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“AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH.”



THIS striking reference to the days of Noah should be carefully considered by every Christian

First: Because it discovers to us the exact time of Redemption. Seven days before the rain fell, God commanded Noah to enter the ark, and God shut to the door. (Gen. 7.)

The prophet says: “Take a year for a day and a day for a year.” Thus, seven years before the Lord comes to earth again, the saints will go into Redemption, the dead raised, the living changed and the door of mercy will close on this ungodly and perverse generation.

Second: To define this time more carefully, by a comprehensive view of the Bible, the Jews are to rehabilitate Palestine seven years before the Lord descends, or the 70th week of Dadiel. (Dan. 9:24)

The Jews return in a time of trouble such as there never was. This return occurs at the downfall of Turkey and the release of the Holy Land from being trodden down by the Gentiles, or the closing of the Gentile Age. (Lk. 21:34; Dan. 9:27.)

I call your attention to these facts: the time of trouble is on; Turkey is doomed; the Jews are ready for their restoration: and as they return seven years before the

coming of the Lord, all these events being imminent, our Redemption is at hand. (Lk. 21:18.)

It is in this time of trouble that God's children are to be delivered, whose names are written in the Book of Life. “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” (Dan. 12:1-3.)

Third: Russia will speedily turn her whole attention to the conquest of the Ottoman Empire, holding only a defensive line on the German and Austrian Frontiers. This will compel England to change front and fight Russia over their frontiers in Persia and Palestine. Russia will seize Constantinople and England Palestine, and then as a war meas-

ure England will invite the Jews to their own land, and provide ships to carry them. The Bible says they are to be carried by the ships of Chittim. (Dan. 11:30.) Chittim is the land of tin from whence Solomon obtained tin for the temple.

This will insure Britian's position in the near East. The Jews, tired of the world's wars and impending anarchy, will rejoice in their restoration, and fulfill the prophecy:

"Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows?" (Isa. 60:8.)

The remnant (the Bride) will return with them. The Church (His Body) will go into Redemption about this time, and a general condition of anarchy, pestilence and famine will prevail on the earth.

From these things we can readily see our Redemption is nearer than we realize. How thorough, then, ought to be our examination and invoicing of experiences to see how we stand with God. For this hour let us turn our attention to personal purity and perfection of our character in God, rather than the maintaining of missions and factions, churches, creeds and denomination-ism.

REDEMPTION.

The necessary preparation for Redemption can only be found in a thoroughly sanctified life. There is no promise except to the overcomer, and no one can live a victor in God without true holiness, and this is only entered by an instantaneous

definite second work of grace. To this must be added the sealing of the Holy Ghost of promise. (Eph. 1: 13, 14.)

The baptism of the Holy Ghost of promise is an essential in your preparation for Redemption, and your experience must tally with the 2nd chapter of Acts. You may have been wonderfully sanctified and have had the "anointing that abideth," as the disciples received from Jesus in the upper room when the door was locked, but no one has the baptism with the Holy Ghost unless their experience tallies with that received on the day of Pentecost.

By the baptism with the Holy Ghost I do not mean all the chattering, jabbering, wind-sucking, holy dancing-rollerism going on over the country, which is the result of hypnotic, spiritualistic and fleshy controls, but a real sane reception of the Holy Ghost in baptismal power, filling you with glory unspeakable and causing you, without any effort, to speak freely in foreign languages. This is called the sealing. (Rev. 7; II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 4:30; 1:13, 14.)

This sealing will not preserve you without effort on your part. You must live a clean, holy life on the Pentecostal plane or the sealing loses its validity.

Hear this: Three-fourths of the so called pentecosts in the world are counterfeits, the devil's imitation to deceive the poor earnest souls, so they will not escape the coming time of trouble through Redemption. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 19.]

FAITH HEALING, or DIVINE HEALING.

1. By Faith-healing, or Divine-healing, is to be understood the recovery of persons afflicted with serious diseases, by the power of God, in answer to faith and prayer, without the use of ordinary means, such as doctors, medicines, and the like.

2. That God should heal the sick after this fashion is in perfect harmony with the views and experience of The Salvation Army from the beginning. Nothing to the contrary has ever been taught by our authority, and numerous instances of faith-healing have occurred in The Army throughout its history.

3. The teaching of the Bible is in favor of this method of healing. The following passage taken alone proves this:—

“Are there any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed any thing, they shall be forgiven him.”—James, v, 14, 15.

