



THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL

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

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SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS OF THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

BY JOHN S. STANFORD

Dear Bro.:

If you were expressing yourself about the "awfulness" of the idea of getting up and fleeing from men, whose decrees (that if we will not "worship the beast and his image") say we shall "be killed," And of our going out in the wilderness (Ezk. 20:35). Well, yes. To them who will not exercise their faith in God, (to care for them), it will have an "awful" aspect. I'll admit it.

It did to the children of Israel back there, to get up and leave the "flesh pots of Egypt." (To the faithless ones at least.)

It did (to some) at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem seem "awful" to have to get up and flee to the mountains. Seems like it did to Lot's wife to leave her comfortable home in Sodom and run out into the mountains.

Yes, so it will to many in this last days' experience when God says ("I will bring you into the wilderness") (Ezk. 20:35.) Those that do not (even now) trust God, and who have not (by that time) learned to believe in Him, will say "it's too awful" to do. I cannot get up and start out like that. Why I'd perish. I don't think I'll 'worship the beast' if I stay right here. I've always tried to do right and I don't believe God is that rough on His people that He is going to ask them to get up and run off like that, not knowing where they are going. I'm going to exercise my good sense and stay right home."

But you know, bro'her, there is going to be some one (a number, comparatively few, no doubt) who will look at it like this.

Yes, it does seem "awful," (first thought). But suppose it is. I believe God, (myself). Let others do as they choose. For my part, I believe God. God has taken care of His people in every crisis in the past. He says (in His word) that He will in this, and I believe Him. And when the time comes that men make a decree that they will kill us if we do not "worship the beast." I am going to "git up and git."

I am not going to stay and get killed. Neither am I going to "worship the beast nor his image." God says He will bring His people out of all nations where He has scattered them, and that He will bring them into the wilderness together. Will bunch them up once more. "He that scattereth Israel will gather them." (Jer. 31:10.) And I am going to let Him gather me along with the rest. No matter what manner of way He takes to do it.

Yes, brother, there will be a people that will talk just that way. Will take just that position. And what you and I want to do is to talk that way ourselves. To take that stand ourselves. I am going to. I already have. Come and go along too.

Now you know it says "strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say unto them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong. Fear not." So that is why I am writing you this letter. To arouse you. To wake you up. To help you. To strengthen you. And to get you to take your stand and make your decision for God.

But you know that just my words can't have any strength to give you, and you know I headed this letter "The Beautiful Things of the Wilderness."

So now let us have the Lord talk to us awhile and hear what He has to say about the things in the wilderness that He has planned to give them after He once gets them away from the world. Away from the worldly people who have so long had an influence over them to lead and keep them estranged from God. All about the beautiful things of the wilderness. You know that a wilderness is an uninhabited place. A place where the conditions are such that men cannot live there (as conditions naturally are). Men themselves are (in an artificial way, irrigation and so on) making them inhabitable. The soil is good and such localities if given the moisture necessary are as fertile as any other. And God has got extensive regions of that very kind all spread out. And He knows right where they are and that is exactly where He is going to gather His people into. And when (by their own free and heart-felt consent) He can get them to take the initiative step and run. Leave the

worldly people and their killing decrees. Then He will take them up and care for them. He will be a "Shepherd" unto them, if He can only get them to drop the world and flee out and throw themselves into and onto and under His loving care. So into this desert, wilderness region, (and it will not be in Palestine nor any other part of Asia, nor in Europe either) God is going to bring His people from the uttermost parts of the earth and plant them again as His people. A restored nation. With a king, The King. "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," Jesus Son of God, over them. Who having (now already in 1918 when probation closed) been given "dominion and glory and a kingdom" will again be over them in the "pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night," and will be their Leader. And they will be His people, and will again be led by Him for another 40 years, before He comes in power and great glory to take them to heaven to stay a thousand years while the earth lies empty and desolate with the wicked all slain (Jer. 25:33) "dung upon the ground" and as an bound with no one to tempt.

