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A LONG FELT WANT.

The world is over-filled with literary "fellers" and orators whose pratings are noisy but not penetrating; therefore, the great majority of the new books on new subjects now coming to the front are of no value as teachers for the reason that the words used in them are uncommon and unknown to the general public, and the sentences are long and winding and are so padded with "literary" clap-trap that the general reader loses the run of the subject while wading through the trashy paddings before coming to the vital point, and unless the mind is held down continuously and closely the reader goes over the main point without seeing it so that when he arrives at the end of the book his mind is tired and his head aches, and he knows no more about the subject than he did before he commenced to read it. He has spent valuable time in running a great string of "literary" trash through his brain and gains nothing from it. He comes to the conclusion that the whole thing is a windy structure (and he is correct in so thinking) and, with a feeling of disgust, he throws the book or paper down and declares against all these new "fads", as he wants to call them, and he gives the "marble heart" and "icy hand" to everything. How often I have heard
people remark that they would like to read something on certain subjects if they could understand what they read, but that most writings are strung together in such a way and made up of such uncommon words as to be tiresome and not instructive. The sending out of my books to various parts of the earth causes many pamphlets, books, magazines and papers on new subjects to drift to me, and on examination of them I find the great majority of them totally unfit as instructors for the reason that Latin phrases, big words, long sentences and padded expressions are used from start to finish so that the whole subject is so completely buried beneath the trash that it is not worth the time to dig it out. If I must read several hundred pages of a book in order to get a point that could be stated clearly in ten lines I do not want the book, as I have no time or inclination to fork away rubbish. Most writers and speakers of the present day hang the basket so high and cover it with so much literary trash that even the birds fail to see the food in it. The less a man knows the more show he tries to make. This is why Christ’s sermon on the mount is so extremely plain and unpretentious and yet so powerful. He knew all things and told it in few words, in a simple way. If He were on earth today, in the flesh, how many “calls” would He get from the various church organizations to preach to them, and what salary would they offer Him? None at all. They would not sit in the seats and hear Him through with His sermon. They would say it was too flat and not “literary” enough. He would mount the rostrum
and begin to say, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." "Blessed—here some old gray-headed pious sinner in the front would rise up and say "We have had enough of that. Give us something more literary." Thus the world is today. It has over-reached itself and fell down and is wandering around in the wilderness; and thousands upon thousands of preachers, orators and literary "fellers" are trying to fish it out but their cords are woven entirely for show and not for service. Seeing this fact I have attempted to avoid the ruts into which they have fallen, and, therefore, in my several books on a multitude of important subjects I have adopted the plainest style of expression couched in words commonly used in every-day conversation so as to sound easy and natural to the reader and leave no doubt in his mind as to the meaning intended to be conveyed in the shortest way; and the hundreds of letters coming to me from all directions show that my efforts to lay the most important, mysterious and far-reaching subjects before the people in a plain way is highly appreciated by all who read them, as they are treated in an entirely new light and are held down to this earth where they can be practical for mankind, as was the divine intention. But in pursuing the literal line of argument one meets with the old stereotyped opposition which always arises out of people when they hear or see something unusual and new, as human nature is so constituted that it can not let go of old ideas or ways of thinking and
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doing without a fierce struggle, during which it wants to kill somebody or do some other vicious thing to put down and get rid of the new thing. And as the Bible subjects have always, heretofore, been looked upon as applying to the sky, the idea of bringing them down to this earth where they can reach mankind is so entirely different from past teaching that much wrestling and frothing of the mind will evidently occur when the prophecies are laid open literally.

Sir Isaac Newton writes:—About the time of the end (of Gentile Times and the Christian Age) a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies and will insist upon their literal interpretation in the midst of much clamor and opposition." And here we are, demanding that the Bible prophecies shall be considered as applying to the literal things of this earth and not away up in the sky. To start in to spiritualize them leaves the gate open for each reader to hatch up in his imagination any great balloon scheme which his uncertain mind can manufacture; as no two persons (nowadays) can agree on any one thing in business, politics, governments, Bible or anything else we would have all kinds of theories and doctrines, just as we now see. One says it is white and another says it is black, while another declares that it is yellow. It all depends on the condition of the sight or the imagination as to what color each person declares it to be. The spiritualizing method of interpreting the Bible leaves each man's mind to hatch up schemes freely. I have often been amused
while reading the different interpretations set forth by different writers who try to spiritualize every statement in the prophecies. They whittle and whittle until every statement becomes thin air and blows away; and this is why the prophecies are cast aside nowadays as having no meaning, whereas, in fact, they are a clear record of the transactions to occur on this earth, and they are already coming to pass, but the blindness of the world prevents people from noticing this great fact, right in the face of events now going on before us; but the people have spiritualized every scriptural statement and put it away up in the sky so that these literal facts count for nothing in their minds. Mr. John Ferguson writes about this in this way:

There are two general systems of interpreting Scripture. One is the mystical or moralizing and spiritualizing method which can be traced back to the days of Origen in the third century. By this system every statement of scripture is supposed to have a mystical or hidden meaning. It has no law or rule of interpretation except the unbridled imagination, and under it we have as many different interpretations of the Word of God as there are fancies of different persons. The other is the literal system by which every declaration is to be taken as it reads, except where the well known usage of language shows that the passage under consideration is figurative and not literal. It is true that the Bible has many figures, and that much of Daniel and Revelation are in symbolic language but it is also true, and becoming more manifest every day, that the scriptures introduce no figures for which they do not furnish literal language to explain them.

Take, for instance, the subjects treated in this book. They all point to the hidden and spiritual things, yet it would be foolishness to ignore and deny the literal facts by which the spiritual is worked out to its desired end. In other words, the spiritual works itself out through the literal facts
which we see going on around us; and in dealing with these things I call attention to the literal movements in order to draw men's minds to the unseen spiritual Force behind them, and, therefore, I warn the reader of this book not to get the idea that I am teaching it that the tribes of Israel can walk right into the kingdom of God and be the Elect Church on account of being the literal descendants of Abraham or Jacob. Not at all. Even if I could trace my lineage back to Abraham without a break in the chain it would count for nothing so far as the Elect Church and the Kingdom are concerned, unless I accept the principles of Christ and live them and become regenerated and made perfect in Spirit. This is done by Repentance, Faith, Grace and Love to God and the neighbor and following the instructions of Christ. Therefore, when reading the statements in this book about the Ten Tribes of Israel or any other tribes, you must remember that fleshly descent does not make any body an Elect. This is why the statement is made in the New Testament that "Though the children of Israel be as the sands of the sea (so numerous) only a remnant shall be saved." See Rom. 9:27. It all depends on whether you accept the Christ and live the principles in actual fact, night and day, continually. You must not depend on your literal fleshly descent from the family of Jacob, as that family was set apart as a grove of timber from which a stick here and there could be taken and molded into perfection to lead the world. A "remnant" only is to be selected from them, the scriptures say. Just those only who love
God and His Truth above all else and are willing to lay down everything and themselves also for God and His spiritual works. But in making my statements in this book I have confined myself more to the literal Israel in order to show that they are still in existence and are the timber from which the principal selection will be made by the Lord when He commences to build His Tabernacle out of human bodies. And He is already commenced the work of building.

The Tabernacle of God is with men and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be their God.—Rev. 21:3.

But a mere fleshly descent from Jacob is not sufficient to put you into this great building. You must be born of the Spirit. That is, you must be made over spiritually so that your old nature is ground out of you and the Christ character grown into you. Then you are an Israelite indeed, both literally and spiritually. I make this explanation here in this preface to save taking up the spiritual side of the subject in the chapters following this, where I aim to trace the literal chain only of the Israel family; and to break into it with the spiritual explanations belonging to its numerous turns would confuse the reader so that he might pass over the important points and become bewildered on the various branches of the Abraham descendants springing from the servant girl, then from the lawful wife and then from the second wife, and the important figure these different sets of children cut in the world today. There is a spiritual lesson acted out in all these mysterious races and the queer turns they
took, so that the subject is complicated to those who read it for the first time in this book. And this makes it necessary that only the plainest language, put together in the most natural, every-day way, be used without literary padding and clap-trap with which the world is being over-dosed so that the brightest points in most books are lost among the literary trash.

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The white-robed orchestra of heaven, with their golden harps tuned to the melody of the Most High, came forward and took their places and the powerful Hand that guides the universe drew back the curtain and onto the stage came one lonely man in a nude state, as his mind was pure and holy and he knew no evil. The scenery about him was grand. The overhanging boughs of the giant oaks, the weeping willows, the grassy plains, the many tinted flowers with the breath of the Almighty still fresh upon their velvety petals, and their rich perfume direct from heaven made a grand panorama which attracted the nude man whose very body was the handy-work of the Master Artist and, therefore, perfect. While he stood gazing with joyful ecstasy at the holy surroundings there appeared on the stage a woman. She too was nude, as her mind had never had a hint of evil, and, therefore, to her, there was no such thing as evil. The happy couple walked through the delicately perfumed gardens, surveying their lovely home and paused to admire the rank vegetable growth and the huge oaks of the forest, when, suddenly, a third party stepped onto
the stage and an argument commenced about a certain kind of fruit on one of the “trees.” The woman, with her natural curiosity, of course, had to taste it, and by her wily ways induced her husband to taste it also. Down went the curtain and the world was in sin and wept while the scenery was being changed. The withering blast of disobedience had struck it and set it into palsy. Its bleary-eyed condition was painful to behold so that the once happy couple packed their grip-sacks and started to leave. They traveled in the blighted desert until one day they heard in the far distance the faint rumblings of thunder. The sky grew darker and darker and the thunders came nearer and plainer until the whole heavens were rumbling and bellowing like mad, and the forked tongued lightning shot through the inky dark clouds with awful vengeance. Torrents of water came down. The inhabitants of earth waded through it up to their knees, then up to their waists, then up to their necks. The tops of the tallest trees disappeared beneath the waves; the mountains went under. One vast sea took the place of the once beautiful earth. All was quiet! Dead, dead! The curtain fell and the funeral dirge was played while the scenery was being changed. The curtain was drawn up and the washed earth appeared with only one old gray-headed man and his three sons and four other persons left to tell of the awful tragedy. These eight persons multiplied until thousands of people were on the earth again, but they worshiped stone, wooden and brass gods which was displeasing to
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the Most High, so He visited the descendants of one of these three sons (Shem) and found in that tribe a man called Abraham who was living in a strip of country lying along the Euphrates River in Asia. It is northwest of the Persian Gulf. He called to Abraham about 2000 years before Jesus Christ was born and told him (Abraham) to leave his idolatrous relatives who were worshiping stone, wooden and brass gods, and go over to the land of Canaan, now called Palestine, which God set apart specially for Abraham and his seed forever.

Thus saith the God of Israel: Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah the father of Abraham. And they served other gods. And I (the Lord) took your father Abraham and led him throughout all the land of Canaan and multiplied his seed and gave him Isaac. —Joshua 24:2, 3.

Abraham roamed around as a wandering shepherd over Palestine (Heb. 11:8) several years until a famine drove him down to Egypt (Gen. 12:9, 10) and, as his wife, Sarah, was good-looking he feared that the Egyptians would kill him in order to get her so he told them that Sarah was his sister. This caused them to leave Abraham untouched, but they took Sarah; but the Lord sent plagues upon them and they had to let her go free. See Gen. 12:12-20. Abraham came back to Palestine and had an up-and-down road to travel several years. He and his wife were old and past the age of bearing children, but God told them that they were to have a son. Sarah (the wife) laughed at the idea. Many years passed and no son came and Sarah rather blamed herself, probably, on account of her age being past the bear-
ing time; so she suggested to Abraham that he would better act as husband to the servant girl in order to get a son. Abraham and the servant girl consented to obey the wife’s suggestion. In the course of time the servant girl was about to be delivered of a child, but Abraham’s wife was bitter and forced the girl to leave; and she (the girl) went out in the wilderness and the angel of the Lord appeared unto her and told her that her child would be a wild man and have his hand lifted against every man. This was the starting of the Turkish nation which has always cut its way through life. (As to this subject, see my No. 3 book, called *Our Near Future*.) This child of the servant girl was the introduction of another scene on the stage of the great drama. The girl went back, and she and her child (named Ishmael) lived in Abraham’s house a while until the long promised son Isaac was born from Sarah, the legal wife, who would not longer tolerate the girl and her child; so they were forced to leave; and Abraham filled a bottle with water for them to drink and gave them bread and sent the girl and her child out into the wild desolate wilderness. In a short time their bottle of water was consumed and the child became thirsty and peevish for water. Do not forget this scene as it has been one of the mysteries introduced by the Lord; and right now (1897) all the world is wondering why those desperate and terrible Turks are permitted to slaughter the Armenian Christians. You must admit that God knew the whole future of that child, right then, when it was out there with its mother in that
parched and lonely desert, crying and almost dying for water. Its agonies became so awful that the mother saw that it was dying and, as she did not want to see its suffering, she put the child under a bush to protect it from the parching sun and then went off a short distance. There she was, a poor servant girl, with a child and out in a lonely dry desert and the boy dying for water. She wept bitterly, of course. This is one of the sorrowful scenes in this great 6000-year’s drama. But the curtain was drawn down an instant, while the poor girl was weeping, and the scenery on the stage was changed. When the curtain was drawn aside a new scene and new conditions appeared.

God heard the crying of the child, and the angel of God called to Hagar (its mother) out of heaven and said unto her, What aileth thee Hagar? Fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the child (where he is lying under the bush). Arise (Hagar) lift up the child and hold him in thine hand, for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the bottle with water and gave the child a drink. And God was with the child and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness and he became an archer, and his mother took him a wife out of Egypt. —Gen. 21:17-22.

An archer is a person who is a skilled shooter and follows that business. The angel of God told the mother before he was born that the child would be a wild man and would have his hand lifted up against every man and every man’s hand would be against him. See Gen. 16. And a careful study of the history of the desperate and terrible Turks and the Ishmaelites shows how true the angel’s prediction was. Of course the angel knew what he was talking about, as he was sent directly by the Lord
and was inspired what to tell the mother before the child was born; and when the lad was lying out there under a bush, crying for a drink of water, the Lord preserved him and declared that He would make a great nation of people out of him. So we see that the desperate Turkish nation and the Ishmaelites did not happen to come on the earth unawares to God, as He foresaw the entire future which He had mapped out for that crying babe out in the desert. The whole transaction is declared by St. Paul to be a picture lesson held up to us to show the difference between bondage people and free people. The servant girl being in bondage, working under the commands of others, had no liberty, and her children must also be under slavery, called bondage; but the lawful wife (Sarah) was free to act and be the ruler of the household, and her child (Isaac) was free also. St. Paul says in Gal. 4:22-31 that this was to show the two covenants of God. One was the Mosaic Law which bound the people to walk thus and so and they could not do it. This is the servant girl side of the case. While the free Spirit of Christ’s salvation cuts a person loose from bondage to the destructive elements and sets him free. This is the lawful wife side of the case. Therefore, whosoever would gain freedom in this world of tribulation must get the free Spirit of Christ’s salvation. This puts him on the legal wife side so that he is recognized as an heir of God. He is adopted into the family of God. See Gal. 4:22-31. The people of worldly ways and thoughts can not inherit the blessings of God. Such people are in
bondage and battle with the elements around them and finally go down under them. They gain no liberty and do not become sons of God. They are not in the family of God. While those who give themselves over to the Spirit are adopted and gain the freedom of God and inherit the kingdom of Christ. Although this servant-girl case is declared to be a picture lesson to us yet the actual facts are before us today, as can be seen in the different nations of earth. The Turks and the Ishmaelites are in existence as races of people and we see them in viciousness, ignorance and in bondage to all the elements of destruction because they are the descendants of the bondwoman (servant girl); while we, the descendants of the legal wife through the Isaac branch of Abraham's seed, have the blessings of education and of Christ's great purifying gospel, but only a few accept these things and, therefore, only those few become the adopted sons of God and are counted Israelites indeed. The literal fleshly seed of Israel runs on in the natural line the same as the bondwoman seed (Turks and Ishmaelites) runs on; but the real seed is the spiritually perfected persons which the Bible calls the Remnant of Israel. "I will take you one of a city and two of a family and bring you to Zion" the scriptures say. There were many crooks and turns in these object lessons, and a person must be careful about setting up any judgment thereon, as we do not always know what a transaction means at the time it takes place. This servant-girl case is only one of the many puzzles. The whole transaction, from the beginning
of it down to this day, is mystery closely knit and veiled, and scenes of heart-breaking sorrow mixed into it. Abraham's wife started it by commanding the servant girl (Hagar) to enter into the illegal relation with Abraham, and after the girl fell into what we (nowadays) call a scrape Mrs. Abraham was the first to turn against and kick the girl out. Abraham argued with his wife and plead for the poor girl but the wife was firm and bitter. She probably used the same epithet as women do nowadays against other women whom they hate. The "dirty hussey" must go, is, probably, the way Mrs. Abraham put it. It was a heart-breaking scene that grieved Abraham but God stepped in and decided the case.