If there were no other, this passage alone would be sufficient; but there are numerous texts in the Book to the same effect.

4. The healing of the sick directly by the power of God has from the beginning been associated with the office of prophets, priests, teachers, apostles—and, indeed, all of those, known by whatever name, who have

been the agents of God on the earth.

5. When Jesus sent forth His apostles, He gave them power not only to preach, but to heal the sick.

6. Nevertheless, from the beginning there can be no question that God has been pleased to heal sickness and disease by the use of appropriate means. He has, it is true, in some instances chosen to preserve health without food; but, as a rule, if men want to keep health, they must use suitable means. Just so with the restoration of health, when it is lost. Where men are led by the Spirit of God to heal, or be healed, by faith, by all means let it be so, and God will be glorified thereby. But where they are not, let them use such means as commend themselves to their own judgement, and they must not be condemned for so doing.

7. The F. O. must beware of being led into false notions on the subject of Faith healing, as multitudes have been.

(a) He must not deny Faith-healing, because some say they are healed and are not; or because some have sought healing who have not found it; or because some may have seemed to be healed, and then have been as sick as ever. All these objections would apply to obtaining Salvation by faith.

(b) The F. O. must beware of discouraging the faith for healing in others. On the contrary, he should do all he can to urge other people to such faith even if he

is himself unable to exercise it.

(c) He must not consider disease to be sin, or suppose that any serious sickness in people proves them to be greater sinners than others. Neither must he suppose that affliction proves a want of faith in those who endure it, seeing that it may be the will of God they should suffer and not be healed.

8. When Soldiers or others desire to present themselves to God for recovery by faith, or where F. O. is led to seek healing for himself, his Soldiers, or others, in this way, let the following suggestions be attended to:—

(a) Anointing with oil is evidently not essential, seeing that as many cases of healing have been wrought without it as with it. It is but a form. Still, when persons attach importance to it, it can be used.

(b) When oil is used, all that is required is to anoint the forehead with it. To suppose that there is any necessity to apply it to the parts affected is simply ridiculous, for if that line be followed out, it may be said that the oil is essential to the healing. If the cure is wrought by God, touching the forehead with oil serves every purpose.

(c) If patients should insist on being anointed with oil in the seat of the particular malady, women must in every case anoint women, and men must anoint men. And holy women who are firm believ-

ers in this way of healing should be selected to perform this duty.

9. Where an Officer has not light upon this subject, or does not feel any power in Faith-healing, then some Sergeant who does, may be requested to deal with those seeking healing in this way.—*Orders and Regulations for Field Officers, Salvation Army. Chap. iv, Sec. 2, page 51.*

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION.

JOHN WESLEY'S VIEW.

By Rev. D. A. WHEDDON.

(Continued from last issue.)

The word of God has free course, [at Otley, in 1776,] and brings forth much fruit. This is chiefly owing to the spirit and behavior of those whom God has perfected in love. Their zeal stirs up many; and their steady and uniform conversation, has a language almost irresistible."—Vol. iv, p. 451. "I found the plain reason why the work of God had gained no ground in this (Lauriston) circuit all the year. The preachers had given up the Methodist testimony. Either they did not speak of perfection at all, (the peculiar doctrine committed to our trust,) or they spoke of it only in general terms, without urging the believers to go on to perfection, and to expect it every moment. And wherever this is not earnestly done the work of God does not prosper."—Vol. iv, p. 459. "Here (at Yorkshire, in 1760,) began that glorious work of sanctification which had been near-

REPORT FROM ADRIAN, MISSOURI.

To All That Everywhere Call Upon
The Name Of The Lord:

The meeting here has been running several weeks, and the community is stirred as never before. Bro. Barham is at his best. Bro. and Sister Casey are leading the singing to the glory of God. Bro. Clark is at his post.

God is favoring th's some good workers expected soon not measured by here from less to us, but is always K manifested in his readiness to bless us with deeper things contained in that testatment of which Christ is the testator.

Pray for us mightily that God may pour out his blessings upon us here. Also that He may erase all differences of opinions, and prejudices, and help us to serve him with a pure heart fervently. All to the end that sinners may be saved, backsliders returned, church members converted, and that all creeds, doctrines, forms and ceremonies may be replaced by a form of worship and right living that shall meet

with the approbation of God.
Yours in Christ,
L. G. Emerick.