Now, with this picture stated and fresh in our minds, let us read the "beautiful things" we have been speaking of. Is. 35 says this: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them" (them meaning God's gathered people). "And the desert shall blossom as the rose." (Not by artificial irrigation, but by "springs of water in the thirsty land, for in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert." (6th and 7th verses).

That's why the "desert blossoms as the rose." God makes it blossom. Makes it blossom just because He has finally got His people out once more by themselves where He can afford to make things blossom. He has been withholding the clouds from coming over the western mountains all these centuries, saving this place for a place to gather His people into and once more be over them and "build again the tabernacle of David which has fallen down." (Am. 9:11). And lead them and bless them and "try" them and "purify" them and "make them white." (Dan. 12:10).

So now that He has got them (by their own consent) out and away from the world He can (consistently) afford to make things "blossom." And He goes at it and does make things blossom. The desert "shall blossom abundantly," "and rejoice even with joy and singing." "The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto the desert." No more sand storms then. No more years of "canker worm," nor the "corn borer" then. "I will restore unto thee the years the canker worm hath eaten." (Joel 2:25). And that is when it is done—during this 40 years wilderness experience of God's people. All this Is. 35:1 and 2 tells us. Then verses 5 to 7 tell us much more wonderful and blessed things. "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened." Yes, a blind man, woman or child will be given back their sight. And all this, mind you, in this old earth quite a while (40 years) before Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven to take His people away from this earth. Yes! Indeed! The eyes of the blind shall be opened and "the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." A man's hearing will actually be restored unto him. Oh! how it is going to pay us to love and serve God! "Then shall the lame man leap as an hart." My broken ankle will be entirely adjusted and restored and full of spring and leap

again. Good! Praise the Lord! I want to be there. And I'm going to be there. "And the tongue of the dumb shall sing." No more "hair-lips." No more stutterers. No more impediments of speech. But sing like a nigh engale. And no more failures of crops. "For in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert." "The parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water." Oh, there's the place to be at that time. It's "me for the desert." No matter how much scare there is when we start out. Come, brother, and go too. "No lion shall be there nor any ravenous beast."

Now don't you think these are some of the beautiful things of that wilderness experience that you thought was so "awful?" Sure you do. And you can't get around it. You remember you told me "you are too old a man" to be wandering around in a wilderness with no place to stay over night, and I wrote back to you "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid. For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song. Therefore with joy shall I draw water out of the wells of salvation." (Is. 12:23).

And that is the way I am talking yet. And the Lord wants you to see it, and walk in it. So come and go too.

Kindly,

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BRO. JOHN.

ANOTHER ERROR REFUTED ABOUT THE TRUE RESURRECTION DAY OF CHRIST, AND CHRIST AND THE PASSOVER

(Continued from May Issue)

"And they led Jesus away to the high priests: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

"And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

"And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

"For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

"And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

"We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands." Mark 14:53-58.

"Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed him afar off.

"And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

"But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

"And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

"And after a while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not." Luke 22:54-58.

"Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him.

"And led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year." John 18:12, 13.

The Next Step Was Before Pilate the Governor

"When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took council against Jesus to put him to death:

"And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontinus Pilate, the governor." Matt. 27:1, 2.

"And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate." Mark 15:1.

"And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

"And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute unto Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King." Luke 23:1, 2.

"Then led they Jesus from Caiaphus unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

"Pilate then went out unto them and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?" John 18:20, 29.

These Scriptures state plainly that *it was the same day* and that the Jews were then preparing to eat the passover, also they would not enter the hall of judgment for fear of being defiled. As the result of this, Pilate came out to them not less than three times to report on his examination of Christ. From this, Christ was next taken before Herod.

Christ Before Herod

"When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

"And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

"And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracles done by him.

"Then he questioned him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

"And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

"And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate." Luke 23:6-11.

Again Before Pilate

"And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

"And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

"Said unto them, "Ye have brought this man unto me as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

"No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

"I will therefore chastise him and release him.

"(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

"And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

"(Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

"Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

"But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

"And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and let him go.

"And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

"And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required." Luke 23:12-24.

This all from the betrayal to the crucifixion happened *the same day*. The crucifixion took place about the ninth hour of the day. His last visit before Pilate was the sixth hour.