And Sarah said to Abraham, Cast out this bond-woman and her son, for her son shall not be heir with my son Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight. And God said to Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight. Hearken to the command of Sarah (thy wife) for in Isaac thy seed shall be called, but of the son of the bond-woman I will also make a nation.—Gen. 21:9-14.

And out the girl went with a bottle of water and some bread thrown across her shoulder and the child leading along by her side. A hard scene to our human way of looking at things, but God's way is perfect and He sees the end of things right at the beginning and knows the lessons necessary to make the purpose a success, and He fits them in at the proper time and place; and so He told Abraham not to grieve over the idea of putting the girl out in such a sorrowful way but to let the wife, Sarah, have her way about it. The Lord knew that He was abundantly able to provide for the girl and her baby and
He put her right down to the test by letting the water supply run out and the child go down to the last notch so that the girl was already weeping over what she supposed was the death of her baby before the Lord gave any hint or sign that He was conducting the case. The well of water appeared just at the last moment, and the girl filled the bottle and gave the babe a drink. And before passing from this scene I call your attention to God's remarks made to Abraham when He told him to let the girl be put out by Sarah. The wife was determined not to let the child from the servant girl come in as an equal heir with her own son Isaac; and you will notice that God settled that point, then and there, by telling Abraham to let the girl go, as the specially chosen seed for God's Elect Church would come from the Isaac branch, born from the legal wife, Sarah. This is an important point to remember as it cuts a main figure in this subject about Rachel's children who will come onto the stage later on. For the present we pass on to the next important scene where the hosts of heaven gave the awful warning, which, under ordinary circumstances, would make the world's audience turn pale and hurry to and fro with bated breath; but it had no such effect; neither would it today, as the world jogs along just the same as it did then, as but few pay any attention to "warnings," or the signs of our times now occurring. The messengers of heaven finished their service and up went the veil and a terrible and fiery scene appeared. The awful destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was going on. The fiery tongues were leaping up in
terrible vengeance, and the smoke was rolling up into the heavens and the inhabitants of the country round about beheld the frightful scene and smelt the brimstone and saw the cinders and ashes flying in every direction. Abraham stood over at Hebron and watched it. See Gen. 19: 24-29. This was one of the acts of tragedy in the great drama. Desperate and terrible wickedness had become so bold in those cities that God could no longer tolerate it. The people would neither repent nor try to be better; and in such cases there is no other way to stop it but by destruction. Lot had regard for the Lord and hence he was taken out of the city before the tragedy commenced. He took his two daughters with him, and when they saw that the cities were totally destroyed they supposed the whole human family had perished except their father (Lot) and the two girls and they began to wonder how the world could ever be repopulated without any man or men to come along and marry them; so they put their heads together and fixed up a scheme. They agreed to make their father drunk with wine and then have unnatural association with him in order to get children. Each of them became the mother of a child by their own father, and these two babies were the starting of two races of people. One was the Moabites and the other was the Ammonites. See Gen. 19: 30-38. And these two nations of people cut a curious figure in this drama. But, in reciting over the chain of this subject, you are not to get the idea that I load all these curious and inexplicable things onto the shoulders of God. I say
that He permitted them to occur. You must admit that He has all power, and that the wheels of the universe would become locked instantly if He would raise his holy finger. Therefore, when we see any thing occurring we know that God permits it else it could not take place. I may permit a thing although my mind may be bitterly opposed to it. It is not for me to say what the Lord thought of this transaction of Lot's daughters and the sorrowful case of Hagar, Abraham's servant girl. I have pointed out to you that Hagar's babe was the starting of the Turkish nation which was to have its hand lifted up against every man and every man's hand against it; and it has been the study and wonder of every nation of earth to know what to do with the desperate Turks. Lawyers, doctors, preachers, statesmen, kings, queens, presidents and scholars have figured on the Turkish problem hundreds upon hundreds of years; and yet it stands there in the center of the nations like an immovable snag. See what a monstrous thing it has grown to be! 4000 years ago it was lying under a little bush in the desert, crying for water. Will God's Elect Church ever be called out of that Turkish race of people? No. The Elect Church is to come out of the Isaac branch of Abraham's seed which came from the legal wife (Sarah) who drove the Turkish branch out of her house; and God told Abraham not to grieve about it, as the Royal Elect Church would come from his specially begotten son Isaac. The divine veil was let down awhile and a new tragedy was prepared. Isaac grew and was loved most
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dearly by his aged parents so that their hearts were knit to him in constant thought, and God knew this; so he put Abraham to the very test of his life. He commanded him to burn Isaac to ashes as a sacrifice to God. It took Abraham's breath. He had built his high hopes on this dear son and the great promises of God about him. He staggered not but went ahead and built up an altar and prepared the kindling wood and then took his butcher-knife in his hand and told Isaac to come on. The lad knew that Abraham was going to offer up a sacrifice to God but the boy thought it would be a lamb, and so he went along without even a suspicion that he was to be the burnt offering. The heavenly orchestra held their breath and the divine curtain was drawn up, and there on the stage was an altar built of stone and the young son Isaac was tied down upon it and the kindling laid under him and Abraham stood there with his butcher-knife in his hand, drawn back, ready to plunge the knife into Isaac's heart; but the angel of God called out of heaven, "Abraham, Abraham," and his hand fell down as though paralyzed and Isaac was not touched. The curtain fell and the tragedy was prevented, and the angelic orchestra shouted "Joy to the world, the Lord rules." The material for The Elect Church of God was not to be destroyed. It had to come through the Isaac branch and, therefore, he had to be preserved by the hand of the Most High. "In Isaac shall thy seed be called."—Gen. 21:12. So here was the starting of the material for the Elect Church which is just now coming to a climax by forming into a body
of regenerated persons to compose the Millennial Kingdom, to stand 1000 years and teach the entire world and rule over all governments and put every creature under its authority. The grand drama has been on the stage of action, constantly, during the last 6000 years without a break in its wonderful chain. The spiritual side of it is just now forming. But we pass on to the next act. Isaac married his cousin Rebekah and she became the mother of twin boys. Before they were born they were fighting in their mother's womb (See Gen. 25: 20-30) and they continued the fight from that day down to the present time (1897 years after Christ) as they were the starting of two nations, widely different in ideas and ways. One was the Elect Church branch and the other was the Turkish branch, as one of these twin boys (Esau) married the daughter of that little bastard babe that came from Hagar, the servant girl, who was kicked out by Mrs. Abraham. This was another link in the chain of the desperate Turkish nation. (As to the particulars of this subject see my No. 3 book, called Our Near Future.) It was the custom in that ancient time to give everything to the first born son, and Esau was the first of the twins and, of course, inherited all the rights. His mother did not like that. She wanted the other twin (named Jacob) to get everything, so we find her fixing up a scheme to cheat the heir out of his natural born inheritance. The father of the boys was old and blind and he wanted a bowl of beef-soup; so he told the oldest boy (Esau) to go out and kill an animal and fix up a palatable dish and
bring it in to the father, and that afterwards he (the father) would lay his hand on the boy’s head and bless him. The father was a man of God and a performance of this kind would carry a rich blessing with it and put it onto the son, and the mother knew this, so she fixed up a plan to throw the blessing onto the other boy (Jacob) as he was her favorite. Esau obeyed his father and went out to hunt an animal. Here the mother’s fine deception commenced. She told her favorite boy (Jacob) to hurry out and kill two young goats and bring them in and she would cook them and then the boy should take a dishfull into the old man’s room and make him believe that he was Esau. The boy thought of the fact that Esau had beard and was hairy on the backs of his hands and on his neck, while the other boy (Jacob) was smooth and without beard and that the father might feel him and detect the fraud. The mother’s brain soon fixed a scheme to cover that part of the difficulty. She took the goat skins and cut them in pieces and tied them on the hands, neck and face of the smooth boy so that he would feel to the touch as though he had beard and hair on his neck and hands like the oldest boy. She ran into Esau’s room and hunted up his old clothes and slipped them onto the younger boy so as to make the deception complete, as Esau’s clothes had a peculiar smell on account of his occupation as a hunter and trapper, and the mother thought of this fact and used them to get the proper smell onto the young boy so that the old blind father would sure be deceived and would proceed with his blessing and it
would fall on the younger boy instead of the older one. The plan was now complete and the mother filled the dish and started him into the room with it while she, of course, slipped up and looked through the crack of the door to see the actions of the old man. Do you suppose she would let such a plan go on without peeping through to watch it? All this was fixed up and made ready by the mother while the older boy was out roaming over the country to hunt an animal. He had not returned home yet and the mother was hurrying her plan through before the hunter boy could return. You must notice carefully the whole transaction, including the blessing pronounced on the son, (Jacob) when he took the meat in to the father, as that blessing carried with it the Elect Church of God for all time; and it looks to human sight that had it not been for the deception engineered onto the old blind man by his wife the Elect Church and the kingdom of God would have gone to the Turkish nation, as Esau who was the oldest and entitled to the blessing is the father of the Turkish race of people. And according to our human way of reasoning out things (never correct though) it seems that had it not been for this scheme of the mother, Esau, the hunter boy, would have come in with his wild meat and prepared the soup and given it to his blind father, who of course, would have pronounced the blessing upon Esau; and from that day on to the end of time the spiritual teaching and leadership of the world would be vested in Esau and his descendants; and as it is clearly proven in my No. 3 book, entitled Our Near
Rachel's Children.

Future, that the Turks are the descendants of Esau intermarried with the daughter of that little babe of the servant girl, Hagar, it is clear that the Turks would have been the chosen people of God, and they would have been the people to be brought into Palestine under the fiery cloud; and the Mosaic Law and the gospel of Christ would have been handed to them (the Turks) instead of the Israelites who came from Jacob who seemingly defrauded his brother Esau out of that blessing pronounced by their blind father. Therefore, the Israelites got the blessing through, what seems to our human minds, their father Jacob's trickery engineered by his mother by hurrying around and getting the meat and sending the younger boy (Jacob) in with it to the father and getting the blessing before the other boy (Esau) could return. If Esau could have returned first with his meat he would have received the blessing and the Turks today would have the Christian Bible and would be leading all other nations in religion, education, science, arts, fine machinery, telegraphs, steam railroads and other kinds of works produced by keen wisdom. And the Christ would have been born from the Turkish race; and when he started out to teach His doctrine He would have changed His words so that the record today would read thusly: "I am not sent but unto the children of Esau (Turks)," as they would have been the chosen seed out of which the Elect Church is to come in the form of the Millennial Kingdom, to stand 1000 years and teach all nations and rule over all. But seemingly on account of the scheme of the mother of
the twin boys the blessing was switched off from Esau (the father of the Turkish race) and thrown onto Jacob (the father of the Twelve Tribes of Israel) and this is why Christ made His words apply to the Israelites as follows: I am not sent but unto the lost sheep (Lost Ten Tribes) of the House of Israel.—Matt. 15:24. And when He sent His chosen apostles out to teach His doctrine He was careful to tell them not to go to the Gentiles nor to the Samaritans but to go to the Israelites. See Matt. 10:5, 6. They (the Israelites) were the people who got the blessing from blind Isaac during that meat transaction, when the goat skins, with the hair on, were tied onto Israel's (Jacob's) face to make him feel to the touch as though he had whiskers like his brother. If Esau would have received the blessing the Turks today would be occupying the United States of America and would have the Christian Bible in every house and their preachers would be hammering the pulpits and going from place to place telling people about Jesus Christ just as we Israelites are doing today. And while the Turks would be填充 the place and position as leaders which we now occupy we would be in Asia occupying their position. We would be riding donkeys and plowing with a crooked stick tied to a cow and a donkey, hitched together, and our women would be carrying on their heads great piles of brush for fuel and heavy jars of water to drink. Instead of wearing sealskin capes, gold eye-glasses and sitting at the piano, bawling out jingo airs they would be sitting flat down on the ground “grinding at a mill”
which is simply two flat rocks, one upon another, with a wooden or iron pin driven in as a crank to turn the top one. Instead of fine parlors, Brussels carpets, lace curtains and a polished brass fire-place we would have an old black tent, dirt floor and the fire and smoke rolling up in the center of the tent, on the ground, with dogs, children, donkeys, men and women all piled in together in filth, rags and bleary-eyed ungodliness. We would know nothing about Jesus Christ, as His gospel would not have been handed to us. It would have gone to the Turks, and Christ would have said "I am not sent but unto the children of Esau;" and all His apostles would have been Turks; and when He sent them out He would have commanded them, "Go not to the Jacob (Israel) people nor to the Chinese nor Negroes but go rather to the children of Esau (Turks)." Thus we see how far-reaching and important that blessing of blind Isaac was, and his wife understood it and was determined not to let it go to Esau; and to prevent it she resorted to a desperate plan which seemingly brought us the grandest blessing that can be poured out upon human kind.

I say this scheme of the mother seemed to be the cause of turning the blessing to Jacob; but a careful study of the subject will show that the Lord had already preordained it, long before the boys were born, that Jacob, the younger child, should get the blessing and be the chosen branch. Therefore, had this scheme of the mother never occurred the Lord would have arranged a plan by which Jacob would
have received the blessing. The mother was not willing to wait for the working out of the Lord’s movements; and whether He sanctioned her way or condemned it is not for me to say. God is Judge. The Elect Church was to be picked out of the chosen seed of Israel and this is why the Bible, containing the Mosaic Law and the gospel of Christ, was handed to us so that their principles could be taught into us many generations ahead so as to become grown fast to us as a part of us; and as a consequence, 120 thousand leaders in the Millennial Kingdom (soon to be established) will also be taken from our people and united with 24 thousand Jews, making the full number of 144 thousand, mentioned in Rev. 7. The Jews already have the Mosaic Law learned perfectly, and when our 120 thousand Christ-gospel people step in to lead, the earth will witness something never before seen. You must remember that we came from Jacob, as did the Jews also; therefore, the Jews and us must be united again to make the Elect family complete to inherit the blessing pronounced by blind Isaac upon Jacob our father. But we must be regenerated by the Spirit to gain all this. These preliminary explanations having been made in order that you will better understand the scene, the veil is now raised and the actors (an aged woman peeping through the crack of the door, a boy with goat skins tied over his face, neck and hands, holding a dish of cooked meat, and an old blind man) will now come forward with their dialogue, while the whole world, as an audience, may sit in tearful silence and
witness what seems (to our human way of looking at things) to be the greatest swindle that could be worked on any man, as it seemingly took away from him and all his descendants, forever, the Christ gospel, the Elect Church, the Millennial Kingdom with its power to rule over all nations, tongues and countries, and overcome death completely and live forever. No wonder Esau wept bitterly when he saw that he had been (seemingly) cheated out of all this and was doomed to take the reverse which is miserableness, viciousness, low down degradation, poverty, ignorance, no permanent home, but a roving, wild, tent life, with dogs, donkeys, dirt and disgrace all piled in together; with no Mosaic Law, no Christian Bible, no schools, no carriages, fine polished machinery or moral sense; but doomed to live by the sword and the butcher-knife and cut his way through life, he and his descendants, thousand of years. Terrible loss! O, bitter loss! Let the scene proceed.

And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son, I am old, I know not the day of my death. Therefore take thy weapons, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; And make me savoury meat, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. And Rebekah heard it. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, bring me venison, that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before my death. Now therefore, my son, go now to the flock, and fetch me two good kids of the goats; and I will make them meat for thy father. And thou shalt bring it to him, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man; My father will feel me, and I shall seem to him
as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. And his mother said unto him, obey my voice, and fetch me them. And he went, and fetched them to his mother, and made meat. And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son. And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck. And she gave the meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. And he came unto his father, and his father said, who art thou, my son? And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first-born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau’s hands. So he blessed him. And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son’s venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat; and he brought him wine, and he drank. And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed. Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother’s sons bow down to thee; cursed be everyone that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee. As soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. And he also had made meat, and brought it unto his father, and said Let my father arise, and eat of his son’s venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy first-born, Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father! And he said, Thy brother came with subtility, and hath taken away thy blessing.
And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and now, he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father! And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass, when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. And Esau hated Jacob, because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him; and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah. And she called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother, to Haran; And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him; then I will send and fetch thee from thence.—Gen. 27.