THE MODERNIZED

WOMAN'S PRAYER

WHEELING

I've labored in Thy vineyard; Thou dost know;
I've sold ten tickets to the minstrel show;
I've called

bean supper and the minstrel show;

And put it in the hearts of all to go.
Induce the visitors to patronize
The men who in our program advertise;
Because I've chased these merchants till they did
Whene'er they saw me coming; yes, they did.

Increase the contributions to our Fair,
And bless the people who assemble there;
Bless thou the grab bag and the gypsy tent,
The flower table and the cake that's sent.

Teddy has arrived at the point of quoting scripture to explain his political position. But this will avail nothing, as the average politician does not know whether Christ was crucified on Calvary or shot at Bunker Hill, and they don't care to know.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

May blessings untold be on your hearts
this Yuletide, and grace more abundant
fill your souls, while He fills you with the
Holy Spirit of Promise.

Our hopes are for the greatest, and per-
haps the last, year of our ministry in a
great Campaign during the World's Fair
in Frisco in 1915. Do not forget to hold
us up to God in the coming year, and we
will endeavor not to disappoint you.

The paper was too weak financially to
appear in November, its friends failing to
make proper donations. But we are mak-
ing a larger edition for a Christmas pres-
ent, hoping to awaken you all to feel your
responsibility in sending your tithes and
offerings so that a weekly paper may go
out to tell the story ere the Night is on.
May God help every lover of the true Ap-

stolic Faith to do all in their power to
spread the Gospel while it is Day.

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The State Quarantine temporarily closed
our meetings in Zion City, but they will
be continued as soon as the small-pox
abates.

The last meetings were by far the best.
Certainly God has raised his hand to re-
store Zion to her first estate in body, soul
and spirit. The complete downfall of
Vediva's rotten regime is inevitable. Hun-
dreds of his poor duped followers will be
left in abject poverty, having mortgaged
all they have and given him the money,
which he has no possible way of repaying.

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never result in 7th, we telegraphed expectant
opinions in Adrian, Mo., that we would ar-

The Caseys are here Sunday.
Bro. Cabaniss is here to stir the dev-

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I ask all to read carefully and prayerful-
ly "The Voice Crying in The Wilderness."
World-wide interest has been aroused re-
garding the teachings of this book since
the war began in Europe. The chapters
on Healing and Redemption are of spe-
cial interest to believers.

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Bro. Parham and Bro. Cabaniss will be
in Zion City to open the meetings again
as soon as the quarantine is lifted, to
prepare the way for Bro. Waterbury to
take charge for the rest of the winter.
Send all donations for the Zion meeting
to Chas. F. Parham,

Baxter Springs, Kansas.

THE VEIL OF PROPHECY LIFTED.

Extracts From Sermon by Chas. F. Parham, on "The Future Outlook."

Since so much interest has been aroused in this and other countries by these prophetic lectures, I feel the main work of my ministry must now be lifting the veil of prophecy so that the "wise" everywhere may "hear and understand."

Last week a man in Portugal wrote desiring the privilege of translating my sermon on "War, War, War," and distributing it over Europe.

We are now in the War of the Nations.—Matt, 24:6-7. This present conflict will destroy the German, Austrian and Turkish Empires, as the three countries that rib Russia.—Dan. 7:5. With the overthrow of Turkey the Gentile Age closes, and the Jews are rehabilitated in Palestine. The coalition of Italy and three other countries will soon appear as the Leopard.—Dan. 7:6.

This will prepare the way for the "Diverse Beast" (Anarchy).—Dan. 7:7. Diverse because it is an unorganized power, while all the others have been on an organized basis.

England will lose her colonies by secession and otherwise, the Kings of Europe will fall and a baptism of blood will follow. In the United States, Capital and Labor will clash, the government will fall, the streets of our cities will run with blood, and she who yesterday sat in her palace of luxury, will tomorrow search among the ruins of her former home for relics of her lost wealth, wearing the garb of charity and fed on public alms.