"And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

"And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your king!

"But they cried out, 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.

"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away." John 19:12-16.

It says that was the preparation of the passover. *It doesn't say* it was the preparation *day* of the passover, but it was *the time of the day to prepare for the passover to be eaten that day*. There is no place in the Bible that the day before the passover was called the preparation day to prepare for an annual Sabbath. Note this point well, for it may help some to clear up some points in their mind concerning the time that was used from the betrayal to the resurrection of Christ. Also the time the Jews made their preparation.

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**THE BOLSHEVIC AND THE YELLOW PERIL
Communism**

(Continued from May Issue)

These are the principles of Communism. Communism is socialism. Socialism is the basis of the I. W. W. in America. Anarchism is opposition to any government that is organized contrary to the principles of Communism. The basis of all is an equal distribution of all wealth and the prevention of any system that favors legislation granting privileges to any class to control another through the power of wealth. To say the least, when we consider the selfishness that exists in both the rich and the poor, the present condition of the world is not a bright outlook. Such is the Bolsheviki movement in Russia at this time. Any one can see the earmarks on the movement when they compare the movement

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with the sayings of the prophets. They can then see the storm clouds growing although today it is no larger than a man's hand. It isn't only in Russia but everywhere. The Bolsheviki is in many hearts, only ready to burst out. That army will come like a storm to cover the land.

Our purpose in this chapter is to show the voice of the prophets on this direct point. We will see that not only one prophet has spoken but all who have written on this last day prophecy speak of the desolation of the land caused by the movement. We read:

Go ye upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the Lord's.

For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord.

They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandeth what they say.

Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men.

And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

Nevertheless in those days, saith the Lord, I will not make a full end with you. Jer. 5:15-18:

Note: Ezekiel says this vast army will come against the land of Israel, (professed people of God). Hence (as we show in this book) it is the kings of the east against the west. Russia is the land of Magog which was the grandson of Noah. It is an ancient

nation. But even a more ancient Nation is to be joined to them. Namely, China, Japan and India with others. The cause is also plainly stated by the prophet thus:

And it shall come to pass when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the Lord our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding: which have eyes and see not, which have ears and hear not.

Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolved and gone.

Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Your iniquities hath turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked.

Jer. 5:19-21. 23-30.

Any one who knows anything at all about the Bible, knows well God overthrows nations and sets up nations, as the result of their moral condition before Him. Especially is this true with a professed Christian nation.

So the cause of this is from the Lord and no arm can hinder it. Repentance is the only thing that saved Nineveh. It is the only thing that will save any nation or people.

The late war which is now closed for a moment only to burst out with a greater to follow did not come causeless. To this day it is not defined as to the real cause which started it. None but the Bible student of prophecy can understand it. We say it was the sin that existed in and among the professed people of God that caused it and we can freely say as we have said so many times, it was but preparatory by the weakening of the nations engaged in it, for the greater struggle that is soon to come. This we are now trying to teach the children of God who are seeking for truth. Again we read from another prophet:

Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2. She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.

3. Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones

till the morrow.

4. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5. The just Lord is in the midst thereof: he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knowe.h no shame.

6. I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7. I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, however I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

8. Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent.

10. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

Zeph. 3:1-10.

The above testimonies of the prophets are but a few of the many that could be cited. Moses of old pointed out this day of distress. Deut. 2nd Chapter. Christendom has sown to the wind, she is soon to reap the whirlwind. It is well to know the situation well. We then say the Bolsheviki movement bears every mark of the movement pointed out by the prophets. One thing is certain. Whether the movement will go under the name of Bolsheviki or not, the character will be the same. The movement must start in Russia the land of Magog. It must come out of the North, a country north of the home of the prophets of old. It must come against the professed people of God for their sins. All these things are absolute. To our mind the time is here as taught in the scriptures for the movement. The conditions of the world are just such that nothing short of it can ever settle the situation. The greed for gain is the present cause today for the high cost of living. It is the cause of the strike. It is the cause of so much murder. It is the cause of evils of this age. No one receives enough to satisfy his desires. Everyone wants selfishly more than their income will satisfy. Consequently the farmer wants more for his grain. Though the price is thribbled. The laborer wants more for his labor though it has been increased till it is thribbled. The dealer says his profits must increase and so on through, till there is no chance for lower prices. Committees have been appointed and probes have been made to no end but nothing avails. All men are in the same boat of desire. All are alike. Lately a bank was robbed. The robbers were traced till there was no question as to whom some at least of them were, but the Police-in-Chief said if you will give us five hundred dollars we will furnish the thief. The thief is still free though the police is on salary to protect the people and the property. The prophet says the preachers preach