The curtain falls while bitterness and desperate fury rises higher and higher, and Jacob runs away to another country to escape the threatened murder sworn against him by his brother Esau who lost his blessing while wearily traveling over the fields, hunting wild game to satisfy the delicate appetite of his old and blind father, tottering on the edge of the grave. None but the Spirit of the Most High can give a correct solution to this transaction. Did God sanction their plan or did He frown upon it as an evil scheme, manufactured in the brain of a woman? Was it evil? Or is our human understanding so blunted that we can not see?

For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.—Isiah 55:8-9.
If this act of Israel and his mother would not have occurred would that grand blessing, carrying the Christ, the Elect Church and the Millennial Kingdom with it, have passed on to Esau and his descendants, the Turks? Or would some other arrangement have been fixed by the Lord to turn the blessing over to Israel? The iron-bound custom of the country was to give the first-born the rights and blessings, and, therefore, Esau would have received them had things gone on in regular order of the custom. And if Esau would have received the blessing which carried the rulership of earth with it so that all nations must come under his race of people, then what would you do with that promise which God made to the mother of Esau and Jacob before the boys were born? You will remember that they were fighting with each other in their mother's womb, so that she became distracted at the disturbance it caused her and she asked the Lord why she was in such an unpleasant condition, and He told her that two nations of people (Turks and Israelites) were in her womb and that one of the nations would be stronger than the other, and that the first-born would be under the rulership of the younger one. This shows that the younger one (Israel) would be the strongest nation and get the Christ, Elect Church and Millennial Kingdom and rule over all nations.

And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled within her: and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? and she went to enquire of the Lord. And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one
people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau, and Rebekah loved Jacob.—Gen. 25:20-29

By this it will be seen that the destiny of the twin boys was already set by the Lord before they were born so that Israel, the younger one, was foreordained to become the chosen race to rule over all nations, just as declared in blind Isaac's blessing, although he thought he was blessing Esau, when in fact it was Israel. But the mistake did not change the force of the words spoken in the blessing.

And Isaac said, Come near and kiss me, my son. And he came near and he (the father) said, God give thee of the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine. Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee. Be lord over thy brethren and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee. Cursed be every one who curseth thee and blessed be he that blesseth thee.—Gen. 27:26-30.

Therefore, we see that it was the purpose of God not to let the blessing and high calling go to Esau; and God so declared this fact to the mother before the twins were born. But this fact is no proof that God sanctioned this way of doing it. We know not what the plans of God would have been. These are delicate subjects to handle. This same difficult subject was bothering the head of St. Paul, and he discusses it in the ninth chapter of Romans. He calls attention to the very important fact that the nation of Israel are the Lord's "adopted" people to
whom the “glory,” the covenants, the promises and the service of God shall come. This means just what I am trying to make the world see, that the real fleshly descendants of Jacob (called Israel) are the specially chosen people of God to lead; and that the Elect Church, called the Millennial Kingdom, is to be picked from this Israel family and regenerated; and these selected ones will overcome death and will be the starting of an immortal race of people upon this earth. All other nations not of Israeliitish blood will eventually die off and totally disappear, leaving none but the seed of Israel to inhabit the earth during all of the ages to come. This is stunning doctrine but I follow the written word for it literally and take it just as it reads.

Fear not, O, my servant Jacob, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed O, Israel, for I will save thee and thy seed. For I am with thee to save thee. Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered thee yet will I not make a full end of thee.—Jer. 30:10,11.

The Bible, if literally interpreted, positively teaches this, clear through, from the twelfth chapter of Genesis, where God called Abraham, to the seventh chapter of Revelation where St. John (in vision) saw the Twelve Tribes of Israel gathered into a closely knit kingdom to rule the world; and the preparation for this has been going on ever since God called Abraham, 4000 years ago. The chain is complete without a break in it, although there are some curious turns in it which serve to show the determination of God to carry out His original purpose which seemed at times to be almost cornered and side-tracked but the corners were
nicely rounded and it is coming down the ages now with great force and velocity and is catching under its grip every government and squeezing them until they are black in the face. They are in their death-struggle but they do not realize it. They see not this long and wonderful chain running through and around them and binding them, hand and foot, preparatory for their total destruction. They are already sick unto death but they imagine that the political doctors are fixing up a cathartic that will purify their blood and set them on their feet again; but herein they are greatly deceived. Their fever, consumption, paralysis and cancer will rage with increased force from now on, for the reason that Elect Israel is close onto their heels. It is a trait in his character. When Esau and Israel (the twin boys) were born Esau was born first, and immediately after him came Israel holding on to the heels of Esau. Israel commenced this way of doing when quite young and he is still at it. Nothing escapes from him. He holds onto their heels with a death grip and finally walks over them and rubs them into the ground just as father Isaac's blessing declared.

Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee. Be lord over thy brethren; and cursed be every one that curseth thee and blessed be he that blesseth thee.—Gen. 27:29.

This is why St. Paul, in discussing this Esau-Israel subject, declares that Israel gets the "adoption," the "glory," the "covenants," the "promises" and the "service of God." And there is no way for you to twist the word Israel around as St. Paul bars you out from that idea by declaring that it is the fleshly
Israel—his own "kinsmen after the flesh who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, the glory &c., &c. And he was careful to say that the line of descent was through a certain chosen one at each generation. For instance: Abraham’s first child was Ishmael, from the servant girl, Hagar; but this was not the chosen one; it had to be Isaac. Then when Isaac raised a family of his own the chosen one was Jacob (named Israel). And when Israel raised a family the choice of God fell on the twelve sons, but left the daughter (Dinah) out, although she had the full Israel blood in her veins. She went out visiting among the heathen people and a young man fell in love with her and defiled her, and it stirred up a terrible row that ended in the destruction of a whole city and general wholesale murder, in which the young man who defiled the girl lost his life. When the Israel family first learned that the daughter had been defiled by a young man who belonged to an ungodly race of people, two of the girl’s brothers took the matter in hand and swore vengeance on the young man and the race of people generally, as the Israel family understood the important fact that they (the Israelites) were a specially chosen family by the Lord for a great purpose and they were extremely careful to keep the stock pure and not become mixed with other races, and when this young man of the Hivite race associated with the Israel daughter it so enraged her brothers that they killed the young man and his father and took their sister away from him and destroyed their city and took all their
stock, property, wives and children captive. The Israelites looked upon the intermixture of other races into Israel blood as an horrible thing.

And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: (now his sons were with his cattle in the field;) and Jacob held his peace until they were come. And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel, in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.—Gen. 34:5-7.

I advise you to read the whole chapter as it shows plainly how the Israelites looked upon themselves as the very Elect family of God from which the leaders of the earth should be picked.

Hear the word of the Lord, O, children of Israel. You only have I known of all the families of the earth.—Amos 3:2.

After Abraham's first wife (Sarah) died he married another woman, named Keturah, and from her raised a family of six children from whom came many races or tribes of people now living all over Asia—especially in Arabia. They are known as Sabeans, Dedanites, Midianites, Northern Arabians, Shuhites and many other tribes; but all of them came directly from Abraham by his second wife; so that he had three distinct sets of children. His first son was named Ishmael, and came from the servant girl, Hagar. This was the starting of the Ishmaelites, one branch of which is now the Turks, brought about by the marriage of Ishmael's daughter to Esau. See Gen. 28:9. Besides this daughter, Ishmael had twelve sons who became the heads of many tribes of people. I call attention especially to this fact that Ishmaels family of twelve sons and one daughter was exactly a match for the Israel
family so far as numbers and sex are concerned, as Israel had twelve sons and one daughter also. But none of these numerous tribes and races are the chosen people of God, although they are Abraham's children by the servant girl and by his second wife Keturah. The "adoption" (as St. Paul calls it) was put onto an entirely different branch of Abraham's seed. It was the Isaac branch which came from the first legal wife, Sarah. Isaac was God's chosen child, out from all the other children of Abraham. His descendants were to get the Mosaic Law, the Christ, the Millennial Kingdom, the Elect Church and every thing pertaining to God's rules and service. The other children of Abraham were not to get it except as it was handed to them by the chosen Isaac branch which was to be brought up and trained by the Lord for this purpose—to lead all other nations and finally supplant or put down all. And when we look over the world and see the Turks, Assyrians, Ishmaelites and many other races of people in total ignorance of God and Jesus Christ and our Christian Bible we see that they have not yet received these greatest of blessings, as they have been confined entirely to the Isaac branch coming through Jacob (Israel). This point alone is sufficient proof to any awakened person that we the English-speaking people of the world are the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, coming from Isaac, through Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. And that the black-eyed Jews of today are the other two tribes; so that the whole Twelve Tribes of Israel are still on the earth, and a select remnant are being
picked out, regenerated and made ready to come together into a kingdom and rule over all and teach all about God, as we get the "service of God," as Paul calls it. With these introductory explanations you are now ready to understand St. Paul's discussion of the Esau-Israel transaction where the mother took a part; but you are to note carefully what Paul says about "they are not all Israel which came from Israel;" as I have shown to you that Israel's daughter (Dinah) was not counted as an Israelite, and her name is not mentioned by St. John in Rev. 7, where he describes the sealing of the Elect Twelve Tribes which means the spiritually perfected company only and not all the fleshly seed. And remember further that Abraham had several children but the Elect branch was Isaac. Therefore, not all of Abraham's seed were counted special children of God, as the chosen seed are to be the spiritually perfected company to be picked from the Issac branch.

For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen, according to the flesh, who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all. Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel which are of Israel: Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. And not only this but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac. (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth,) It was said unto her, The elder
shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy upon whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou will say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? for who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour.—Rom. 9.

Notwithstanding the fact that Paul, in his statement, declares right in the beginning of it that he is talking about his "kinsmen according the flesh who are Israelites, to whom pertaineth the adoption, promises &c.," yet the world of people today are determined to have it that he was talking about a spiritual Israel made up of Chinamen, Negroes, Indians, Japanese and all other people who would accept the teachings of Christ. But, on another occasion, Paul comes in with his sledge hammer and nails the subject down so firmly that all the twisters in the world can not turn it around, as he says "Our Twelve Tribes." They had him arrested for teaching this Bible doctrine which, to the people, seemed queer and foolish and he called their attention to God's promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob about a chosen Elect nation to be established from the Isaac line of descent and he said he was working for that promise. This shows that the literal fleshly nation of Israel was still in existence but was scattered and
had not yet come to the great promise of God, although the Christ had come and been crucified and left the earth.

And now I stand judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), unto which promise our Twelve Tribes (of Israel) hope to come.—Acts 26: 6-7.

Why did Paul say “our Twelve Tribes?” Why did he not include the Ishmaelites, Dedanites, Sabeans, Turks, Midianites and the numerous other tribes which came from Abraham? Because he knew that the promises of God were not made to them but to the Isaac-Israel line only. Therefore, he confined his remarks to “our Twelve Tribes” who are the people to get the highest degree of God’s service which Paul describes as the “glory of the sun;” while the other children of Abraham and all other people will get the “glory of the moon” about which I shall talk in another chapter of this book. My purpose here being only to follow the chain in the 6000-years’ drama; and as the turn in it at Esau seems to our human idea as being peculiar I have dwelled upon it to show the dropping out of Israel’s daughter and the branching off of the numerous other children of Abraham. This information is positively necessary in order to understand St. Paul’s discussion of the Esau subject, as his language has been misunderstood nearly 1800 years, and has thrown the main theme of the Bible into a dark pit so that scarcely any one sees the point that the Twelve Tribes of Israel are still on the earth and that God’s Elect Church is to be picked out of them. Not all of them are to be the Elect but only
a chosen few (144 thousand) spiritually perfected ones. The mere fact that they are the blood descendants of Jacob will not take them into the Royal Company which will be perfected by spiritual power, but the selection will be made from them.

Though the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea (so numerous) a remnant (only) shall be saved.—Rom. 9:27.

This is where the Jews are in error. They think that because they are the blood descendants of Jacob (Israel) they all will be the Elect Church, and hence they count on that blood line of descent to make them all Elect, and, therefore, they say "We are of Jacob" and rest their case on that—forgetting the fact that only a spiritually perfected remnant of Jacob (a chosen few) will be taken, the same as was done among Abraham's children, Isaac only was chosen. The others were left out. Then as to Isaac's children, only Jacob was chosen; Esau was left out. Then as to Jacob's children, the twelve sons were chosen and the daughter (Dinah) was left out. And now, out of the whole Twelve Tribes of Israel only 144 thousand will be selected; the others will be left out of the Royal Company who are to overcome death and start an immortal race to people the earth. And now having shown the turn at Esau where Israel got the blessing and had to run away to another country on account of the vengeance threatened against him by his twin brother, the curtain falls while a new scene is made ready. While sojourning in the foreign country Jacob saw a young girl driving a flock of sheep up to a well to water them. Jacob made himself
“handy” by rolling the big flat stone from the mouth of the well so that water could be drawn. It so happened that the girl was Jacob’s cousin. He kissed her and went home with her and hired himself out to work for her father seven years and take the girl as pay. Her name was Rachel. When his seven years expired the wedding was set for a certain evening. It was dark in the room and the father-in-law took another of his daughters (named Leah) and put her in Jacob’s bed. Jacob never knew the difference until daylight next morning. You see here he was getting his own tricks measured back to him in a most bitter way. He deceived his blind father and took the blessing away from Esau and ran away to escape punishment, but when he arrived in the foreign country his punishment was already there, waiting for him, and he ran up against it right at a time when he least expected it. If there is anything that will make a man bitter at heart it is to have tied to him by marriage a woman whom he hates; but Jacob had to put up with it, as the father-in-law would not take back the girl after she had stayed one night with Jacob. Jacob lost his seven years of work and found himself with a woman for whom he never bargained. It is a spiritual law that a person gets back just what he measures out to others. It is like throwing a ball against a house; it comes back to you. If you throw it with force it comes back with force. This is why the Bible tells us that everything will be measured back to us and heaped up; and that as you sow so shall ye reap. If you sow evil you will
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reap back to you evil. If you sow tricks and deceptions on others you will reap tricks and deceptions. This is an iron-bound law. I have watched it. Sometimes many years elapse before you reap back the evil deed you sowed, but it is bound to come with its butcher-knife sharpened to a keen edge, and it will pounce upon you right at a time and in a way least expected. Examine this case of Jacob's. Go back to the time he deceived his old father who was blind. Jacob took advantage of this blind condition and passed himself off as Esau, and the old father never knew the difference until Esau came in afterwards; and then it was too late to correct the mistake. The old man could not take back the blessing pronounced on Jacob. Now see the similarity of it to this woman case. The room was dark so that Jacob could not see the girl in his bed. He was just the same as blind on account of the darkness. This was exactly the old blind father’s condition. He had no eyes to see Jacob or Esau. Now look at the next step in the woman case. The father-in-law took advantage of the darkness, as he knew that Jacob could not see which girl was in his bed and so he put the wrong one in and kept still about it, just as Jacob did when deceiving his father. In the morning when Jacob discovered that he had the wrong girl he was bitter. So was the old blind father when he discovered that he had blessed the wrong boy. Jacob tried to make the father-in-law take back the girl and give him the right one but the father-in-law said No, it is too late now. It was against the law to give the younger girl before the
older one. This was exactly the point in the Esau deception case, worked on the blind father. The father-in-law had Jacob fast so that nothing could be taken back, just as Jacob had his blind father fast. All the points in the woman case were the same as those which Jacob worked in the Esau case. Jacob was getting his tricks measured back to him right at a time when he wanted fairness and honesty shown to him in his marriage. How often I have seen this spiritual law work on myself and others. Yes, sir; I know positively that it is always the best for us to do exact justice and treat kindly those around us. Never step out of the straight path of right and goodness. The Lord often puts us in tight places, and if we stand firm He will eventually reward us abundantly; but if we break over the line we lose our case with Him and meet with disaster continually. Imagine Jacob's mental condition when daylight came and he saw that the sore-eyed girl (Leah) had been put onto him. Gen. 29:15-28. He did not like her at all. He "fell out" about it with his father-in-law and they compromised it, with the understanding that Jacob could have his loved one (Rachel) also by working another seven years. He said the time went quickly, as he loved Rachel so dearly. This gave him the two sisters as his wives, but he loved Rachel only. The other one he hated. Rachel was barren and could produce no children, but Leah, the hated wife could and did bear children. This created more jealousy and worse hatred between the two women, and Rachel, the loved wife, proposed that her servant girl live
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as wife with Jacob in order that the children from the servant girl would be called Rachel’s children. This would be “getting even” with the hated sister, Leah, who was producing children right along. Jacob and the servant girl did as Rachel proposed (See Gen. 30:1-9) and the servant girl brought forth a son, and, in course of time another son. This set Rachel, the loved wife, up two notches towards “getting even” with what she probably called that “dirty hussey” (Leah the hated wife) as women usually apply this epithet to another woman whom they hate. Then things turned so Leah, the hated wife, could bear no more children, and this ground her so that she associated her servant girl with Jacob to get children. In course of time Leah’s servant girl bore Jacob a son, and, after a while, another son. This made two sons from each one of the two servant girls, or four sons from the two servant girls who were not Jacob’s lawful wives. See Gen. 30. It seems a case of spite-work between the two wives, and in which each was “getting even” with the other by having their servants act as wives to Jacob. This is the way it looks to us of this day, although there may have been some purpose in it not shown. Therefore, I pass no judgment on the case. God is the Judge. Then Rachel, the loved wife, suddenly became fruitful and bore Jacob a son, and she named him Joseph. See Gen. 30:22-24. Remember this, as much depends on this circumstance. In order that you may get a correct knowledge of the starting of the Twelve Tribes of Israel and the four mothers from which they sprang I
here diagram the family of Jacob (called Israel) as follows: See Gen. 29, 30 and 35:22-27.