Then the "Woman" (Catholicism) riding on the back of the "Beast" (Anarchy), will assert her power.—Rev. 17:17. She alone controls suf-

ficient of the consciences of men to restore order. When order is restored the masses alone remain, the Kings and the rich having perished. Then will come a great ethical wave (a Lamb-like power), and a great teacher and leader arising will lead the masses into a sort of Socialistic, Ethical, Humanitarianism, to which even the Pope will agree, and he will appoint ten men (kings, or toes), or Captains of Industries to rule the world in a commission form of government similar to Bellamy's "Looking Backward."—Rev. 17:7, 18; Dan. 7:19-25.

All phases of spiritual or experimental salvation will disappear, and Pantheism, or man his own savior, will exclude everything of the past. Great teachers and schools will spread this new light, this earth-born imitation of Christianity, and so great will be the peace and plenty that fill the world, that man will declare he has produced the Kingdom of God on earth (the true Millennium).

The world, with perhaps the exception of Russia, will be swept by this wave of Socialistic (two-horned lamb), Humanitarian, Ten-toed, Ten-horned power. A United Brotherhood of Man will be built on the ashes where lay all the unions, combines, lodges, churches and governments of the past.

Oh, what a seeming triumph for puny man; but alas, how soon it passes.

In the middle of the last week of years (seven years) of this Age, the Wonder (man), the great Ethical, Pantheistic, Socialistic, Humanitarian Teacher is wounded to death by the sword in Jerusalem (which will soon become and continue to be for all ages the Hub of the world, the true Zion of God).

All the world will mourn this man as the greatest of earth's creatures, when lo, he comes to life, and all the world, astounded, stand ready to believe him in all things. But into his dead body has crept the spirit of Anti-christ, and he is, no longer the Great Teacher, or Ethical leader they all adored, but the slimy, deceptive Devil in human form, to work his last deception on the human race.—Rev. 13:3, 11, 12; Rev. 17:10-11.

He deceives the Jews into believing he is their long expected Messiah. He fulfills all their prophecies by bringing into the world a great Ethical Union, with Jerusalem the Chief City. He dies an innocent death and is resurrected in three days. This is He!

Unbounded will be their worship and adoration. The Pope now yields, declares him the Christ, and with the consent of the Jews, gives up the daily sacrifice in the rebuilt Temple, and an Image of the Anti-christ is put in the Holy of Holies.—Dan. 8:11; 11:31; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 13:14.

Then the power of the Devil is yielded to him, and all the Christian Scientific, Spiritualistic, Theosophical "tommy-rot" will find their true head. In fact, he will at once, by the reason of his being the Teacher who led the world into this great Ethical Pantheistic Unity, be the supreme political power. The Jewish acceptance of him as the Messiah, the Pope (as the False Prophet) declaring him to be the Christ, and endowed by the Devil with miracles and all deceivableness of iniquity, making fire to come down out of heaven, and the Image to both walk and speak, he becomes the Supreme Head of mankind, the climax of all man's fight against God. "sitting in the Temple of God showing himself that he is God."—II Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:11-14.

With fanatical zeal never before known, the False Prophet (the Pope) will worship this man and seek the establishment of his power in all the earth.

From Universal Brotherhood a reaction occurs, heaving the people into a world-wide Union. An order is issued compelling everyone to take a stamp or seal in the right hand or forehead, and without which they can neither buy nor sell.—Rev. 13:15-18; Luke 21:28-36.

About this time the jealousy of the King of the North, the Czar of all the Russians, is excited by the supremacy of this great King of the South at Jerusalem, and then comes the titanic struggle for the one-man rule, or Imperialistic supremacy of the earth.—Dan. 11:40. They will push one at another until Russia comes down with all her forces (Dan. 11:40-45), passes southeast of Jordan into Egypt, gathers her forces of Ethiopia, and hearing tidings from the east and north, hurriedly marches against the Anti-christ at Jerusalem, attacks the city and captures a part.—Zech. 14.

'Tis then the Sign of the coming of the Son of Man astonishes both armies and by an armistice they gather all the fighting forces in the Valley of Esdraelon; the heavens open and Christ descends.—Rev. 19; Zech. 14. After leaving those who came with him in the valley made by the split in the Mount of Olives when His foot touches it, He passes to the battlefield and destroys the fighting forces of the world in one battle—Armageddon.

Then He establishes the true Millennium. "The Government shall be upon His shoulders, and of that Kingdom there shall be no end."