for hire, they preach smooth things and my people love to have it so. Let any one read the Bible and they will see that Paul was right when he said that the love of money was the root of all evil.

(To Be Continued)

THE SABBATH

The Papacy or the Catholic Church

They have put forth the claim that they are the only true church upon the earth, and all outside of her domain are heretics and bound for destruction. The Scriptures that will be used here are taken from the Holy Catholic Bible with the approbation of the late Pastor James Gibbons and Pastor John Farley. We will see if the Papacy is teaching the truth as it is recorded in their own Bible. Their own Bible will judge them at the last. "And he blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Gen. 2:1-3. First blessing. "I will bless them that bless thee. And curse them that curse thee and in thee shall all kindreds of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:1-3. There will be more said about this curse farther on. "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice." Gen. 22:15-18. Abraham received the blessing because he obeyed God. Why does the Catholic church not teach the second commandment to the people? Exo. 16:22-30. Deut. 5:1-10. Because it would strike at the very foundation of their church. There is only one God that people should pray to, through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Catholic people are taught to believe on the Pope. He is a false God because he has no power to forgive sins that other people commit. They are taught to pray to the Virgin Mary, believing that she has power to forgive sins. This is foolish because their own Bible teaches them that the dead know not anything and it's a well known fact that she is dead and will remain dead till Christ returns and wakens the sleeping dead. Apoc. 14:13. Dan. 12:1-3. The poor people are taught to pray to many other things too numerous to mention. Those invested in the scapular may not hope to lead sinful lives and yet be sure of salvation. The scapular insures Mary's protection to those only who are clothed in her scapular, and who honor her and her Divine Son. This is idolatry. Notice: Mary did not die for your sins and still your leaders put her ahead of your Savior. Your own Bible has this to say about your soul salvation: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12. Your prayers to any one else or to any other object is wasted energy. You know yourselves that there are many other things you are told to pray to. My advice to you is that you become as little children and go to Christ yourself. Ask Him to guide you from the error that you have been led into. Saul rejected the word of God. Your leaders are following in his footsteps and will get what he got unless they repent. First Kings 15:22-23. "His will is in the law of the Lord and on his law he shall meditate day and night." Ps. 1:1-2. This blessing will not come upon the leaders of the Catholic church because they have tried to do away with the law of God.

Ps. 9:18. This will apply to your leaders. "The fear of the Lord is holy enduring forever and ever.