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**EXPLANATION.**

The Ephraim people came from Joseph. It is supposed that the twelve apostles came from Benjamin. Christ and the Jews came from Judah. Dinah, daughter of Israel, was left out and not chosen as one of the Elect, and her name is not mentioned in Rev. 7. Moses and Aaron and all the High Priests came from Levi. Reuben was partially disinherited for having defiled one of his father's concubines. See Gen. 35:22 and 49:3, 4.

Joseph was the favorite son. Jacob loved him more than any of his other children and made for him a fancy coat of many colors. The other sons hated Joseph and sold him to travelers going down to Egypt. See Gen. 37. He was a remarkable man for general goodness and was elevated to high positions among men, but the lies and wiley deceptions of a woman threw him into prison, although innocent. She tried to entice him from the path of virtue but he would not hear her. She then caught hold of him with a firm grip and was trying to force him to her wishes but he slipped himself out of his
coat and ran away, leaving her with nothing but the empty garment in her hands. When her husband came home she fixed up a string of lies to deceive him and let herself out of the scrape. Of course the husband was wrathy and put Joseph in prison, although the wife was the guilty party. See Gen. 39. I pause and digress my subject to say that many years ago when I was an attorney at law I witnessed in the courts the trial of a case almost exactly like this, and it required the combined efforts of two good lawyers to keep the young man out of penitentiary, but the evidence at the latter end of the trial clearly showed him innocent of the charges. It was a scheme manufactured in the brain of a woman to shield herself, and she was willing to punish an innocent person to save her own reputation in matters in which she was guilty. So often have I witnessed in the courts such schemes in bad cases that I warn the public to be extremely cautious in receiving the testimony which is always put together in a nice plausible way to deceive; and many an innocent person has been hung or sent to the penitentiary by a wily lying scheme for a purpose which the general public never sees. The public is always wrong. The public condemned Jesus Christ and regarded Him as a bad man. The public always has hold of the wrong end of the string, as every experienced lawyer knows who makes it a business to unravel the wiles of humanity. No wonder God declares in the prophecies that people are continually surrounding him with their lies and deceit. This case of Joseph’s is not an exceptional
one at all; there are hundreds similar to it, but none but experienced lawyers ever learn the real facts and know the guilty party. King Solomon understood this point. He was specially endued by the Lord with extraordinary wisdom so that he knew about all of every thing; and he was king 40 years over the Twelve Tribes of Israel and had close relations with all the nations of earth so that he had an excellent opportunity to watch humanity, and he discusses this subject and tells what he knows about it in Proverbs 2:16. 5:3-8. 6:24-28. All of chapter 7. 9:13-18. 11:22 and Ecclesiastics 7:26. Now to my subject. Joseph became the father of two boys named Manasseh and Ephraim, and their grand-father Israel blessed them specially before he died. He laid his right hand on Ephraim’s head and blessed him specially as the one who should receive the birthright. It was the custom to give the birth-right blessing to the oldest son but in this case Jacob crossed his hands so that his right hand would be upon Ephraim’s head and thereby give the blessing to him although he was the younger child. This blessing made him the first born under the law of the land. You must remember that these two boys of Joseph’s were Rachel’s grand-children and the special favorites of Jacob, as they came from his loved wife. As to the blessings of these two boys see Gen. 48. Read the chapter carefully as it foretells the history of the two leading nations of the world. The United States of America as one nation and England as the other nation stand out prominently as the head and leaders of the nations of
The main bulk of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel reside in these two governments; and Ephraim descendants stand at the head of all the other of the Ten Tribes of Israel; and this Ephraim people will eventually lead in every spiritual movement towards establishing the Kingdom of God on this earth. Joseph was the leader but he died, leaving his two sons (Ephraim and Manasseh) to take his place, and Ephraim got the birth-right blessing from his grand-father (Jacob) and this puts Ephraim ahead and sets him in Joseph's place. This is why the prophecy uses this language:

_I am a father to Israel and Ephraim is my first born._

Jer. 31:9.

Ephraim and his descendants always took a leading part in the doings of the Twelve Tribes. After the death of Moses, Joshua took command of the nation of Israelites. This Joshua was of the tribe of Ephraim. See Num. 13:8-16. It was the Ephraim people who took a leading part in splitting the kingdom of the Twelve Tribes in two and setting up a new kingdom composed of the Ten Tribes only—leaving the other two tribes (Judah and Benjamin) alone in a kingdom to themselves, at Jerusalem, while the other kingdom (of the Ten Tribes) made their Capitol in the land belonging to the Ephraim tribe. Indeed, this Ephraim tribe was so leading and commanding in its nature that the whole Ten Tribed kingdom is often named Ephraim in the Bible. See Isa. 11:13. Hosea 11:1-8. Ezek. 37:19 and many other places. The blessing of Jacob is still sticking fast to these Ephraim people
and always will remain upon them. It is claimed by most writers that England is the Ephraim tribe, and that the United States of America is the Manasseh tribe; but there is good ground for turning this around so that Ephraim is the United States nation; and this is why the present new spiritual light upheaval is working so rapidly here in the United States and is so far ahead of other nations in this line. Ephraim is destined to take the lead in all such things, as is clearly shown in the prophecies. And we know that the United States is now actually in advance of all other nations in the new spiritual unfoldment now going on. Our climate and general lay of the country aid the work; and then add to this the special blessing of Jacob on Ephraim as a leader and you can see who we (the genuine natural-born English speaking Americans) are. We now leave Ephraim at this point in the chain and go back and bring up his uncle Benjamin who was a full brother to Ephraim’s father Joseph, as Benjamin and Joseph were the only two children of Rachel the loved wife of Israel, as you will see by looking at the diagram of the four mothers, as set out in a previous page of this chapter. Benjamin, the youngest child of Rachel, also received a blessing from his father Israel as follows:

Benjamin shall raven as a wolf; in the morning he shall devour the prey and at night he shall divide the spoil.—Gen. 49:27.

Benjamin had a part to perform in this 6000-years’ drama. When the twelve sons (coming from the four mothers) had a family quarrel in the kingdom at Jerusalem Benjamin (Rachel’s child) was
put with Judah (Leah’s child) for a purpose which the Lord calls a “light.” The Lord knew that Judah (Jews) would reject the Christ when He came and therefore, it seems that He put the Benjamin tribe with Judah to accept the Christ and act as apostles, although it is not stated just this way.

Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his (Solomon’s son) hand but will give unto him one tribe that David may have a light before me.—1 Kings 11:34-37.

This tribe called the “light” was the Benjamin tribe, and it formed the very foundation or soil in which the Christ sowed His gospel and it took root among the people of that tribe but not the Judah tribe. The Benjamin tribe, called the “light,” was designated the House of David for the reason that it was the “light” or open-eared tribe, ready to hear the Christ teaching, while the Judah tribe had its ears stopped and would not hear, although the Judah tribe went along with the Benjamin tribe.

There was none that followed the House of David (composed of Benjaminites) but the tribe of Judah only.—1 Kings 12-20.

Ezra 4:1. 10:9. 1 Kings 11:13. 12:20-24 and many other places show that Benjamin and Judah were closely knit together into a kingdom but the Benjamin people were the “lights.” St. Paul was a Benjaminite (Phil. 3:5) and it is quite likely that all of the apostles came from that tribe, as the Benjamin people were put there to act as “lights.” This seems to be hinted at in the blessing which Moses pronounced on the Benjaminites just before Moses left the earth. He words it as follows:

And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall
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what it predicted about him. We find that it says that he would wash his garments in the blood of grapes. This probably means that he would kill somebody and the blood would stain his garments. Then again it says that a great person would spring up out of Judah's descendants and be a law-giver or a teacher of great rules of life.

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet until Shiloh come. He (Judah) washed his clothes in the blood of grapes.—Gen. 49:10, 11.

The foregoing prediction was made as a blessing pronounced by Israel the father of Judah; and it shows that the Christ was to come out of the Judah tribe and that afterwards they would kill Him and stain themselves with His blood. If this great personage (Jesus Christ) was to come out of Judah's descendants the line of descent had to be kept up without a break, of course; so Judah's son married a certain woman but she bore no children. Her husband died and Judah's next son married the same woman but they raised no children; and the Lord slew the second husband also for doing certain things described in Gen. 38:9, 10. This left the woman a widow without children and all of Judah's sons, except a little boy, dead. The line of descent was almost cut off and Judah's race would have been extinct or entirely demolished if the little boy had died as no other males were living except the old father Judah and when he and the small boy would die the race would stop and the Christ could never have come from that tribe. The curtain is now drawn down for a new scene to appear latter. The old man Judah had gone up the road to where
his hired men were shearing sheep. This widowed daughter-in-law knew that he would come back on that same road, so she changed her clothes and put on a veil and wrapped herself well so that no one would recognize her and then went out and sat down by the side of the road and waited for her father-in-law (Judah) to come along. A new scene now comes on the stage of action. The old man, with cane in hand, came along. The woman (heavily veiled) attracted his attention. The conversation between them and the account of the bracelets &c. are set out in Gen. 38. The old man did not know that he was dealing with his daughter-in-law as she was carefully veiled, and he did not learn the real truth about it until three months afterwards when the neighbors began to talk about the daughter-in-law's reputation. The old man then discovered that she had been acting the harlot (as he supposed) and he was for having her put to death. The bracelets saved her life. Her children (twins) were born. Judah was their father. The Christ line of descent came through one of those twin boys named Pharez. (See my book No. 2, entitled The Millennial Kingdom). Who was the instigator of this transaction? Was it manufactured by the brain of the woman? Did the Lord sanction it or frowned upon it? It would seem not necessary to resort to such deceptions on her father-in-law as there was one boy of Judah's left for her, and the old man was waiting for him to become of marriagable age, and he so informed her long before she veiled herself. But she claims, in verse 14, that the boy became of
age and was not given to her. The threatened break in the Christ line of descent was kept perfect and the world jogged along 1900 years further while the various nations of earth fought and stabbed each other and new kingdoms were formed while others totally disappeared. The curtain was down and the world was in darkness but the great drama went on undisturbed and without a break while the planets in the heavens, forming the time-piece of God, rolled around to a vital point where a new dispensation had to set in. The astronomers and the astrologers of the East saw this marked in the heavenly clock and they packed their grip-sacks and started west, to Jerusalem, to find the King of earth. See Matt. 2. The curtain was drawn aside and there on the world's stage lay a small babe. The Christ had come from the tribe of Judah surely, although at one time it looked as though the race of Judah would stop and become extinct; but not so. The iron-bound blessing of Judah's father parted the way and came through on time so that the astronomers from the East (India or Babylon probably) saw the clock hand pointing to the exact hour and started west at the right time to see the great Law Giver that was to come from the descendants of Judah, and there He lay in a manger. No shoulder-straps, brass buttons or crown except the great invisible Crown that rules the universe. The whole hosts of heaven were singing "Joy to the world the Lord has come." The birds of the air joined in the chorus while Simeon looked at the babe a while and then with great joy exclaimed "Lord I have seen Thy salvation now let
The Savior of all mankind had come and a new age was starting in but only a few knew it. The remainder of the world went right on, and the very great majority have not yet discovered the point that “the Lion (Christ) of the tribe of Judah hath prevailed to open the seals of the book.” Rev. 5:5. He came with the keys of understanding and thrust them into the long-locked door and threw it open unto all the people and no man can shut. His brothers of the Judah descendants (all Jews) are still on the earth, scattered and torn and refuse to accept Him as their Lord and hence they journey to Jerusalem and hunt out the old ancient stone wall (the only thing left from their former days) and there wail and weep bitterly for the promises of God to come to pass while we, the Ephraim people, of Rachel are being prepared with spiritual wisdom to lead the new Millennial Kingdom soon to set in and teach Judah’s people and all others about the spiritual King. The Judah people (Jews) lost this leadership by rejecting the Christ who was one of their own family or tribe. The leadership of earth religiously and politically was then handed over to the Ephraim people who came from the loved wife Rachel. Christ informed the Judah (Jews) people that they had lost the prize.

The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.—Matt. 21:43.

The fruits of the Kingdom of God is a high spiritual condition that makes a person (in such condition) a ruler over sickness, death, storms, cyclones, lightning, the seas, the earth, sun and
every conceivable thing, for the reason that God the King is in such a person and does the work. "He (God) doeth the work." This is what St. John means in Revelation when he says that the Elect Company of persons will be priests of God and will reign with Christ 1000 years. They become rulers, you see. They are Governors over all other nations (Jews included), as the Jews must come under them for the reason that they (the Judah people, Jews) lost this rulership and the Kingdom of God was taken away from them, as Christ declares, and given to the Ephraim people, just as hinted in father Israel's blessing pronounced on Joseph and set out in Gen. 49: 22-27; and also again declared by Moses in Deuteronomy 33: 13-18, where it is positively stated that Joseph shall get the precious things of heaven (spiritual enlightenment) and of the deep beneath and of the earth (rulership of nations) and push all people with his horns. Therefore, the Ephraim people are to be the Governors over Judah's descendants.

In that day (when Millenial Kingdom is set up on earth) I will make the Governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood and like a torch in a sheaf and they shall devour all the people around about on the right hand and on the left.—Zech. 12:6.

The reason the Ephraim people get this blessing to be the Governors over Judah is that Ephraim was a son of Joseph on whom the blessing fell, and then the son (Ephraim) got the birth-right which carried with it all of Joseph's blessings. You will notice how Israel crossed his hands so that his right hand would lay on Ephraim's head; and when Joseph
noticed this he tried to prevent it by holding up Israel's hand but Israel said "I know it, my son, I know it." Joseph, the father of Ephraim, thought that Israel (being blind with old age) was making a mistake and did not intend to put the right hand on Ephraim who was the younger boy, as the custom of the ancients was to give every favor to the first born. And when Joseph brought the two boys up in front of Israel to be blessed he arranged them so that Manasseh stood to Israel's right hand, in front of him, and Ephraim stood under the left hand. But Israel crossed his arms so that his right hand went over to Ephraim. See Gen. 48: 13-22. How carefully all these things were arranged by the ancient holy men and by Christ Himself. If there is nothing in this race question, why all this care to make the blessings go to certain children only? Why did God separate this family of Israel from all other races and nations and lay down certain rules to prevent Israel from intermixing with and being contaminated by other people? Every time the Israel people would break through the rules God would reprimand them, and when they became so entirely out of order and mixed with other people God broke up their wonderful kingdom and drove them out of Palestine and scattered them to the four winds of earth. And when the Jew part of the kingdom served as prisoners seventy years over at Babylon God brought them back to Jerusalem to try them again; and when they came back they held a mass convention in Jerusalem. They had built a high platform for the occasion and the great men of
Israel mounted the platform and one of them delivered an address reciting over the great sins which the chosen family of Israel had committed against God, and among their confessions was that they had intermarried and mixed with other races; and they then and there declared that they would do better thereafter; and they agreed that every Israelite who had taken a wife from other races must put her away immediately. This was a hard thing to think about but they enforced the rule as you will see by reading the 7th, 9th and 10th chapters of Ezra and the 8th and 9th chapters of Nehemiah, a small part of which I now quote.