The redemption of mankind will not come upon the earth by man's efforts to redeem himself, but by the coming

of the Great Redeemer. All glory and majesty and power be unto Him. Some day we shall lay our crowns at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

Everywhere we meet hundreds of professors of religion who have a constant struggle to make a living for themselves and family. Everything they do seems to plunge them deeper into debt. Then when the question of tithing is mentioned, their excuse for not having any money is because it takes every cent they make to supply the actual necessities of their lives.

Shortly after the Lord wonderfully saved and healed me, being harassed day and night on account of debt, not knowing which way to turn for relief, I completely surrendered the whole thing to God, laid everything on the altar to be used by Him as He saw fit. I gave Him more than a tenth of our income, and about 30 per cent of my time.

Before this step was taken everything seemed to work against us, but now all things began to work together for our good. When spring came, money, which under ordinary circumstances would have been taken to pay interest on debts (for it was not possible to pay even a PART of the principal), we used to buy a tent and to pay the expenses of workers for the summer's campaign in new fields.

Many tried to make me see that my obligations to man should first be satisfied, but I contended that God came first, and then He would see to it that I would have enough to pay others, because the earth and the fullness thereof belongs to Him and to those who put their trust in Him, and are willing "to try Him." He promises to

open the very windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it.—Mal. 3:8-11.

Knowing my financial condition, and feeling a personal interest in me, many of my friends advised me to take advantage of bankruptcy, settle with my creditors at so much on the dollar, and commence over again. But so convinced was I that God was at the helm of my affairs, and that He never lost a battle, that I continued to pay tithes of both time and money, and God delivered me from debt and with a better standing in the commercial world than I ever had before. To Him be all the praise!

I have recently met a man, who, knowing God in saving and healing power, took the opposite position, that man comes first, and when entirely out of debt to man, then God's demands can be taken care of. The result is, that after five years of grinding from hand to mouth experience, he is no nearer out of debt than at the beginning, and his obligations to God in time and money unsettled and no chance to ever be settled from a human standpoint.

For the sake of humanity and the good of the cause, why not take the Bible way and bring ALL the tithes into the store-house, and prove Him, for the end of the Age is upon us and the night cometh soon when no man can work, and then Your opportunity will be past. —J.Ed. Cabaniss.

OLD-TIME RELIGION IN ADRIAN.

Like a whirlwind from the presence of the Lord, the Old-time Power struck Adrian about the seventh of November, and for four weeks the people of this section of the country have been taken

by storm. One dear old mother said, "I've not seen such a meeting for forty years."

God is surely pouring out "showers of blessings." Husbands and wives, sons and daughters, young and old, fill the altar night after night, seeking salvation. Who says the day of salvation is a thing of the past? Let them come to Adrian and see added to the church daily such as are to be saved; not to the Methodist church, not to the Baptist church, not to ANY church, but the Church of the Living God.

Scores are also being sanctified, as a **second definite work of grace**, and many are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

AND THEY RECEIVED IT GLADLY.

In the days of the apostles the common people heard the Gospel gladly. It is just the same today. Priests and professors reject, while the people "flock like doves to the windows" to hear this wonderful "Gospel of the Kingdom."

THE CROWDS.

The hall is filled and many turned away, and hundreds of eager hearts drink in the words of truth and life, and listen to the story so old, but to them so new: "Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever." The same Savior from ALL sin; the same great healer of His people, "for by His stripes we are healed;" the same power in His blood to sanctify; "Wherefore, Jesus, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gates." He is still sending the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of Truth, even the Holy Ghost, just as they received it on the day of Pentecost, with the same evidence of

speaking in other languages, for we hear them speaking in tongues and magnifying God.

GOD'S TIME.

For many years Bro. and Sister Wade, formerly of Kansas City, have been praying that God would send Bro. Parham and his workers to hold a meeting in Adrian, and at last their faithfulness has been rewarded, and their shining faces bear testimony to the gladness of their hearts. Their daughter, Mrs. Merton Thistlethwaite, formerly one of Bro. Parham's workers, is now working in the meeting, and as one of the choir, making melody unto the Lord with her sweet voice.

THE CHOIR.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Casey, the choir is doing splendid work. Sister Casey, with her wonderful voice of sweetness and power, lifts our hearts in praise to our Maker. Sister Pansy Caylor, of Webb City, Mo., adds much to the beauty of the singing with her fine alto. Many of Adrian's best singers are swelling the chorus, till the vaulted heavens ring.

THE TRUTH.