The judgments of the Lord are true justified in themselves. Ps. 18:15. The Papacy has the presumption to think they can change the law of the True and Living God and get away without being punished. "Once have I sworn by my holiness: I will not lie unto David." Ps. 88:31-36. Please read these Scriptures, and when your teachers say they have power to change God's rest day, believe them not, because they are deceiving you. All His commandments are faithful, confirmed forever and ever made in truth and equity. Holy and terrible is His name. Ps. 110:1-10. When the seven last plagues are falling upon the people of this earth, then will the leaders in the Catholic church know that the true God is terrible. For His wrath will be poured out upon them for the deceitful teachings they have taught. There are many things that you are taught to pray to that cannot see or hear or speak. Ps. 113:1-8. "Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments." Ps. 118:18-21. This curse is resting upon you, because you are proud and will not teach God's Holy Law. Put not your trust in princes, in the children of men in whom there is no salvation. Ps. 145:1-7. Your only hope is in God. Your teachers cannot save your souls, but they will destroy them if you follow their teachings. Prov. 1:23-33. Prov. 3:1-13. 4:1-13. In verse two God says he will give you a good gift, but millions are trampling that good gift under their feet to the ruin of their own souls. I know many of your teachers will hate to get this reproof. Prov. 7:1-3. 12:1-2, 17. He that turneth away his ears from hearing the law, his prayers shall be an abomination. Prov. 29:9. (King James Bible, just the same). This takes in all the people that have had a chance to hear about God's Holy Sabbath. This puts the leaders of the churches in a very bad predicament. Think of the prayers that are offered up to God, on a Sunday from the pulpits, and He never hears them. Prov. 1:22-33. The Catholic priests have the presumption to try and make people believe they can take a wafer and make it into the actual body of Christ, and say a few words in an unknown tongue to most people and make wine into real human blood. First Cor. 14:6-11. This work is not from God. They have turned away their ears from hearing His Holy Law. He leaves them to their own devices. I have learned that all the works which God has made continues forever. We cannot add anything nor take away from those things which God has made, that He may be feared. Eccles. 3:14-15. And still you claim to be able to change God's Holy Law. There is no fear of God among the leaders of the Catholic church at the present time, but there will be in the very near future. For the living know that they shall die, but the dead know nothing more. Eccles. 9:5-6. 11:3. Ps. 145:1-4. Job 14:12-21. A word of advice to my Catholic friends: Should any of your friends or loved ones die, and your teacher wishes to get money to pray them out of Purgatory, take my advice and do not give them your hard-earned money, for there is no place of punishment at the present time. God is a God of love. He will not punish people the second time for the same offence. This is only a scheme to get your hard-earned money away from you. Please read Eccles. 12:7. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom, give ear to the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrha. Isa. 1:10, 19:20. And they

that call this people blessed, shall cause them to err. Isa. 3:12. 9:13-16. Howl ye for the day of the Lord is near. It shall come as a destruction from the Lord. A man shall be more precious than gold, yea a man than the finest of gold. Isa. 13:1-13. This is the counsel that I have purposed upon all the earth, for the Lord of Hosts hath decreed and who can disannul it. Isa. 14:1-27. Jer. 50:1-46. 51:1-64. As ancient Babylon fell by the hands of the Medes and Persians, so the papacy and modern Babylon will fall by the hand of the True and Living God in the very near future. Isa. 24:1-23. Please read these Scriptures. Isa. 29:13-21. Woe to you apostate children saith the Lord that you would take counsel and not of me. And would begin a web and not of my spirit that you might add sin upon sin. Isa. 30:1-13. This is just what people do who trust in the papacy. They go down to Egypt. There destruction shall come when least expected. Isa. 31:1-7. 33:1-16. 34:1-8. These words will very soon be fulfilled. All you that thirst come to the waters: And you that have no money make haste buy and eat; come ye, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isa. 55:1-9. This invitation is still open for all that will accept of it. Blessed is the man that doeth this and the son of man that shall lay hold on this: that keepeth the Sabbath from profaning it, that keepeth his hands from doing any evil. Isa. 56:1-8.

Blessing No. 2. Please do not eat any more of your priest's teachings. Isa. 59:1-21. Eph. 6:17. First Thess. 5:8. My bowels, my bowels are in pain. The senses of my heart are troubled within me. I will not hold my peace for my soul hath heard the sound of the trumpet, the cry of battle, I beheld, and lo there was no man and all the birds of the air were gone. Jer. 4:19-28. This is a description of what we will soon have to meet. Hear, O foolish people, and without understanding: Who have eyes and see not: And ears and hear not. Jer. 5:21-31. Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Juda and in the streets of Jerusalem? Some of the people are following in the footsteps of the Jews by offering praise to the Virgin Mary, as the Queen of Heaven, which is very displeasing to the True God. Jer. 7:14-20. And thou shalt say to them: Thus saith the Lord God of Israel: Cursed is the man that shall not hearken to the words of this covenant. Jer. 11:3-14. The papacy does not teach the law of God as it should be taught, thereby they bring the curse upon their own heads. The things that came upon the Jews for their unbelief will come upon you, if you do not repent and forsake your childhood teachings. You are being very badly deceived so look after your own soul's salvation. Jer. 14:7-22. The pope nor your cardinals will not be able to save you then. Read Jer. 15:1-3. Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Jer. 17:1-3. 5:9-10. God knows that the hearts of the men at the head of the Catholic church are very deceitful, and He will punish them in this generation. Woe to the pastors that destroy and tear the sheep of my pasture saith the Lord. Jer. 23:1-17. Your teachers are telling you now, that you will have peace for a very long time to come. When you are standing upon the edge of the eternal world. Jer. 23:18-27. 29-32. 40.