Now, when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abomination, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands. And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked of the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonied. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgressions of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonied. And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and, having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the Lord my God, and said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up into the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the land, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were bond-men; yet our God hath not
forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolation thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever; that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses; for we cannot stand before thee because of this. Now, when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men, and women and children: for the people wept very sore. And Shechaniah said unto Ezra, We have transgressed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Then arose Ezra, and made all Israel swear that they should do according to this word: and they swore. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of captivity, that they should gather themselves together into Jerusalem. Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourself from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, as thou hast said, so must we do. Let
now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all of
them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at
appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and
the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this
be turned from us. And the children of the captivity did so.
And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange
wives by the first day of the first month. And they gave their
hands that they would put away their wives.—From the 9th
and 10th chapters of Ezra.

Why was all this trouble about those Israelites
taking wives from other races if Israel was not a
select family to lead the world and teach the mys-
teries of God to all other people? Why did the
Israelites lift up their hands and swear that they
would quit it, and, then and there confess they had
done great sin unto God by mixing the holy seed
with other races? See Ezra 9:2. The Israel family
fully understood this great work of God laid out for
them and for them only; and Christ and the apostles
understood it, of course, as their remarks clearly
show, but in this day the people are entirely ignorant
about it and will scarcely hear it. They think the
world is one great mixture and that it is simply a
“happen so” that one race is way ahead of another,
and that one is just as liable to take the lead in re-
ligious and political action as another. St. Paul
argued on this subject when he was explaining the
Esau—Israel transaction. He said that Israel (the
younger boy) was selected by the Lord as the special
race before the twin boys were born, and therefore,
he was not so chosen on account of any work he had
done for God, as the child was not yet born and had
acted neither for nor against God. He said it was
not a case of works but election of God, and that no
man had any right to find fault with God for doing
so. Now hear Paul’s argument.
For the children (Esau and Jacob) being not yet born and not having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God, according to election, might stand, not of works, but by Him that calleth. It was said unto the mother (before the twins were born) the elder shall serve (under) the younger. So then it is not of him that runneth but of God that sheweth mercy - Rom. 9:11-17.

There are many people in this day who argue that "whatever is to be will be," and this argument of St. Paul comes very near stating it just that way; and this whole 6000-years' drama (including this Israel subject) seems to run along on the same line that "whatever is to be will be" and nothing can sidetrack it; but I shall not express an opinion on this point, as "opinions" of men are of no value. God only can answer the intricate questions. When I was younger I knew more than I do now. Since I have been delving into the mysteries of God I have collapsed in self-knowledge. Things that once seemed to be a certain way I now find are not that way at all. I am decreasing in worldly knowledge every day. That is, I am throwing over-board all "opinions" and ways of mankind in its present darkened condition. It is all the rankest kind of delusion; insanity, if you please.

My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are my ways your ways, saith the Lord.—Isa. 55:8.

A man must learn great wisdom before he can see that he is ignorant—extremely ignorant. The mighty movements of God go on right before our eyes and we never see them. Or, if we see them at all we are just as liable to curse them as to praise them, as the flesh man always sees things up-side down. He is insane, but you can not make him
believe it. An insane man is one who thinks that things are a certain way when they are not that way at all. He labors under delusion. The more a man learns about God the more he sees that he must put away all his former pretended knowledge learned about other things around him, as his spiritual knowledge will show to him that all his former knowledge was wrong, although it seemed to be a proven fact. And if you imagine that the world is all mixed up and running in a hap-hazard way you are wrong. The drama goes right on, according to programme, and if you sit and sleep you are sure to lose the chain of it so that it will seem to you as a tangled net-work of "happenings." You must remain awake and keep your eyes open if you would see the various actors come onto the stage of action with their parts to perform. Thousands of years the curtain was down so as to shut out from view this new world (America) but the actors were being prepared "afar off." The select family of Israel was losing its kingdom and disbanding. The final crash came. All disappeared. Rachel's children (Ephraim and others) disappeared first, then Leah's children (Judah and others) followed suit. The old homestead (Palestine) was vacated and desolate. Jerusalem was a pile of ruins—one of the "has-beens." All action seemed to disappear from the great stage. The audience of earth slept and said in dreams, "It is done;" "God's great promises to the Israel family failed," they said. "Never can come to pass hereafter as Israel is broken and gone away with no traces left behind." The world wept
and fell back into a dead sleep again and forgot all about the unfulfilled promises of God. All was blank to human eyes and mind, but great activity was going on behind the screen so that when the curtain was drawn aside, there, on a new stage, surrounded by entirely new scenery, stood Rachel's long lost children (Ephraim, Manasseh and others) and Leah's disobedient children (Judah, Jews, and others); and on the back-ground, painted in large letters, were the words, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. "The Islands Afar Off."

This wonderful country of North America was made for us (the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel) and it was evidently preordained by the Lord that when we were driven out of Palestine (721 B. C.) we should eventually drift over here to this great island of the seas, as it is simply an island surrounded by seas on all sides, and this is why the Holy spirit inspired the prophets to talk about us (the lost and scattered House of Israel) as being on the "islands afar off." At the time the prophecies were written no such countries as America, Australia and the isle of England were known, yet they were mentioned as "chief nations," "afar off;" "islands," &c., &c.

The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness (new countries of America, Australia, England, etc.) even Israel. Thus saith the Lord: Sing with gladness for Jacob and shout among the chief of nations. Declare in the isles afar off (America, &c., &c.) and say, He that scattereth Israel will gather him (as the Elect Church of God) for the Lord will redeem Jacob and they shall not sorrow any more at all. I have surely heard Ephraim (the leaders of the Ten Tribes) bemoaning. Ephraim, my dear son, a pleasant child. I do earnestly remember him still. And as I have plucked up, thrown down and destroyed so will I watch over them to
build (them). I will put my (spiritual) law in their inward parts and they shall be my people.—Jer. 31.

As plain as language could make it that these Ephraim people, leading the Ten Tribes, shall be gathered and redeemed as the Elect Church of God; and they are located in the “islands afar off” and have been virtually lost so that no one has known their whereabouts the last 2500 years. This is why the prophecy represents Rachel as crying for her children, and no one could tell her where they are to be found. They have been lost to all the world 2500 years and are now found in the “islands afar off” (America.) Secreted away and hushed up and kept still so that neither Rachel nor any one else could find them.

Keep silence before me, O, islands, and let the people renew their strength. (They had traveled a long distance and were tired). I will strengthen thee. I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth.—Isa. 41.

You remember, I have shown to you that Joseph was Rachel’s child, and that Joseph died, leaving Ephraim and Manasseh as his children. Therefore, Rachel has an interest in her grand-children, and the prophecy represents her as crying for them; and every body tells her that these children are run away and are not in existence, and that they can not be found. This is not consoling news to her and so she continues to weep. Rachel died and was buried at Ramah, about half a mile north of Bethlehem, about 1730 years before Jesus Christ was born, which makes (this year, 1897) about 3627 years since Rachel’s death and burial in Ramah. See Gen. 35: 16-21. Yet the prophecy draws the figure
that Rachel is still at Ramah weeping for her lost children who were driven out of Palestine 721 B.C. Now notice how carefully the Holy Spirit, talking through Jeremiah, pictures it out and shows that Rachel's children will be found and brought back to her at the proper time. Now hear it.

Again I will build thee O, Israel. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria. I will bring them from the coasts of the earth. A great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping and supplications, for I am a Father to Israel and Ephraim is my first born. Declare it in the isles afar off (America) and say, He that scattered Israel will gather them. Therefore, they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, for I will turn their mourning into joy. A voice was heard in Ramah, Rachel weeping for her children and refused to be comforted because they could not be found; but thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord, and thy children shall come again to their own border. I have heard Ephraim bemoaning himself, Ephraim, my dear son, a pleasant child. For since I spoke against him I do remember him still. I will have mercy upon him. Like as I have watched over them to pluck up, break down and destroy (their former kingdom in Palestine) so will I watch over them to build them, saith the Lord, for I will put my (spiritual) law in their inward parts and they shall be my people (the Elect church and the Elect nation of earth), for they shall all know me, from the least to the greatest, and I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.—Jer. 31.

The above promises of God to bring back Rachel's children to her are so positive that I wonder how people can deny the plain words of the Most High; and He goes on, in the same chapter, to say that the literal nation of Israel shall never pass out of existence, and that it would be just as unlikely for Him to let the sun, moon and stars pass away as for the literal seed of the Twelve Tribes of Israel to pass out of notice as a nation, separate and distinct from other nations. And He
declared it to Abraham, right at the beginning, and has repeated it over and over, through Moses and the prophets and the apostles, and has made it the one great theme, all through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, that the entire world and all other nations, races and tongues shall be led spiritually and politically by this specially chosen nation of Israel which shall never be cast away.

Thus saith the Lord: If heaven above can be measured and the foundations of earth searched out I will cast off all the seed of Israel for what they have done, saith the Lord.—Jer. 31:37.

You see He ties Himself up with iron-bound promises that He will no more cast Israel away than He will destroy the sun, moon and stars, or than that it is possible for heaven to be measured. And He repeats it over and over, all through the prophecies, that after their 2520 years of punishment expires He will gather a remnant of these Twelve Tribes of Israel from the coasts of the earth and bring them back to Palestine and establish them in the grandest kingdom ever witnessed on this earth. Its power and great glory will break down all other governments, church systems and every thing so that Israel will sit on top of all the ruins and rule the entire world with astonishing glory. He says, "The nations shall see and be confounded. They shall lay their hands upon their mouths" from astonishment. It is the Millennial Kingdom in operation. It is also proper to call it the Elect Church of God built together out of human bodies brought together into a glorious company as a hub to stand in the center of all nations, and all races (heathen
included) will accept God and will be under the commands and teaching of this Holy Nation which will have its capitol at Jerusalem, in Palestine.

They shall call them the Holy People, The redeemed of the Lord.—Isa. 62:12. And they shall be named the Priests of the Lord. Men shall call them the Ministers of God. And I will direct their work in truth; and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And all who see them shall acknowledge them as the seed which the Lord hath blessed.—Isa. 61.

They will be so highly spiritual that all their orders and decrees sent out to other countries of earth will come direct from God by inspiration, and whosoever disobeys the orders will be stricken with a plague of some kind. Their crops will fail or diseases will strike them.

And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And whosoever will not come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord, upon such persons shall be no rain.—Zech. 14:12-17. In that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone to all people: All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces.—Zech. 12:3.

A few such lessons applied to the various people of earth will bring them into obedience, so that they will gladly obey the orders from the kingdom at Jerusalem.

The prophecies, in many places, are very clear on this point. Ezekiel tells it in detail. He says the whole Twelve Tribes of Israel were to be separated and scattered over the world a long time so that they would forget themselves as to who they are, and the world would forget them, and they would finally conclude that God had turned his face from them and they would be as though they were
a long time dead and their bones dry and bleached. It was pictured to Ezekiel this way in order to carry the idea that the time of their rambling about, without an inspired king, would be very long. And during all this time Rachel would be crying for her lost children, as they would be far away (hid in America, the isles afar off) where no person even dreamed of looking for them. The Judah people, called Jews, (the children of Leah, the hated wife) would keep themselves rather apart from other nations, and the Ten Tribes (called Israel) would have nothing to do with the Jews; and thus they would live, scattered over the earth, many centuries, during the Gentile times of 2520 years, but that at the expiration of that time God would bring the Jews (called Judah) and the Ten Tribes (called Israel) together into one united brotherhood and establish them into a literal kingdom in Palestine. In reading what Ezekiel says about it you must bear in mind that Joseph was the leader of the tribes, and he died, and his son Ephraim inherited Joseph’s position; therefore, Ezekiel calls the Ten Tribes (named Israel) after their leader, Joseph or Ephraim; and these people are now the Americans (United States), English, etc., etc., as I have explained heretofore; and Ezekiel says that these shall be united with the Jews (called Judah) and that they shall live in the land which God gave to our old father Jacob, from whom we sprang. The heathen nations (Chinese, Japanese, Negroes, Indians, etc., etc.,) did not spring from Jacob. It is highly necessary that you keep all these things in
mind in order to understand what the Bible is talking about. Now hear Ezekiel describe it:

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit, and set me down in the midst of a valley, which was full of bones; and He said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones and say to them, Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. These bones are the whole House of Israel. I will put my spirit into you and you shall live and I will place you in your own land.

The word of the Lord came again to me, saying, Take one stick and write upon it for Judah (Jews); then take another stick and write upon it for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim (the Ten Tribes), and all the House of Israel, and join them to one another and they shall become one; and when you are asked the meaning of this, say, Thus saith the Lord, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and will put them (the Ten Tribes) with the stick of Judah (Jews) and make them one stick. Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen and will gather them from every side and will bring them into their own land (Palestine) and I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be king to them all, and they shall be no more two nations nor two kingdoms any more. David, my servant, shall be king over them, and they shall have one shepherd and they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob, wherein your fathers have dwelt; they shall dwell there, they and their children and their children's children forever, and David shall be their prince forever. My tabernacle shall be with them and they shall be my people; and the heathen shall know that I do sanctify Israel.—Ezek. 37.

No sensible person will say that the above prophecy has yet come to pass. The Judah people (Jews) are not united with any body. They and the Ephraim people are not joined into one nation. They stand divided and will have nothing to do each with the other. Neither are the Jews nor the Ephraim people sanctified nor even righteous. They have not come together in Palestine, which God gave to Jacob. None of the points mentioned in the prophecy have ever come to pass; therefore,
we know that it is yet future. It must and will come to pass, as God positively promises Rachel that He will bring her children back to her native land (Ramah) in Palestine.

A voice was heard in Ramah, Rachel weeping for her children. Thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping, for thy work shall be rewarded and thy children shall come again to their own border (Palestine).—Jer. 31:15-18.

Part of the above prophecy came to pass when Herod killed all the male children in Palestine in order to (as he thought) catch the Christ who was expected to be born at a certain time. But the prophecy clearly shows that a great movement is yet to occur with the Rachel children so that Matt. 2:17, 18 is not likely the end of the promise. Something more seems to be hanging back.

What a glorious time it will be when Rachel's children are brought back to her after thousands of years of absence so that their bones were dried and bleached as though they had been dead. They are habitual drunkards and have been on a 3600 years spree while their mother was dead and in the tomb at Ramah, weeping bitterly for them. They have kept on spreeing, lying and drinking, regardless of their mother's crying and the loving care of God their Father.

Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower. Are overcome with wine. Shall be trodden under foot. They have erred through wine and through strong drink. They err in vision and stumble in judgment.—Isa. 28:1-8. A man prophesying unto thee of wine and strong drink shall be the prophet of this people.—Micah 2:11. The children of Israel who love flagons of wine.—Hosea 3:1. O, Ephraim, thou committest whoredom and Israel is defiled. I will be unto Ephraim as a lion; I will tear and go away and
return to my place till they acknowledge their offense and seek my face.—Hosea 5.

We see by the above prophecy that our drunkenness and wild way have caused the Lord to go away to His hiding place and let our own ungodliness tear us in pieces. This is being literally fulfilled on us today. Sickness, death and destruction are running with a high hand over us. Life has been reduced from 900 years down to an average of only 33 years. Wild insanity strikes the inhabitants in their daily work and whirls them around into desperados in five minutes. No wonder Rachel is weeping for her wild and lost children who have run away from their Father (God) into the wilderness and are biting themselves to death like rattle snakes. They are a nation of liars and spendthrifts. The genuine, natural-born, English-speaking American is almost certain to be a liar. Has no regard for truth or honesty. Can not be relied upon in a business transaction or in social conversation. He is tricky and will slip out at any hole he can find. I used to practice law, and I have had a good opportunity to see their tricks in the courts and out of the courts. They are one great bundle of lies and deceit.

Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit.—Hosea 11:12. Ye have reaped iniquity; Ye have eaten the fruit of lies.—Hosea 9:13. Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel, for there is no truth in the land. By swearing, lying, killing, stealing and committing adultery they break out and blood toucheth blood. Whoredom and wine take away their heart.—Hosea 4:1, 2, 11. They commit falsehood. They make the princes glad with their lies. They are like a deceitful bow—Hosea 7. I have seen a horrible thing in the House of Israel. There is whoredom of
Ephraim; Israel is defiled.—Hosea 6:10. They have spoken lies against me.—Hosea 7:13.