Bro. J. Ed. Cabaniss, of Katy, Texas, one of the most consecrated workers we have met for years, is here telling of God's power to transform men's lives, and turn them from the power of Satan to the power of God, and into the marvelous light and liberty of this Gospel. His motto is: "For the Truth shall make you free." Little children flock around him, drawn by that great love that flows from a heart fully given to the Master. May God

raise up many such workers.

THE EVANGELIST

Bro. Parham is still "crying aloud and sparing not," and preaching with the same fearlessness and power that he did when we first heard him in Galena, Kansas, eleven years ago.

AND THOU SHALT BE FED.

"Trust in the Lord and do good, and thou shalt dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." This promise is fulfilled to the letter in this meeting. The good people of Adrian and surrounding country are bringing in such a bountiful supply of good things to eat, that we look on in wonder, even after eleven years of seeing and knowing the wonderful workings of God among His people.

May the God of peace sanctify You wholly and preserve you blameless, spirit, soul, and body unto the coming of our Lord. —D. M. P.

Adrian, Mo., Dec. 8.

Palestine for Centuries the Shuttlecock of Nations.

Because England wants a buffer state east of the Suez Canal and Russia finds it must do something for the Jews, the allied powers propose the creation of an independent Palestine. Thus will the scheme of the New Zion propogandists find an unexpected fulfillment of their dream. Thus says a news dispatch from London. Should this dream become a reality it will accomplish even more than has been hoped for

by the Zionists as the Jews who are planning a return to Palestine are known. The Zionists, under the leadership of such men as Zangwill, hold a congress each year. They advocate the return of enough Jews to Palestine to give them the balance of political power there.

Palestine has been the shuttlecock of more powerful nations ever since its advent into history. Nothing could be more fitting, now, than that it should be rehabilitated in the boundaries of Solomon, to live at the will of its creators.

The Amorites flowed into Palestine about the Sixteenth Century B. C., from the Arabian deserts. A century later Thothmes III enforced an Egyptian overlordship on the land, which his successors maintained for two centuries. Palestine split into a number of petty kingdoms then, which led a precarious existence for two hundred years. By 1100 B. C. the country was overrun by the Hebrews and Philistines, the former occupying the hinterland and the latter the coasts.

The Hebrews gradually gained the upper hand. From Judea, the first part of Palestine to pass under their control, they spread to Samaria. They crossed the Jordan to the east. The various tribes were ruled by their chiefs with a sort of a loose federation of the whole. About 1050 B. C., Saul, of the tribe of Benjamin, became strong enough to weld the tribes into a nation. He extended the boundaries. David, his successor, completed the work

of unification, bringing all Palestine under one government. During the reigns of David and Solomon, who succeeded him, Palestine enjoyed its only existence as the home of a united people under one government.

Solomon divided Palestine into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judaea at his death. That was about 937 B. C. In 722 Sargon, King of Assyria, began the subjugation of Israel, a result of which was the carrying away of the ten tribes into captivity. Asshurbanipal completed the conquest seventy-five years later, and all Israel passed under foreign domination. Judaea lost its autonomy when Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem in 586. He carried the remaining two tribes to the Babylonian captivity.

In the next half century the Arabs from the south came into Palestine. Darius I incorporated it in Persia when he reorganized that kingdom. It passed to Alexander the Great as a trophy of his war. Ptolemy I annexed it to Egypt when he drove out the Greek conquerors. Antiochus I, of Syria, won it in 197. During the reign of his successor, Antiochus II, the Hebrews were taunted into the Maccabee rebellion, which ended in the freedom of Judaea under the rule of princes of the Jewish Church.

The Hebrews, under their own government, became quite influential again. They took Samaria and settled in Galilee. All the ancient territory of Judaea east of the Jor-

dan came under their control. Power brought internal dissension and in 65 B. C. Pompey and his Roman legions came. Judaea enjoyed nominal independence under Rome's watchful eye. Herod the Great was graciously termed an ally. Six more Herods followed in line, each raised to power by Rome. Their title of king was granted by the Roman senate, and a higher honor was being named honorary praetor. This nominal freedom ended when the Hebrews rebelled in 70 A. D. Rome made Palestine a province.

Palestine was a part of Rome and then of the Byzantine Empire. In 614 Khosru II of Persia asserted his sway over it. His rule was brief, giving way to that of the Moslem, which has remained, with the exception of the short periods that the Crusaders held sway in the Holy Land. [Ex.