(To Be Continued.)

RUSSIA'S DESTINY

(Tract by Alfred H. Burton, obtainable from "Bible Truth Depot," 1-3 E. 13th St., New York

In view of the rapid and surprising advance of Russia's influence both in the West and East, it may be of interest to our readers to give a few extracts from the will of Peter the Great, who died in 1725 A. D. This ambitious tyrant had formed schemes of conquest which of late years have been assuming shape and have been tending towards accomplishment. We copy from *Russia*, in Bohn's Standard Library. The will was published some years ago in *The Times*:

"(1) The Russian nation must be constantly on a war footing to keep the soldiers warlike and in good condition. No rest must be allowed, except for the purpose of relieving the State finances, recruiting the army, or biding the favourable moment for attack. By these means peace is made subservient to war, and war to peace, in the interest of the aggrandizement and increasing prosperity of Russia. . . .

"(3) No opportunity must be lost of taking part in the affairs and disputes of Europe, especially in those of Germany, which from its vicinity is one of the most direct interest to us. . . .

"(8) We must keep steadily extending our frontiers—northward along the Baltic, and southward along the shores of the Black Sea.

"(9) We must progress as much as possible in the direction of Constantinople and India. He who can get possession of these places is the real ruler of the world. With this view we must provoke constant quarrels at one time with Turkey and at another with Persia. We must establish wharves and docks in the Euxine and by degrees make ourselves masters of that sea as well as of the Baltic, which is a doubly important element in the success of our plan. We must hasten the downfall of Persia, push on into the Persian Gulf, and, if possible, re-establish the ancient commercial intercourse with the Levant through Syria, and force our way into the Indies, which are the store-houses of the world. Once there, we can dispense with English gold.

"(10) Moreover, we must take pains to establish and maintain an intimate union with Austria, apparently countenancing her schemes for future aggrandizement in Germany, and all the while secretly rousing the jealousy of the minor states against her. By this way we must bring it to pass that one or the other party shall seek aid from Russia, and thus we shall exercise a sort of protectorate over the country, which will pave the way for future supremacy.

"(11) We must make the House of Austria interested in the expulsion of the Turks from Europe, and we must neutralize its jealousy at the capture of Constantinople, either by pre-occupying it with a war with the old European States or by allowing it a share of the spoil, which we can afterwards resume at our leisure.

"(12) We must collect round our house, as round a centre, all the detached sections of Greeks which are scattered abroad in Hungary, Turkey, and South Poland. We must make them look to us for support, and then, by establishing beforehand a sort of ecclesiastical supremacy, we shall pave the way for Universal Sovereignty.

"(13) When Sweden is ours, Persia vanquished, Poland subjugated, Turkey conquered—and our armies are united, and the Euxine and the Baltic are in the possession of our ships, then we must make separate and secret overtures, first to the Court of Versailles, and then to that at Vienna to share with them the dominion of the world. If either of them accept our propositions which is certain to happen if their ambition and self-interest are properly worked upon, we must make use of one to annihilate the other; this done, we have only to destroy the remaining one by finding a pretext for a quarrel, the issue of which cannot be doubtful, as Russia will then be already in absolute possession of the East and of the best part of Europe.

"(14) Should the improbable case happen of both rejecting the propositions of Russia, then our policy will be to set one against the other, and make them tear each other to pieces. Russia must then watch for and seize the favorable moment, and pour her already assembled hosts into Germany, while two immense fleets, laden with Asiatic hordes and convoyed by the armed squadrons of the Euxine and the Baltic, set sail simultaneously from the sea of Azoff and the harbour of Archangel; sweeping along the Mediterranean and the Atlantic they will overrun France on the one side, while Germany is overpowered on the other. When these countries are fully conquered, the rest of Europe must fall easily and without a struggle under our yoke. Thus Europe can and must be subjugated."