Lying, trickery and deceit seem to be hereditary with us Ephraim people, as Rachel was a liar and tricky, according to the Bible record of her. She stold her father's gods (idols) and hid them in the bundle of goods which was tied onto the back of the camel, and then, to make sure that her father would not look into the bundle, she mounted the camel and sat down upon the bundle, and when her father came to her, hunting his gods and wanted to look into the bundle she fixed up a cunning lie to deceive him and prevent him from opening the goods. She told him not to disturb her or make her rise up as her monthly period (according to the custom of women) was upon her and she was not in a condition to rise. See Gen. 31:30-36. In this case she was a thief and a liar and a deceiver, all in one transaction. She was, naturally, an idol-worshiper and stold her father's gods to save buying some of her own; and then resorted to the most cunning trickery to prevent him from finding the gods. So if we are the Rachel children (and we surely are) we have a natural tendency towards lying, thievery and cunning and deceitful tricks; and the prophecies declare that this is the trait of character belonging to Ephraim and the Ten Tribes of Israel, but that it shall not always be so. We are to be cleansed by the Lord so that we will quit our lies and deceit.

The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth.—Zeph. 3:13. Behold I will cause thine iniquity to pass from
thee, and I will clothe thee with a change of raiment.—Zech. 3:4. These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; Love no false oath; for all these things I hate, saith the Lord.—Zech. 8:16-17. I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you unto your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols.—Ezek. 36:24-25.

Well, you will say, “I know that we are a set of liars and drunkards, and it would be well to be cleansed from those things, but the above prophecy does not hit us about idols. We never have idols. None but those poor heathen people of India and other countries worship idols.” This is the very point on which we Ephraim-Rachel people of the United States are the worst deceived. When we come to examine them with the spiritual lamp of God we find the genuine natural-born English-speaking American the worst kind of an idol worshiper. He will resort to any kind of lies, theft and trickery to get his idols. He will go hungry and cut himself off from food in order to raise money with which to buy idols. It is going on all around us but the unspiritual mind does not detect it. In the heathen country of India the people have their idols made of wood, stone &c., and worship them sincerely; and the whole country is running after jewelry. They will go hungry, but jewelry they must and will have. You give one of them a few cents to buy bread or other food and the money will be spent for nose-rings, ear-rings, leg-rings and a multitude of other jewelry and the food is left unbought. You will say that none but heathen would act so. Well, then,
the Americans are heathen, as they are doing exactly the same. In my own neighborhood, \textit{right before my eyes}, and in all other places where I have traveled (and I have been over a large part of the United States) the people cut themselves off from warm, comfortable clothing and wholesome kinds of food which their appetites crave, in order to buy gold chains, finger-rings and other showy jewelry to display before the public. This is a \textit{common} thing everywhere, and among all classes of people. Some have one kind of idols and some another kind; but useless and worthless things they \textit{will} have if they are flashy and showy, even if the persons must go hungry or shiver for want of warm clothing. How common it is to see families, residing on farms, refusing to use any of the eggs produced, however much they desire them and would relish them. The argument is that the eggs must be sold in order to purchase necessary groceries. But if you will watch those families a year or two you will see their stock of jewelry increasing. On a Sunday morning you will see walking up the aisle of a church some of the members of those families with new gold neck-chains or new diamond ear-rings or flashy breast-pins or gold eye-glasses for show, or some other useless but expensive articles that can add nothing \textit{whatever} to the comfort or good of the wearer. The cost of the articles, probably, required many hundred dozen of eggs which would have furnished food for the whole family many months. But the necessities of life are forgotten in the mad rush
for useless idols. City people, country people, poor people, church people, and all classes of people have their idols, right here in the United States of America. It is a nation of idol worshipers. And yet Americans look with horror upon the heathen of India for having stone, wooden and brass idols set up in their houses, although the same practice prevails here in the United States. Carved and costly idols (called organs and pianoes) are seen in the majority of the homes here. They are scarcely ever used for any purpose except for show. The eyes of the female members of the homes are riveted upon those big wooden idols with delight. You are not considered “up-to-date” unless you have one of them standing up in your house like a big wooden horse. Just so it is in India. Each family must have its idol standing up in the house; and those poor heathen creatures will starve themselves in order to get money with which to buy idols and jewelry. But here in the United States, where exactly the same things are practiced, the people are called Christians. It is simply a different name without any difference in mind. Here, the people are endowed with wisdom so they hide their real natures by whitewashing themselves over with a coat called Christian, although in fact it is educated heathenism running after and worshiping material gods of gold, brass, wood, &c.; while in India it is heathenism, pure and simple, without the cloak of deception. I am not going over this in a fault-finding way, but I am bringing it forward as one
of the proofs that we are the Ephraim-Israel people, as God says in the prophecies that "Ephraim compasseth me about with his lies and deceit" "Ephraim is joined to idols." And when one looks at the subject seriously he is forced to see that we are filling the description to the very letter. We are a nation of idol worshipers. Some have one kind of idols while others have another kind. But idols they all have—sure and certain. It is really destroying us as a nation. It is carried on to such an extent that people use all their earnings and more to buy gold chains, jewelry, diamonds, dresses, organs, pianos, and a thousand other unnecessary trappings for show, and which involve the owners of them in debt; and from debt to distraction, crime and degredation which ends in carelessness and general anarchy that rise up and strike at the government and destroy it. It is not in the power of mankind to self-govern. It always runs away with itself and runs everything in the ground. It lacks a balance-wheel. God is the balancing power, and when men rely not upon God for inspiration and guidance they run to destruction. This is why a government by the vote of the people can never be a success. It is all clap-trap to talk about a government by the people; and the present condition of things is showing this fact clearly. It will convince people, after a while, that there can be no government except by inspiration directly from God. Such a government the Millennial Kingdom will be, and it will govern all the world; and all other governments will disappear, Idol worship
will be no more. People will have their minds set on God and spiritual things instead of thinking about what they will wear or how they will look or what style of furniture they will have to out-do some other person. It is positively ridiculous to see where these things have carried us as a nation. The people are intoxicated with foolishness of every kind. They will trade their last cow or give their last loaf of bread for some useless article that happens to be adopted as an idol. This point is well discussed by an editorial in a newspaper from which I clip the following:

In the eyes of a Kansas farmer's wife a cabinet organ performs the same fashionable mission which a red lamp shade does in the parlor of her city sister. The first duty which falls upon a farmer who has prospered in the slightest degree is to buy a cabinet organ for his wife and daughters. He is forced into it with the same desperate disregard for expenses which marks the city man whose family is out for social conquest; and many a poor Kansas farmer can trace his downfall to that period when his women goaded him into the extravagance of a cabinet organ. These few thoughts were suggested by a deal which was made at Abilene the other day, by which an organ agent possessed himself of one bull, two cows, two pigs, eighteen hens and a greyhound pup in trade for a cabinet organ which he placed in the house of a farmer.

Thus we see that these Ephraim people are firmly attached to their idols in the form of gold neck-chains, gold eye-glasses for show, when the eyes are not needing glasses; gold watches for show, when time is not needed or desired; fine cabinet organs and pianos for show when no one in the house can play on them or ever will use them; and a hundred and one other idols constantly sought after, just as the prophecy declares.

Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone.—Hosea 4:17
Ephraim is like a silly dove without heart. I will bring them down. I will chastise them. The pride of Israel testifieth to his face. Woe unto them, for they have fled from me.—Hosea 7.

If these silly people who are constantly thinking about what they will wear and what they will buy for showy purposes could only see their miserable condition and the severe judgments of God they draw down upon themselves it seems that their minds would meet with shame and bitter remorse. But not so. They go right on, even when they are positively certain that their way will crush them. They are like the moth fluttering around the candle—they will be there in spite of every effort to keep them away until the blaze (which looks so nice to them) burns off their wings, and down they fall into a most miserable condition; and not until then do they begin to realize how silly they were to run after such destructive things. The world today wants destruction. It seeks after it; likes it; nurses it. It hugs the snake to its bosom; and anything that is destructive in its nature is hailed with delight, and attracts people's minds wonderfully. A few days ago my business forced me to be in a general merchandise store a few hours. A crowd of persons were there. Their minds were wonderfully interested in the newspaper account of a prize-fight that was soon to take place in a distant state, many hundred miles away. They discussed that brutal fight up and down and in and out as to all the little details. There they sat, hour after hour, talking about that fight, which, in its very nature, was brutal and destructive. One man to pound the other
man's nose off and beat his flesh into a sore jelly and force the blood to burst out of his skin all around was so attractive to the store crowd's minds that they lost much valuable time talking about it and thereby set up a destructive current to run through their bodies by the operations of their minds. Everything about it was destructive, and yet their minds were firmly delighted in the conversation, hour after hour. If I would have stepped into the crowd and began talking about two men who had recently been given power of the Lord that enabled them to lay their hands on the poor consumptives and other sick people and heal them and build up their flesh into strength and beauty, how long could I have attracted the crowd? Not two minutes. They would have turned the conversation or else went out of the house. My conversation would have been on constructive or building up things, while theirs was on destructive or tearing down men's bodies and beating them into a jelly. My subject would have been nasty in their ears. Not one of them would have been interested in the least. But anything of a destructive nature (like the prize fight) would and did hold their minds to it as though bound with a chain. The world likes destruction, you see. I am proving it. I have experimented on it many times. Just gently start up a conversation in a family about the mysterious spiritual laws of God and how they can be put to use by man in healing the sick, curing ulcers, consumption, broken bones, blind eyes, deaf ears and all other death-dealing things and
see how quickly the conversation will be turned onto some little worthless subject about what Mrs. So-and-so wore at church, or about the oysters and how they were cooked at some silly party. Only a few weeks ago I was talking to a family about these mysteries of God and a young mother was present, but her mind could not be attracted enough to listen. She would break out on some other worthless subjects by bringing them up to the remainder of the family. She heard scarcely anything I said. In a few days her baby was taken down into desperate sickness so that she and the doctor saw that death was near. O, how she cried and walked the floor. How glad she would have been to know how to throw that sickness off her child; but there she was, totally ignorant of the unseen laws by which she could have thrown that death off her baby in a few minutes or hours without ever touching it or giving it any medicine. What could be more valuable to her than such grand knowledge. Just at that moment she would have given all her property, her cloths and her shoes off her feet to save that child from death, but she knew nothing about the grand mystery that can tie death with a chain; neither could I attract her attention to it when I was talking. My conversation was nasty to her, although she was a leading member of a church and had been the superintendent of Sunday school a long period, and prayed, hundreds of times, before the Lord and the public; yet the real genuine benefit of God, to save us from sickness and death, was not interesting
enough to her mind to hold her attention one minute. This shows how flimsy and worthless the present church teaching is; and then to regard any one of the present church denominations as the Elect Church of the Lord is so ridiculous that it seems that all men could see the falsity of it. The members of the real church of the Lord will do greater miracles than Jesus ever did, and He so declares it in John 14:12. And these Ephraim people who came from Rachel (the beloved wife of Jacob) will be the leaders in the real Elect Church, now quietly being prepared as a center to which all nations (heathen and every body) will be attracted. It will be the climax of this great drama, divine, which has been running along with a set purpose the last 6000 years; and when it comes to its perfected point the audience of earth will cheer and clap their hands with unbounded joy and raise their voices in chorus to the melody of all the hosts of heaven while singing "Joy to the world the Lord has come."
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"Which church is right?" This question has troubled the minds of the people hundreds of years, and it is more bewildering now than ever before for the reason that the churches are dividing up into more sects and dogmas, so that there are hundreds of different denominations, each claiming to be the specially called church of the Lord; and in many cases some are teaching exactly the reverse of the others, so that the world stands off and looks at these things with astonishment and disgust. It almost maddens the mind to think over this mixture and try to learn what the real Truth is, as it has been doctored and bandaged and sawed, cut and slashed and twisted until it lost its original beauty and power, so that the people look upon it as a very common-place sort of a thing to be kicked around like an old shoe. These false and perplexing ideas about it have become so deeply rooted in the minds of the people that it is an impossibility at the present time to unwind the network of rubbish and slime from around their minds so that they can see the simplicity and grandeur of Bible teaching about God's Church and the Millennial Kingdom on earth. It is the one great theme, clear through the Bible, and it has been
worked upon by the Lord and has been developing *continuously*, in an unbroken chain, the last 6000 years and, probably, *millions* of years, and it is just now *beginning* to come to its preordained climax so that the world can see it and recognize the destination towards which it is traveling. It is facing towards perfection and will take mankind to that condition, here on earth, if people will only lay aside the great entangled man-made systems of doctrines and creeds which are high walls built up by *men*, and which shut out the spiritual light and leave those inside in utter darkness about God dwelling within men. They are wrapped about with winding sheets like the mummies of Egypt so that neither air nor light can strike them. Each person has his creed and he imagines that it is all-sufficient to take him right into the presence of God; and it is an impossibility to reach him with any thing spiritual. He considers himself safe on account of "*belonging*" to his church, and he rests his case entirely on that thought and he will hear nothing else, and as there are about 143 sects in the United States *alone* they can fit a person out with any thing he wants. There are 17 kinds of Methodists; 12 kinds of Presbyterians; 12 kinds of Lutherans; 13 kinds of Baptists, and so on down the list, and each declaring that *it* is the recognized church of God, and that there is no hope for a person to get salvation except to join its particular creed. These ideas have been taught to the people so long that they *actually* think that a person must join one or the other of these denomi-
nations in order to be saved at all. They imagine that the church to which they belong will march straight into heaven, and that by joining it will take you right through the gates of the Most High. These false theories are deceiving millions of people so that they are actually being side-tracked and are missing the Lord entirely. Therefore, seeing the importance of this serious subject, I violate all literary and rhetorical rules and walk over them in order to lay the matter in plain language, put together in the most common way, before the people so that the uneducated and all classes can grasp it easily without requiring too much studious effort; and, to this end, I treat the subject first from one side and then from another side, and repeat over occasionally so that if the reader fails to catch all the points in one chapter or one book he will sure get them in another where they are held up to view in a different way. It is like studying a person’s nature by looking at his photographs. If we would judge correctly we must have a side view, a front view, a back view, a standing-up view and a sitting-down view in order to see his build, shape, size, manner of carriage, &c. A picture of only one ear of him would not give us the necessary information. We must turn him around. This is what I aim to do with this Israel-Elect-Church-Millennial-Kingdom subject. Therefore, this chapter (in places) will sound something similar to the previous one, but they are touched only as “reminders” to make you understand the new points introduced in a little different branch of
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the subject, as the previous chapter traces the chain without the side-issues and we now come down to the present-time status of the case. The ancient prophets foresaw how things would be mixed in this day and age. They declare that part of the world will claim to be the Lord’s people for the reason that they believe something about Jesus Christ; while another class of the people will claim to be the specially chosen ones on account of their being the fleshly descendants of Jacob. This refers to the Jews; and sure enough we find the Jews of today holding to the idea that they are the specially selected Church of God on account of their having come from Jacob. And when we look around us and see all of these church denominations jumping up and declaring that they are the Lord’s church because they think something about Jesus Christ, we then see clearly what the prophets are talking about when they declared that the world would be divided into three classes—one saying, “We are the Lord’s;” another saying, “We are Jacob’s;” while another would spring up out of the grass and say, “We are the Remnant of Israel picked out.” The prophets declare that this third class will be picked out from the other two and will be given power to rule the world, religiously, politically and every way. They will overcome death and live on as the rulers during the Millennial Age which is to last 1000 years on this earth. The Bible calls them the Elect, and it positively declares that they will not die, but that they will live right on like a tree which, as
we know, stands hundreds of years. They are to build houses and plant vineyards here on this earth and their age is to run so many hundreds of years that if one of them would happen to die when he was a hundred years old he would be considered just a mere baby on account of being so very young.

There shall be no more, then, an infant of days nor a man that hath not filled his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old. And they shall build houses and plant vineyards; for as the days of a tree shall the days of my people be and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their own hands. They shall not labor in vain nor bring forth for trouble for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And before they call I will answer. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. They shall not hurt nor destroy.—Isa. 65: 20-25.

You will see by the above prophecy that this specially called Church of the Lord is to long enjoy the work of their own hands and live on, hundreds of years, like a tree, and that the Lord will furnish them with every good thing without their asking for it, as He positively says that before they call He will answer.