VISION OF THE FUTURE —THE NEW EARTH.

Under the Rule of the Messiah—
Christ.

I am looking into the future and I see a nation not having one case of poverty—not one. I see a race of men and women perfect morally, mentally and physically. In that new world I see hundreds of millions of happy smiling faces of men, women and youths. I hear the laughter of children, the songs of the birds and the merry chirping of the squirrels. The elk, antelope,

hounds, cattle and lambs fraternize in joyous companionship; the huntsman's bullet and the shedding of blood no longer remain a dread. The spectre of apprehension had long been unknown to man and beast. This new earth is a garden of bloom, beauty and plenty; of music and song, a jewel which is a gift of God. And there are some things I do not see. I do not see one hovel, or one woman or child at work in the mines, mills, factories, offices or fields. Neither do I see one case of tuberculosis, typhoid fever, nor any of the other and all preventable ills which now infest the earth. Health there is universal and the secret of longevity is known. Life is everlasting, and the life is as sweet as it is long. All of the emotions of this superior life are positive, the negative destroyers of the electrons of life have been lost in the revolutionary uplift. Death and disease are unbelievable and unknown in this harmony of soul and flesh. Music is everywhere, its harmonious force being a recognized life builder. The constitution of the cell and the ultimate unit of heredity is no longer a problem, and life is a mystery no more. Man knows what he is, whence he came, and what his destiny. Read Rev. 22:1-3. Prisons, jails, soldiers, police, warships, insane asylums, charitable institutions, cathedrals, mosques, hospitals, cemeteries, morgues, monuments, slums, saloons, courts, dirty streets, shoddy clothing, intemperance, brothels, politicians, bankers,

grafters, money, profits, millionaires and mendicants, and all other ulcers of so-called present day civilization, are forgotten history in this new world. The record of all such evidence of riot had long been consigned to the shelves of antiquity. In place of all this the face of bountiful nature is dotted with parks, evergreens, beautiful fruits as in the garden of Eden instead of industrial dungeons, crowded business blocks and rows of houses unfit for shelter. And not one cloud of smoke do I see. Neither stacks nor chimneys adorn the buildings, and the culm piles, once resembling great wounds in the earth, are now gardens of roses. Rev. 22:5—"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever." In this new world life is a joy, not a brutal struggle; life is pleasure, not discomfort and strife. There I see life with art and life with industry. Life without joy there is known to be savagery, and life without art is known to be brutality. In art in this new world I see the complete expression of man's joy in his labor. The struggle for existence has long been dead in the dust of the ages. It is unthinkable amidst such harmony of thought. Really great problems are being solved and their achievement is sure. And on through all the centuries new and greater secrets are wrested from nature and are molded into the beauty of life. Ah,

what a perfect race of men I see. I see a race so perfect as to be incapable of an impure thought, to say nothing of an impure act. I see man in this new world without envy, without malice, without vanity, without jealousy, without hatred, without impure desire, without grief and without fear. I can also see the observance of a code of ethics so different from the modern standard. Many things we now regard as wrong are there recognized as right; and many deeds we now accept as right are known to be wrong. Truth is enthroned and superstition is a corpse of a forgotten time. And that new world I see is coming as sure as it has a right to come. And we Christians who can see the coming of this new life that is to be, and who enjoy the majestic picture of the future so generously, have no more right to the privilege of this glorious vision than have you. Seek and learn. The proved treasures of man's master mind are for you as well as for those who have sought and found. The light is here for you to have, to hold and to enjoy. We are pleading with you. So come! Come! John 1st chapter.

But why is it that I can see this vision of the splendor of a future life on earth and you cannot see it? It is because I am ——; but I'll not tell you. It might offend you, and perhaps you would not understand. But you who are really consecrated and have sought life from the right source will understand and you will

know what I am.

The above is a description of the Kingdom of Heaven on the New Earth, and is taken from the 65th chapter of Isaiah. —Sel.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS.

The meeting conducted by Sister F. M. Bacon in Baxter Springs from Nov. 1 to 19, resulted in much good, especially among the young people, many of whom were converted and renewed in the Lord. Sister Bacon did not come with the expectation of holding meeting, but the way was opened for one, and from the first conviction began to settle upon the people, and several who had once known the Lord were again caused to "do their first works over again" in repenting and seeking the Lord for pardon, which was graciously given. They are now consecrating their lives to God that His will be wrought out in them.

