eyes held shut, could possibly still hold minus in such blindness. But just such elements are in denominationalism. The door to the cage is strong. The birds have been confined so long they know nothing of real freedom in Christ by the reception of the truth.

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS.

Their Relation to the Present European War.

All who read the Bible have had their attention called to the number seven

We say its frequent use is taken from the creation. All its use is based on the seven days of creation. In the book of Revelation we have the seven churches, the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven last plagues.

There is not a more important study for the children of God at this time than these series spoken of in Revelation. There is no doubt but the design of these are to give us a historical knowledge of the world since the coming of Christ at his first advent till the time when he will come the sec-

ond time. The trumpets and the prophetic periods connected with them are now so vital, we feel we cannot urge our readers to much to make them a careful study. Our new edition of *Time, Tradition and Truth concerning the end of the World*, has much to say about the trumpets and the Turkish question in prophecy, that we cite the reader to it.

We hold strongly that the sixth trumpet ended the last day of October 1918 and now we are entering on the seventh trumpet when the important question of the finishing of the work of the gospel is to be completed and also the time when the nations are angry and the wrath of God is to be poured out upon the earth in the seven last plagues.

In this study in the paper we will give just an outline study of these trumpets that the reader may see their importance at this time and be led to seek for a full understanding of the subject. We will say personally that nothing has so stirred our interest in the cause I represent, and the certainty of where we are now in the field of prophecy, as these trumpets and prophetic periods have done of late weeks. The present war has brought out much more in fulfillment of prophecy than many realize. May the reader not rest till they understand the story of the trumpets and the prophetic periods, and have them well fixed in their minds.

Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire as Told By The Seven Trumpets.

Let the reader not think the subject is too great for them, it is not. Just a little effort will bring you great satisfaction. I do not say to much when I say that every thing now hangs on this important subject in order to understand where we are and what is before us. So let nothing cause you not to become familiar with the subject.

Beginning with Revelation, chapter 8 verse 6, we read: "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up."

In the examination of the prophecy before us, we will call attention to this fact: The first four trumpets apply to the downfall of the Western Empire of Rome while the next two apply to the downfall of the Eastern Empire, and the seventh to the *downfall of the world as a whole*. Analogous to this are the seven last plagues of chapter 16. Five of the judgments fall on the Western, one on the Eastern World, and one is universal.

These trumpets are prophetic, covering the long period from A. D. 395, when Alaric and his Goths first invaded Roman territory, till the coming of the Lord. We can not do better in commenting on these trumpets than to quote from Keith, a writer on the prophecies, and also from Gibbon, the author of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire":—

"The first sore and heavy Judgment which fell on Rome on her downward course was the war with the Goths, under Alaric, who opened the way for later inroads. After the death of Theodosius, the Roman emperor, in January, 395, before the end of the winter, the Goths under Alaric were in arms against the empire. 'Hail and fire mingled with blood' were cast upon the earth. The terrible effects of this Gothic invasion are represented as 'hail,' from the fact of the northern origin of the invaders; 'fire' from the destruction by flame of both city and country; and 'blood' from the terrible slaughter of the citizens of the empire by the bold and interpid warriors."

(To be continued.)

IF NOT NOW WHEN WILL IT EVER BE?

If the movements of the world the past four years have not been large enough and important enough to constitute the fulfillment of prophecy, when will it be and what may

we look for? We are sure no other movement in the world in past history has equaled the past four years yet those movements fulfilled prophecy and were written that we might learn of them. Nebuchadrezzar in all his glory when he said "is not this great Babylon which I have built, is no comparison to the display of a whole fleet of war vessels receiving and greeting the president of the United States as he is just now landing in Europe while we write this.

No wars in past history has equaled the one just closed for a few days at least till the nations get their bearings. There never was such a thirst quenched by old earth with the blood of the slain as has just been given the earth to drink. Never was there the inventions to take life which now exists. These with a thousand other things which might be mentioned which has never existed to the extent as now involved in present movements. So we say if this is not a fulfillment of prophecy what shall we look for?