Everything is to be so beautiful and good that even the wild beasts will quit their vicious way, so that the wolf and the lamb will feed together. Instead of the wolf eating the lamb they will both eat grass together, and the lion will cease eating meat and will eat straw like an ox. This is all to come on this earth when the specially selected Church of God is called out by the Lord and established as the leaders and rulers. They are the Elect of God—the recognized instruments of the
Lord; and their orders and decrees will be obeyed by the entire world. The New Testament *positively* declares that these Elect people will live here in the flesh and that the great trouble that is soon to strike this earth will not kill the Elect, but that they will come through it and be protected by the Lord. You must remember that the Bible teaches it that this Christian Age will close with *terrible* trouble and suffering so that if the Lord would permit it to continue many years it would sweep off every human being. This would leave the Lord without any selected people to be His chosen Church; therefore, He declares that He will not permit the trouble to run on long enough to destroy His Elect.

Wait, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey, for my determination is to gather the nations to pour out upon them mine indignation.—Zeph. 3:8. At that time there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.—Dan. 12:1. For there shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world, and except those days should be shortened no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.—Matt. 24:21, 22.

The above clearly shows that flesh shall be saved here on earth and that these Elect, mentioned above and also in the prophecy, will be the chosen Church of God to overcome death and long enjoy the work of their own hands. This is further shown by St. John, in Revelation, where he describes the great trouble that will come upon the world so soon as God selects his chosen ones and puts his seal upon them.

I saw another angel having the seal of God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth nor the
trees till we have sealed the servants of our God. And I heard the number that were sealed—144 thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.—Rev. 7:2-4.

This shows plainly that the chosen or selected Church of God is not yet called out, but I declare it unto the world that it is being done quietly and without notice, and that those who are being selected are now going through the teachings of God while they are scattered over the earth and living in the back-woods and in lonely places and are not known to the world at all. They never come together to hold any church service, and they have no organization and have no name. I am in communication with several of them, and everyone of them has dropped all of the present churches and never have anything to do with them, for the reason that the enlightened minds of those selected people see plainly that the present churches of the earth are a great mixture of stuff and not the recognized Church of God; and, as a consequence, the present churches are without the spiritual power and beautiful revelation of God. Now we can see what the prophets were talking about as to how the world would be mixed up into classes, and each one claiming to be the selected class of God, but that there would be only one class that would have the seal of God put on them, and that is this Elect body of people now being hid away and going through the experiences of God and who will come together within a few years and be called the real Israel which St. John mentions in Rev. 7 as the twelve tribes of the children of Israel being sealed unto the Lord.
as the Elect; and they will come from their hiding places from all over the earth.

They shall spring up as among the grass; as willows by the water-courses. O, Jacob, my servant, and Israel whom I have chosen.—Isa. 44:1-4.

The "Israel" mentioned above does not mean Jews. It has reference to this selected Company which is to be called out. As to the difference between Israel and the Jews see my Millennial Kingdom book in which the whole subject is clearly explained so that everyone can see who Israel are and who the Jews are and the wide distinction between the two; and you must understand this difference before you can catch this wonderful subject. Now hear what the prophet says about the three classes of people who would lay claim to being the chosen ones of God.

One shall say, I am the Lords, and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand and surname himself by the name of Israel.—Isa. 44:5.

This brings out plainly what St. Paul was writing about as follows:

Give none offense, neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles nor to Church of God.—I Cor. 10:32.

This is exactly the same three classes of people about which I have been talking; and the above words of Paul clearly show that the Jews are not the Church of God; neither are present Gentile churches the Church of God, but that the Church of God is an entirely different thing. It is those who are called out, as I have heretofore described, and they have nothing to do with either of the
other two classes. They are picked out, one here and one there.

I will take you one of a city and two of a family and I will bring you to Zion.—Jer. 3:14. Then shall two be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill, one shall be taken and the other left.—Matt. 24:40, 41.

Therefore, it is useless for any one of the present church denominations to claim that it is the recognized Church of the Lord. They would better drop those false ideas and creeds and rules and start in to really find the Lord and become one of the select Company called the Elect that is to overcome death and live on like a tree, hundreds of years, and plant vineyards on this earth and rule the world with Christ 1000 years. But you are not to get the idea that this Church of God I am talking about is the same thing as a denomination now going under that name. Far from it. The real church of God is not known to the world at all. It is hid away in the mountains and backwoods. It is that little stone spoken about in Daniel, where, it is declared that a little stone was cut out of the mountain without human hands, and it grew until it covered the entire earth and broke down all governments and put everything under its feet and ruled the world. See Daniel 2:34, 35. Then will come the time when a true knowledge of the Lord will flow over this earth like a sea; and the Bible seems to teach the idea that a higher rule than repentance will be required.

Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.—Hosea 13:14. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance.—Rom. 11:29.
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This is confirmed by the prophecy which declares that the chosen Elect Company will not bring forth children for trouble, as they will inherit the grand blessings of God placed on the parents who were chosen as the Elect Church.

Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not bring forth for trouble, for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.—Isa. 65:22, 23.

The Elect ones are to be the bride of Christ and must be purified by much suffering and great tribulation before they are fit to occupy so great a position.

What are these arrayed in white robes? And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, &c., &c.—Rev. 7:13, 14.

The Elect must and will overcome death, and they are hid away now working out the salvation of their souls and their bodies also.

"He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."—John xi. 25. Here we have the resurrection glory, but the glory spoken of in the next verse far outshines this: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?" The Bride is to be a joint-heir with Jesus Christ, and He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than the angels.—Heb. i. 4. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.—Rev. xx. 6. But "in the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death."—Prov. xii. 28. Freedom from the first death, the curse on the body. If a man keep my saying he shall never see death.—Jesus in John 8:51. Your covenant with death shall be disannulled and your agreement with hell shall not stand.—Isa. 28:18. This shall be written for the generation to come. From heaven did the Lord behold the earth; to loose those that are appointed to death.—Ps. 102:18-20. I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plague, O, grave I will be thy destruction.—Hosea 13:14. I came that my people might have life more abundantly.—Jesus in John 10:10. The wages
of sin is the death of the body; if we are enabled to overcome sin we shall conquer death. Where the evil is not removed the body must die. We shall not all sleep; 144,000 of Israel must put on immorality and for this God has promised: “I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed, for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.” (Joel iii. 21.) “He will subdue our iniquities.” (Micah vii. 19.) “In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the House of David for sin and for uncleanness.” I will turn my hand upon thee and purely purge away thy dross and take away all thy sin.—Isa. 1:25. And he will destroy the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death and wipe away tears from all faces.—Isa. 25:7, 8. In those days the iniquity of Israel (not Jews) shall be sought for and there shall be none, and the sins of Judah (Jews), and they shall not be found, for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jer. 50:20. The fulness of the Gentiles is to witness the ingathering and restoration of Israel. “Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” —Rom. xi. 25. “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”—Gen. xlix. 10. Shiloh has now come as the Comforter or Spirit of Truth, to lead the remnant of Israel into all truth and show them things to come, to manifest Christ as the glory of His people Israel, after having been a light to lighten the Gentiles.” Jews and Gentiles are on one common platform for the salvation of the soul. “There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek.”—Rom. x. 12. “By one spirit are we all baptised into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles.”—1 Cor. xii. 13. Jude alludes to their glory as “the common salvation,” but this must not be confounded with “the faith once delivered to the saints.”—Jude 3.—From Pioneer of Wisdom.

There is a great misunderstanding in the world about God’s plans and the different grades of redemption. They think redemption is redemption and that that is all there is to say about it; but the Scriptures do not hold out that idea. They talk about there being a “glory of the sun” and a “glory of the moon” and a “glory of the stars.” These are all figurative expressions to convey the idea about the different grades of salvation. The glory of the sun represents the highest grade, which will belong to
The Elect Company who will overcome death and get redemption of their fleshly bodies as well as their souls and spirits. Their bodies will be purified and all evil tendencies rooted out so that neither pain, sickness nor death can bother them. This is why they have to go through much suffering and tribulation. They must overcome everything; and it is a law of the Spirit that we must overcome every evil tendency by suffering from it; but those who press on and wade through, finally gain that very high perfection that fits them to be the Elect and live hundreds of years like a tree.

Even we groan, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.—Rom. 8:22, 23.

There is another grade of salvation represented by the moon's brightness. It belongs to the Jews and the Gentiles alike. It is the salvation of the soul only and not the body. The body perishes or dies. This is the grade of salvation mentioned by Jude as the "common" kind. That is, it is the ordinary kind which most people seek, and they are content with it, but it is not sufficient for the Elect Company who must overcome death and have their bodies saved also.

Beloved when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.—Jude 3. Except those days (of trouble) be shortened there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days (of tribulation) shall be shortened.—Matt. 24:22.

Only a very few will be able to gain this perfect salvation, represented by the sun, as the road to it is desperate and terrible so that not many are will-
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ing to go through the privations, sufferings and loneliness to gain it, as every grain of human and evil nature, thought and act must be killed and plowed out of the body in order to save it from death. Of all the billions of people now on earth only 144 thousand will gain this highest perfection, if we read the Bible correctly.

I looked and lo, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion and with him 144 thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads (minds). And they sung a new song; and no man could learn that song but the 144 thousand which were not defiled with women. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God. They were without fault—Rev. 14:1-5.

"Many are called but few chosen." This shows how perfect and undefiled the real chosen Church of God must be, and how very select it is, so that no other persons can sing their song but the 144 thousand. When we come to see how very select and perfect the Elect Church of God must be, and then compare it with the present church denominations it is not difficult to determine whether any of them fit the description laid down by the Lord. The present denominations are constantly teaching the doctrine that all men must die, and that it should be our chief aim to get ready for death by joining some sect and being baptised in water &c., &c.; whereas, the real Elect Church of God must overcome death and put it under their feet and live on, hundreds of years, and kill out death entirely and go on to perfection.

Repentance from dead works, faith towards God, the doctrine of baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment, Heb. 6: 1, 2, do not constitute the fulness of the Spirit, but give us only a partial view of
God's purposes with mankind. The above principles embrace the whole of the present churches, but are not sufficient for the remnant of Israel who desire to go on to perfection, praying that the mystery of godliness—God manifest in the flesh—may be revealed to them by the Spirit of Truth, who is promised to lead them into all truth. Matt. 5:48; 1 Cor. 13:10. The Gentiles are called to a covenant of repentance; with that they are content. But as there was a time for the law to be nailed to the cross, and the Gentiles to receive salvation as a free gift of grace, so there is a time for the Scripture to be fulfilled: "In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down and fall."—Isa. 22:25. The time is now at our doors when Hosea 13:14 will receive its fulfillment: "Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." "The gift and calling of God are without repentance."—Rom. 9:29.—From Pioneer of Wisdom.

When I talk about the "remnant of Israel" being the Elect Church I do not mean Jews. This point is fully explained in my book No. 2, called Millennial Kingdom, and book No. 3, called Our Near Future, and which must be carefully studied before this subject can be understood. It is generally believed throughout the world that the present Jews are the Twelve Tribes of Israel. It is not true. All the Jews now on the earth came from the one son named Judah, as the main Jew tribe, with some of Benjamin and Levi mixed in. The other tribes are not Jews and are scattered over the earth to enlighten the Gentiles; and so soon as "Gentile Times" are fulfilled all of the present churches (they are all Gentile churches) will disappear from earth and the Church of God, composed of a picked few from the remnant of Israel, will be set up as the recognized Church of God, to live forever and teach the world about life, not death. This is what St. Paul means when he says it will be "life from the dead." God scattered the Israelites 2500 years ago
so that the world now thinks they are dead and raked off the earth, never again to appear; but when they come to the front again as the Elect remnant with the highest spiritual power ever known, it will be like life from the dead, sure enough, just as Paul puts it.

For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead. Blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.—Rom. 11:15, 25. Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea (so numerous) a remnant shall be saved.—Rom. 10:27. Return, thou backsliding Israel. I will not keep anger forever, for I am married unto you, and I will take you one of a city and two of a family and I will bring you to Zoin. In those days the House of Judah (Jews) shall walk with the House of Israel (not Jews) and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.—Jer. 3.

Now you see that God is not yet done with the Israelitish nation, although the general world thinks that He is. People forget the many promises God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob about their descendants and how they should lead the world in all ages and forever. The sun glory falls to their lot.

There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars.—1 Cor. 15:41.

St. Paul talks about three heavens. He also saw that a time would come on this earth when men would overcome death. Enoch overcame death in the first 2000 years. Elijah overcame it in the second 2000 years and Jesus overcame it in the third 2000 years; but from this time on it is open for those who walk with God in the very narrow road. The time is already here and the
race has commenced. Some people attack me for advocating the idea that God works on exact time, and that the world can not break through the lines and get blessings that are held back for future dispensations; but the scriptures positively teach this idea in many places, and we see it worked out in history before our eyes.

Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.—Jesus, in Luke 21:24.

If time cuts no figure with God then what makes the Lord talk this way? Why has the ancient city been beaten, run over and spit upon all these 2500 years? Gentile times set in about 606 B.C. and were to run 2520 years, during which the city was to "lie low" and desolate and partial blindness to cover Israel.

Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.—Rom. 11:25.

If time cuts no figure why should the spiritual darkness blind Israel's eyes until the Gentiles have their full time on earth? Gentile times are now closing and we see the ancient city of Jerusalem lifting its head from the dust and rising out of its long sleep, and the Israelites (we, the white English-speaking people of England and the United States) are coming out from under darkness so we begin to see the Lord's ways. Why could we not grasp these high spiritual truths long ago? Because Gentile times were in full force and we had to stay back under cover, as blindness was to be on us until Gentile times were fulfilled. Rom. 11:25. Why could not Jerusalem rise until now? Because it
was to be trodden down until Gentile times expire. Luke 21:24. This subject is carefully set out in my book No. 3, called Our Near Future, and is also briefly stated in a letter which I wrote recently for a Chicago magazine, as follows:


Dr.—Your marked copies of magazine received. Thank you. You will find the plan as laid down in my book (Near Future) correct. Mrs. C's article tells the situation, but fails to give a reason why we cannot come to immediate relief in sickness, governments, politics, etc. She sees that we are not into the lighted room yet, but like millions of others, she can not give a reason why we are held back. They all fail to discover the meaning of the words of St. Paul where he proclaims it that "Blindness in part has happened to Israel (which takes in us Anglo Saxons) until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."—Rom. 11:25. And Jesus also declares that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." You see time cuts a figure in this important event to us. We can not tear off the "blindness in part" until the time expires; and by looking carefully at this set time we find it was to be 2520 years from the date when Nebuchadnezzar took the throne over Babylon. This was 624 B.C. Now count 2520 years from 624 B.C. and you will see that it expires 1896 A.D.; but 18 more years are to be added for a reason fully set out in my Near Future book. Therefore the "blindness in part," as mentioned by St. Paul, is now commencing to go off and will disappear by 1915, for reasons set in my books Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9. This terribly disastrous period of sickness, death, robbery, oppression, murder, swindling in governments, etc., etc., is our punishment, which was to last 2520 years from Nebuchadnezzar. He was the "head of gold" spoken of in Daniel. That is he was the beginning of "Gentile Times," during which the literal Jerusalem, in Palestine, was to be trodden down by Turks and other Gentiles, and our spiritual Jerusalem was to be "blinded in part." It is mentioned in the Bible as "Seven Times" period of punishment. See Levit. 26. A time is 360 years, and seven times is seven times 360 = 2520. Thanks to God the terrible period is now expiring, and this is why political matters are all torn up and governments decaying and thousands of people are discovering spiritual light. And this is why the Turks are "tearing things" over in Syria. Their time is out or nearly so. They are the Gentiles who were to tread down Jerusalem until "Gentile Times" be fulfilled. Ah, what a wonderful drama
has been played by God on this world as the stage. It has been opened before my vision as the brightest sun. I see right through the purpose of the "play." I wish the world could understand this astounding subject. I have set it all out in book form so as to reach the multitude. It is stunning. O, God, how wonderful are thy ways! When one gets the chain of this movement he can foretell just what the turns in the road will be. It moves on in the groove cut for it. No variance. Page 134 of my Near Future book will show why the last elections went for Gold. The book was published long before elections took place. The gold victory is part of the "play" in the closing scenes of the 2520 years of breaking Gentile Times. But it is too grand, tedious and fearful to repeat all the destructive elements that will now arise to gnaw down all governments and churches because they are all "Gentile" and "Gentile Times" must cease. Israel will arise and rule the world. He is now feathering out on the wings of spiritual power so as to soar above all other kingdoms. He is the little stone cut out without hands. He is being cut out and selected by the Unseen Hand. I am not talking about a sky government, but a government here on earth with the old city of Jerusalem as the capital of the world. She will spring up so soon as Gentiles (Turks) let go, and they will have to let go when their time is out. Yes, sir, the kingdom of God is at our door, and we Anglo Saxons are the leaders in it by special promise made to Abraham, 4000 years ago, that in his seed all nations shall be blessed. We are the Lost Ten Tribes, while the Jews are the other two tribes. The Jews and us are to be united again into a kingdom. See Ezek. 37. This uniting is to take place when the 2520 years expire, or soon afterward.