We listened eagerly to many words of truth that flowed from the lips of Bro. Parham and thank God for the power that has kept him all these years. We also thank God for raising up Bro. Clark to travel with him. He is one of the finest soloists we ever listened to, and we look in wonder on a life so transformed by God's power. Many people are drawn to God when they hear his wonderful voice.

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READERS: Secure and carefully read "The Number of Man," by Philip Manro. Price 75 cents. Address Fleming H. Revell Company, Chicago, Ill.

“THE DAYS OF NOAH.”

[CONT'D FROM PAGE 2] The saddest thing about these deluded ones is their unteachable spirit and their fanatical zeal in propogating the false. God pity them.

Our attention must now be called to a very important preparation, and that is the death of the old man, or self. Sanctification cleanses out the law of sin, or carnal nature, and the old man is nailed to the tree and dies by the daily crucifixion route. Yet the very things that come to us to help kill the old man fail to do so because we fail to show the Christ-spirit, or to properly die to the self-life.

Between us and Redemption is an experience where we can truly plant both feet and say: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Gal. 2:20.)

It is appointed unto man once to die, and those who expect to meet the Lord must surely die to the “old man,” or the self-life.

A final thought: The body must be considered in the preparation. The Bible not only teaches an occasional healing, but a pure, sanctified body, freed from every taint of disease, both inbred and acquired. It also teaches further, that we may have the spirit of the life of Christ, (Rom. 8:2) setting us free from the law of sin and death; that he will remove

the death principle, and change our grave-yard proneness to that looking up attitude, that leads to a full fruition for our bodies into immortality.

Most professors of divine healing are mighty poor specimens of health. They look like they were cheating the undertaker, playing hookey from the grave-yard, or would make good running-gears for a katydid. Shame! Full of catarrh, aches, pains and innumerable returns of former afflictions!

Brethren, let us put away this shame, seek a sanctified body, and live above sickness as well as sin. The exhortation is given: “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (II Cor. 7:1.)

Again, he promises to sanctify our bodies: “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Thes. 5:23.)

“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.” (Eph. 5:30.) “What! Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (I Cor. 6:19.)

Paul says: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your *bodies* a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Rom. 12:1.)

In the last two verses of Joel, he promises to cleanse our blood: "But Judah shall dwell forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

What more do we need to give us faith for pure bodies?

It is my profound conviction, after years of careful study and sixteen years in a sanctified body, my blood being cleansed from inbred and acquired germs of disease, the principle of death gone from my body, that it will require this experience to be enabled to put on Redemption. Are you seeking purification for body, soul and spirit?

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (I John 3:3)

May the God of all grace help everyone throughout the world, to whom I have been permitted to minister, to look up for our Redemption draweth nigh. Faithfully yours,

CHAS. F. PARHAM.

An Open Letter To The Rulers of Europe.

To His Majesty:—

May I beg pardon for this seeming impudent intrusion?

Of olden times it was profitable for Nebuchadnezzar to listen to the servant of the Lord. Although thou art oft beset with cranks, I beg a few moments time to present a message from the King of Kings; not as a crank, but as God's messenger, lest in the coming

European conflict, listening to mercenary Statesmen and overzealous Patriots, thou dost allow conditions to arise creating unnecessary and sanguinary results.

This know, O King: The Gentile Age is closing; the restoration and rehabilitation of Palestine by Jewry is at hand. The nations covering the Roman Empire's territory must resolve themselves into the TEN TOED KINGDOM closing the vision of Daniel's Image. The fall and dismemberment of the Turkish Empire is at hand, for her "treading down of the Holy Land till the fulfilling of the times of the Gentiles" is ending.

The Bear (Daniel 7), has raised herself on one side, obtaining all of Siberia, threatens China and Persia, and is now ready to crush three ribs: let Turkey, Austria and Germany beware. Twice before the Tartan hordes overran Europe, until Rome fell, and the Greek and Gaul their knees in supplicance bent. This will be followed by a conflict between England and Russia over the boundary lines. England will take Egypt, the Holy Land and half of Persia; Russia will take Constantinople.

To this end I plead that it may please the King to seek the will and purpose of the Almighty in guiding the Ship of State, and not the erring pilots of Statescraft.

His humble servant,
Chas. F. Parham,

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