We need not look to the future for it is here before our faces. What will we make of it is the question. We reply that our book *Time Tradition and Truth Concerning the End of the World* in its new edition just out, tells the whole story up to date and it is the only book that does do it. There is no book in print that tells so much important truth to date as this book. Is written up to the present peace conference, so that when it is past you can add what it does, to what the book now says, and thus you are again up to date. The story of the Remnant people from this on is easy and all they have to do is to keep up from this on. The present edition of T. T. and Truth should be sold in thirty days and would be in less time than that if all the children of God knew its value to them.

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SENATOR GORE OF OKLAHOMA.

United States Senator Gore said in one of his speeches, "I was born in Arkansas, but I could not help that." We are often impressed with the thought. I cannot help it, that I have devoted many years so earnestly to the study of the Bible. I cannot help what I have done in the writing of books. I cannot help it that I am interested in aiding of the cause of God to prepare a people to meet him at his coming. The man called of God, never sought the call, he was called as was Aaron. It is all like a dream to me. Day by day, for the last twenty years at least, has found me greatly in earnest to know the truth of God, and day by day as I find it there comes a desire to give it to others. Hence I have printed the same as best I could and as the way would open. I say, I cannot help it. Why? We reply, there has been a power that seemed beyond our control, which has urged it on day by day, and still to this 28th day of November, while the people are enjoying the the national holiday of thanksgiving, I have been at my desk, writing that which seems to me of so much importance for the remnant people of God. I ask the question, who is to blame? As the Senator said, I cannot help it, and I will say, I have no desire to help it, for it is my meat to do his will that sent me. I must cry out, lest the stones cry out.

CORRESPONDENCE.

G. G. Rupert,
Britton, Oklahoma.
Gentlemen:—

It will be a great favor to me, and money and time saved for you, if you will discontinue sending *The Remnant of Israel* to me. I am not interested in it. Its

not safe to be driven about with "every wind of doctrine" Its to late in the day for my time to be taken with some new idea of man. If I am true and faithful to the truth and doctrine which I now hold, I shall see Jesus when he comes, and he will save me. Satan has ever sought to draw away the servants of the Lord from the works committed to them. He endeavored to do this in the days of Nehemiah. By flattery, by cajolery, by threats, by subtle insinuations he endeavored to weaken the hands of Nehemiah and retard the work of God. These things offered enough to talk about and an abundance of questions to discuss, and from a human standpoint seemed important questions if Nehemiah had been minded to devote to them his thought and time. But this leader in God's work recognized that just to the extent he turned aside from the work heaven had given him to do, to that extent would his work suffer and God be dishonored. To these charges, insinuations and abuses of the enemies of Israel, Nehemiah returned this striking answer, "I sent messengers unto them saying. I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you" Neh. 6:3 So please discontinue sending the enclosed paper and oblige. Very Respectfully,

Mrs. L. E. Robinson

Reply to the above letter.

Like all the argument we have seen in defence to the position of S. D. A., the above is a fair sample. Namely, it is an assumption that they are Moses, Nehemiah, Paul or some other noted character in the Bible, and they have the truth and stand to the people as did those men. If this is accepted as Elder Morrison held them to be Moses, and all who opposed them were Cora, Dathan and Abiram or Hymenus or Philetus. If this is true we have no more to say but we think they occupy no such position, and every claim of the kind is an exposition of their selfrighteous, highminded ideas of themselves and their work. Now we wish to say to the writer of the above, It is not a question of what Nehemiah said or did, but it is a question whether our teaching of Daniel 7th, 8th and 9th chapters are correct. If it is, the writer and all of like faith had better come down, and that right soon. They had better take time. Their time can be far better spent than building up error and deceiving others as they have been deceived. This writer had better study our comments and try at least to show wherein we are wrong in our teaching. We like such letters, they show weakness to thoughtful minds. We are glad that such letters are not common at this office, but hundreds to the contrary. We have give a sample.