This is the aim of Russia. Politicians of today may smile, yet many tremble at Russia's aggressiveness. Napoleon I. foresaw what many are waking up to in our day, and gave expression to his thoughts, while a captive at St. Helena, in the following terms:

"In the course of a few years Russia will have Constantinople, part of Turkey, and all Greece. This I hold to be as certain as if it had already taken place; all the cajolery and flattery that Alexander practiced upon me was to gain my consent to effect that object. I would not give it, foreseeing that the equilibrium of Europe would be destroyed. In the natural course of things Turkey must fall to Russia; the Powers it would injure, and who would oppose it, are England, France, Austria and Prussia. Now, as to Austria, it would be very easy to secure her assistance by giving her Servia and other provinces bordering on the Austrian dominions, reaching near to Constantinople. The only hypothesis that France and England will ever be allied with anything like sincerity will be to prevent this; but even this alliance will not avail. France, England and Prussia united cannot prevent it. Russia and Austria can at any time effect it; once mistress of Constantinople, Russia gets all the commerce of the Mediterranean, becomes a great naval power, and God knows what may happen. The object of my invasion of Russia was to prevent this, by the interposition between her and Turkey of a new State which I meant to call into existence as a barrier to her eastern encroachments."

We attach no undue importance to the opinions of men, however great they may be. There is One "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Man, though rebellious in heart against God, is but the tool in His hands to accomplish His purposes. God's purpose is "in the dispensation of the fulness of times"—that dispensation so near at hand

when Christ shall reign in righteousness and peace—it is His purpose “to gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him.” (Eph. i. 9-12.)

Reader, it is Christ, not Russia, that is to have “Universal Sovereignty” upon the earth. God has declared that to Jesus “every knee shall bow,” both in heaven and upon earth. (Phillip II. 10.) Christ *has been* glorified in heaven and he *shall be* glorified upon earth. The World Empires spoken of by Daniel the prophet have risen and fallen; when the fourth Empire rises again, for a very brief period, the Stone—now made “Head of the Corner” in God’s heavenly building—shall fall upon that great human Image which magnifies itself upon earth and break it in pieces, and IT shall “fill the whole earth.” (Daniel II. 34, 35.)

In vain do men look for peace and a golden age without Christ. THE KING, God’s King, must come, according to Psalm 72: “His name shall endure for ever . . . and men shall be blessed in Him . . . and the whole earth shall be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.”

“EVEN SO; COME, LORD JESUS.”

Oklahoman: Exiled Texan, Prisoner in 22 Russian Jails, Back in U. S. to Tell of Tortures. New York, Feb. 28.—(A. P.)—Three times told he was to be shot and for two years held in twenty-two Russian prisons, Julius Chevalier, one time Standard Oil engineer and native of Texas, arrived Monday enroute to Washington to “tell his story” to the state department.

After two years of being shifted from prison to prison, he went on a hunger strike and shortly after Christmas, 1926, was released.

“There were about 1,200 women prisoners on the island where I was” he said. “The soviet held them as ‘accessories after the fact,’ as you say here. Their husbands or sweethearts had committed crimes and so they were sent to prison because they knew the ones who had been convicted.

“Many of them were pretty young girls when they arrived in the prison. They looked like old women in a few months.

“The guards seemed to enjoy death. When prisoners got sick they would send them by sleigh for twenty or twenty-five miles so they would be frozen to death when they got there.

“The worst torture chamber I ever saw was the prison within a prison, a little room called ‘the screecher.’ When a prisoner became unruly, you know, got a little mad and screamed at his guards, he would be taken to ‘the screecher.’ They tore off all his clothes and left him in the place to freeze. It was cold. A man couldn’t live for more than an hour there. ‘Death from sickness,’ read the prison report.

Chavalier’s wife died in Constantinople in 1925 from exposure brought on by poverty, he said, and he found his two children after weeks of searching in the custody of one American relief organization in a suburb near that city.

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