"Five years ago this fall a neighbor handed me a little book *Time, Tradition and Truth Concerning the end of the World*. Says he, "I heard the author of that book preach. He was stone blind, but he knows the Bible by heart." and "I never heard such sermons in my life as I heard him preach. I could not believe it was a man saying those words, I believe it was an angel speaking through him" (This man who talked to me was a member of the Christian church.) I took the book sketched through it, saw he did not write as I believed for I was brought up to believe the S. D. A. church and people were God's chosen people, and were led by a living prophet who had her visions direct from God, therefore they were infallible. No I could not believe such things as he wrote, so I laid the book aside. Several months after someone wrote me of some more splendid sermons they had heard from this author. So I goes and gets my book down and reads it through, it sounded reasonable but says I, those things are not in the Bible, then I got down the Bible and compared texts. Surely it is there and I never knew it. I read the book through five times before I believed, then I wanted more of his writings. So I wrote my old guardian who was a S. D. A. member and asked a-

about this man and asked for all the S. D. A. literature he could send me. He replied by return mail and warned me against this author. Said Bro. R. is doing more harm to the S. D. A. cause than any other man, *let his books alone.* That made me more interested in the man then ever, so I drove 20 miles to an Adventist Bro. to talk it over, and if these people were not old friends and neighbors of his. Mrs. G. told me with tears in her eyes what a good earnest man he was, how they loved him but he had (gone off) and lost his power. Says I to ME he has more power than any man on earth and I have heard others say as much. They found all of his books out in an old house and gave them to me as they hadn't time to read them. Bro. G. said his wife and family were too busy studying the fashion catalogue. They were preparing to build a new modern home, yet they preached the world was to end right away, and the plagues were to be only one year in falling, yet they said the S. D. A. church was always begging and had they given to every thing they would be too poor to educate their children. They are a lovely family and I love them.

I brought home all those books and compared them with the S. D. A. literature sent me. I compared both with the Bible. I studied far into the night. I had experiences as I studied that I cannot write in these lines, but I knew that I was having help from on high. I was hopelessly mixed up. I wore out one Bible and this Bro. from Iowa sent me another which I was very thankful for, as I had no money.

That next spring I got enough straightened out to tell my neighbors we were going to have this terrible war. They laughed at me, and right while they were laughing as it were, the war broke out. They said it would not last, but it did. The next fall after I was all straightened out I wanted to go to my home and talk it over with my people. I had no money, but I had faith. I prayed so earnestly that I knew my prayers were answered when I got a letter from my sister asking me to come in 10 days, and they would pay all my expenses and furnish me with the necessary clothes, I cried for joy. Oh how I talked to my loved ones and friends. I surely impressed them as they write now and refer to the way I talked to them. They said, why Mrs. U. I never had anyone talk to me like that before. I got a suitcase full of books back there (that I traded for) I was happy as if I had fallen heir to a fortune. I have loaned and reloaned and given books away till I see some results from my labor, and when I get through talking I know I have made an impression.

Now Bro. R. showed the mistakes of the S. D. A. people, and proved to me that Sr. White was no true prophet. My ears and face would burn and I was angry, but he wasn't here to vent my anger on, so I picked up my book and read on, then all error was corrected and I got a clear understanding of the Bible, such as I had never had, it was made so interesting. I dropped my story reading for I had a more interesting story now, *The Story of the Real Jew and the Remnant People.* I found I would have to come out from the S. D. A. join God's church and be on the heavenly church role instead of the earthly. So here I am, with such a peace of mind I never expected to have on this earth, a clear understanding of the Bible and classed as one who has departed from the Adventists' faith. Thank God I have departed before it is too late.

Two religious papers come into my home, one *The Remnant of Israel*, the other, *The Signs of the Times.* The above or Remnant is pure gold compared to the Signs, every paper of the Remnant has something new. Bible knowledge is to be increased in the last days, but the S. D. A. papers are the same as 20 years ago. I dug up some out of my cellar and compared them. There was the same articles on The State of the Dead, Daniel and Rev., The Seventh Day Sabbath. There is this difference, they have added the daily news and let the Y. M. C. A. workers write and fill up their columns. They are running out of Bible, so are making a weekly news paper of it. I can depend on every fifth paper at least repeating the same articles. What we need is the *Pure Bible* truths explained."

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