Thus we see why the prophet Daniel writes about a set time that would be glorious here on earth. He says:

Blessed are they who wait and come to the 1335 days (years).—Daniel. 12:12.

He knew that the people who would be living on earth at the end of the Gentile times would get the wonderful light of God, and that it would not be given until Gentile's had their allotted time of 2520 years. Various set times are declared all through the Bible, and it is ridiculous for men to
fight against them. Every thing has its set time, and the machinery of the universe rolls around and around and the purposes of God are stationed at set points and drop into the exact notches made for them. Solomon was specially endued with extraordinary knowledge, away above other men, and he saw that God’s works go on times specially set for each purpose. Here is the way he puts it.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.—Ecl. 3:1

The Jews were working various schemes to catch Jesus and kill Him, but He would always escape because, as He said, “Mine hour is not yet come” to be killed; but just so soon as the heavenly clock struck His exact time He dropped into the notch prepared for Him and on the cross He went. God’s heavenly chariot runs on schedule time and the Bible is His time-card. John 2:1-12 gives us a hint of how things are to go. It tells us that on the third day a marriage took place in Cana and Jesus was there. They had six water-pots filled with water. This represented the six thousand years the world was to run through a kind of schooling about God, at the end of which a marriage is to take place. Christ’s Bride (Elect Company) is to be picked out and He is to become married or joined to them in close association. You will notice that the first verse says the marriage was on the third day. Each water-pot stood for one thousand years, and six pots would be six thousand years. Now divide the six thousand into periods of two thousand years each and you will
have three of these periods or three dispensations. Each dispensation is called a day, and three of them would be three days, and the marriage is to take place on the third day, or at the close of the last two thousand years period. This is made plainer by Jesus when He said:

Behold I cast out devils and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.—Luke 13:32.

During the last six thousand years (or three periods of two thousand each) He has been casting out devils and curing the world or bringing the people to a knowledge of God's ways; and the last or third period He will perfect the world. This third period called the third day is this Christian Age or dispensation which is just now closing. Its sun is now setting and we are in the very evening of it. The Master will rise up and shut the door soon and those who are not in on time will be shut out. See what He says about it in Matt. 25. You will miss the wedding feast which lasts one thousand years, called the Millennial Age. It is the perfecting time added on to the third day; the age of great peace and rest. It is the seventh-day period, called the Sabbath. The six water-pots stood for the six days. Each day of one thousand years and the extra seventh day (seventh thousand) will be the Sabbath. These days were doubled so that two went together to form a dispensation, so as to make three dispensations or three days, and this marriage of God with his people will now soon take place. This is why every thing is in upheaval. Governments breaking to pieces; Churches all de-
moralized and going to decay, and society on a "spree." Every thing is getting ready for the wedding. It is the "feast of fat things," spoken of by the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 25:6) and is also shown by the marriage in Cana, heretofore described. Christ changed the water in the pots into wine and it was brought in before the wedding company at the end of the feast, and it was so good in every way that the company noticed that it was the richest part of the feast, held back for the last. This was against the custom of the country, as it was the rule to always bring on the best wine first and let the company drink it until they became tipsy and would not notice the adulteration of the wine that would be put onto them at the last of the feast. Christ set before them the richest wine at the last of the feast.

Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine, but Thou hast kept the good wine until now.—John 2:10.

This was a picture held up before us to show that He will give us His richest blessings at the latter part of His work, which is just now coming to a focus. The marriage is soon to occur, and it is now the third day. That is, it is the last third of the six thousand years. You will notice that He drew the rich wine out of the six pots, and each pot stood for one thousand years, so that the wine, at the last, came out of the six thousand years of schooling the world into perfection. O, God, how wonderful it will be for us to live on this earth and have the richest wine of Christ poured out all over us and in us. O, ye nations! Lift up you heads
and shout, for your redemption is right at your doors; but tribulation and very great suffering will strike the world first, as the marriage of God with His people can not take place in the room now occupied by rotten governments, demoralized churches and spreeing society. The breaking down of all these will create trouble, but down they must, as it is a law of nature that when things become too rotten to stand up alone they fall down and totally decay and disappear from earth. This law applies to governments, churches and society the same as it does to a tree; therefore, the present upheaval and demoralized condition of governments and churches are working out a good purpose, as they are following the natural law of decay, and also the law of God who permits persons to have their fill of anything and become disgusted with it and want to vomit it up so that they will be ready to hear the whisperings of the Most High. So long as people take pleasure in the foolishness of this world they are not ready to hear the voice of the Lord; therefore, the more terrible the sufferings become and the more rotten and dishonest the governments and the churches are the sooner they will decay and eat themselves up and clear the room, so that the marriage of God with His chosen Elect can take place. Therefore, when you read any of my books in which I am cutting at things, I am not doing it in the way of condemning, but I mention them as facts; as proof that the old order is passing out, as I fully recognize the commotion and stink it always causes while it is going through
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the decay. It has its purpose and works to a good end; and I declare unto the world that the best wine will come at the last of this terrible decay that is now going on in the world, as we are already in the third day, which Christ Himself declares shall be the day of perfecting. On this point I call your attention to the prophecy.

After two days will He revive us and in the third day He will raise us up and we shall live in his sight.—Hosea 6:2.

Here we see this hint given to us about the third day and the great perfecting work it brings, just as represented in Christ’s resurrection on the third day. You must notice also that He speaks of coming in the second watch or third watch. I have shown to you how these 6000 years are divided into three periods of 2000 each. Now take each one of these periods and divide it into three equal parts and you have 666 years and 8 months in each period, which is just one third of 2000 years. The first third may be called the first watch, and the second third may be called the second watch, and the next third may be called the third watch; and if this is correct reasoning, each watch contains 666 years and eight months. Therefore, we see that we are in the third watch of the third or last 2000 thousand years, if this is correct reasoning.

If He shall come in the second watch or in the third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants.—Christ’s Words.

By this we know that the Elect Bride Company must be ready and pure and Holy by not later than the third watch of the third day, which, as you have seen by the above may mean the last 666 years and
8 months of the last 2000 years; and we know that we are at the last end of the third 2000 years; and this is the cause of all the present upheaval everywhere. Everything is being made ready for the marriage, and the first thing to do is to clear the room by driving out all of the ungodly things; and this is being done by permitting the governments and churches to become rotten and disrupted. This can not be remedied, as it is not the design of the Lord to let these rotten things up on their feet; therefore, no political party can "reform" the governments; and no church union can hold up the present rotten organizations, as Christ positively tells us that it is not good to put new patches on old garments nor put new wine into old bottles, as the new wine is so powerful that it would ferment and explode the old bottles and run away so that the whole thing would be disastrous. Therefore, we know that new bottles must come onto the earth to hold this new rich wine which is being held back for the last of the feast; therefore, it is ridiculous for the present churches to set themselves up as the bottles to hold these rich blessings of the Lord, as Christ tells us that the old bottles would not stand it to be filled with the new rich wine; and my experience in teaching these things to the world fully convinces me that Christ's words (about the old bottles bursting) are true, as a very few words spoken to the churches about the high spiritual gifts of God set the congregations mad so that they fly all into pieces and want to rise up and pitch the speaker head-long, out at the window.
They are all Gentile churches and cannot bear to be filled with the high wine that belongs only to God's Elect Church, which He is pleased to call the "Remnant of Israel," whom He positively declares to be His chosen servants and in whom He will be glorified. As to this point some people attack me for teaching the idea that God has any chosen people. Christ Himself declares that He was not sent to any body but the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel. See Matt. 15:24. And He was careful to instruct the apostles not to go to the Gentiles nor to the Samaritans, but to go and hunt up the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel and preach His new gospel to them. See Matt. 10:5, 6. I have clearly shown in my books Nos. 2 and 3 that "lost sheep" does not mean sinners, as Gentiles and Samaritans were the worst kind of sinners, and if "lost sheep" means sinners then the apostles should have gone to them; but Christ said, No. Don't you do it; but go to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel, which means the Lost Ten Tribes; and we, the white english-speaking Americans and English are those Lost Ten Tribes, and this is why we lead the world, and why this great spiritual enlightenment which is now coming to earth, has fallen to us. Why did not this great spiritual upheaval break out in Africa, among the negroes; or among the Indians of North America; or among the Chinese; or among the Turks, or the Laplanders or some other kind of people? Because we are the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel and Christ said that He was not sent to anybody but the Lost
Sheep of the House of Israel; and the Old Testament, in many places, holds out the same idea, that the Israelites were chosen as a special family, through which God will bless the world.

You only have I known of all the families of the earth.
—Amos 3:2.

As to the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel getting the Kingdom of God, Christ's parable in Luke 19:11-16 is framed in words nicely to show this fact. The Nobleman there mentioned is Christ the Spiritual King who left God the Father and came to this earth which He calls a "far country" to receive for Himself a Kingdom. He says He (the Nobleman, Christ) called His ten (10) servants and delivered to them ten pounds (one pound to each servant) and told them to make good use of the gift and occupy the earth until He (the Nobleman) came back to this world. Do you see how plainly this Ten Tribe of Israel subject is held out before us? Christ came to earth 1897 years ago and delivered to us Ten Tribes His gospel which He calls ten pounds, and told us to occupy the earth and make good use of His gospel until He would return. Here is the point we must watch. Are we making the best use possible of the gift and blessing He handed to us? We would better examine ourselves on this point. Why did He say ten servants? Why not make it some other number? It was only a parable and it seems that the number twelve or fifteen would have answered His purpose just as well. No, no. Not so. It had to be worded as "ten servants" for the reason that He was telling us
that He had delivered the Kingdom of God to the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel and had handed His “ten pounds” (gospel) to them and that they should spread it all over the world while He was away. You know He told the Jews that the Kingdom of God was taken from them and given to another nation that would bring forth the fruits thereof. See Matt. 21:43. These ten servants (Ten Tribes of Israel) were the nation to which He referred and this is why He worded His parable so as to make it ten servants. No other number would have answered His purpose, as He was telling a wonderful secret but putting it in words to make it a riddle, and the world has never guessed it until recently. It is only after a person has learned the Ten Tribes subject that he can guess the riddle set forth in Christ’s parable as follows:

He said, A certain Nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. And he called his ten servants and delivered them ten pounds and said unto them, Occupy till I come.—Luke 19:12, 13.

This shows why Christ said that He was not sent to any nation of people but the Lost Ten Tribes whom He calls the “lost sheep of the House of Israel.” And it explains why He instructed His apostles not to go to the Gentiles nor to the Samaritans to preach but to go rather to lost Israel—these “ten servants” to whom He gave the gifts called “ten pounds” and who were to occupy till He came back. God has declared it over and over again that He will select a special company out of the Israel family to lead and bless the world by the power and spirit which He will pour out upon them,
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and all the world will see it, and it will cause all nations (heathen and every body) to repent and seek the Lord.

It shall come to pass in the last days (of this Christian dispensation) that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many shall say, Come, let us go to the House of the God of Jacob (Israel) and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths for out of Zion shall go forth the law (of God) and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.—Isa. 2:2, 3. Thou art my servant, O, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.—Isa. 49:3. In those days (when the Elect remnant of Israel is established) it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you. Many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord in Jerusalem.—Zech. 8:22, 23.

As to the time when all this will occur the next chapter (The Heavenly Clock) will have something to say; but the calculations are made and dates set (approximately) in my books Nos. 3 and 9, with further explanations in my Nos. 2 and 8. As to the three days and second and third watches about which Jesus speaks, they may, possibly, refer to the Abrahamic, Isaac and Jacob ages—counting each as standing for a dispensation. The Abrahamic age as the first day. The Isaac age as the second day, and the Jacob age as the third day. According to this interpretation of the symbols we are just now at the end of the Isaac age. It is reasonably certain that the ancient holy men and their movements and the kingdoms and cities were symbols or pictures held up in their order to show to us God's order of things to come in future, and, therefore, a careful study of all those ancient things will give us a hint of what is to come in future. According to this, the Abra-
hamic age closed when Jesus came and set up a new dispensation. It may be counted as opening at the Pentecost feast. It, then, would be in full force yet and would be the Isaac age, as Isaac came on after Abraham. Isaac’s two children (Esau and Jacob) are still cutting the main figure on earth today. The Turks are the Esau part and the Anglo-Saxons (English and United States people) are the Jacob part of the transaction. The Turks have possession of the ancient Jerusalem and all Palestine and are counted as the Gentiles who were to tread down that country while the Jacob (Israel) people were out. Thus we see that the Jacob and the Esau people are the main actors on the stage of earth today. Therefore, the Isaac descendants are leading the world at this time, as Esau and Jacob (Israel) came from Isaac. But when the Isaac age closes (now soon) then the Jacob age will open and take possession, just as represented by the symbol where Jacob came on after Isaac died. This is stated more clearly in the Apocrypha, where it is shown that the line between this, the Isaac age or Christian era and the next age is the “parting asunder” wherein the Esau people (Turks) go down as a nation and let go of Palestine and the Jacob (Israel) people will come on and commence the new age where the Esau people left off. Now see how plainly it is stated.

What shall be the parting asunder of the times? or when shall be the end of the first, and the beginning of it that followeth? And He said unto me, From Abraham unto Isaac, when Jacob and Esau were born unto him, Jacob’s hand held first the heel of Esau. For Esau is the end of the world (age)
Therefore, we see from the above that the downfall of the Turkish nation (which is composed of the Esau people) is the end of this Christian Age, represented in the ancient symbol by Isaac who came on after Abraham passed away; and then when Isaac held his allotted time he passed away and Jacob came on after him. Isaac was the specially begotten son of Father Abraham, you remember; and now we are living in his (the Isaac) age with Jesus Christ as the specially begotten son of God the Father; and when the heavenly clock strikes the end of the Esau (Gentile Turkish) rule then the Isaac age is dead and Jacob (Israel) will come on and open the New Age, called the Millennial period of 1000 years, as the above Apocrypha says that "Jacob is the beginning of that which followeth after" Esau's (Turks) end. So we see, by all these numerous proofs, that the Esau people (Turks) are soon to disband as a nation and let go of Jerusalem and Palestine; and then the Jacob (Israel) age will commence with Rachel's children at the head to lead or be the Governors or Elect Church or the Divine Supreme Court of the earth. Everything must be submitted to them. This is why the scriptures tell us that judgment is given into the hands of the saints, and they shall possess the kingdom and reign with Christ 1000 years. Christ is the head-stone in the great building constructed out of human beings. It is the "tabernacle of David" that fell down in ancient times when God turned every thing over to
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the Gentiles for 2520 years. Their tabernacle, in those days, was made of boards, curtains &c., and every body had to look towards it to get relief, as God dwelled in it (in the back room, where the golden Ark of the Covenant sat). All sacrifices had to be brought before it and turned over to the High Priest. All these things were symbols to show what would come afterward. And we are just now coming to the point where the real tabernacle is to be constructed in human beings, and all the earth must then look to it (the Elect Church) for teaching and judgment and help, as the Lord will be within them. This is why the prophet Isaiah says:

It shall come to pass in the last days (of this age) that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall say: Come, let us go to the house of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall Judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people.—Isa. 2:1-4.
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Having discussed, in previous chapters, the calling of God's Elect Church and the establishing of the Kingdom of God on earth, the question naturally arises as to the time when this will be done. Time cuts an important figure in all of God's movements. He is very precise as to time, and He made for Himself a great clock with millions of wheels in it to measure off time, and it runs with exactness so that when certain wheels in it make a certain number of revolutions the clock strikes, and this earth and its inhabitants respond to the very hour and take a change. The old way falls and disappears and a new way sets in. New light bursts forth from the secret chambers of God's mansions and the people think and act differently. This is called a change in dispensations. This world has passed through several of these changes. They are called ages. For instance; Edenic Age, when Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden and the world was beautiful and godly. Sin entered and everything became blear-eyed and out of harmony. New age, you see. Noah was the leading man of that age. The heavenly clock struck and the Flood swept off things generally. New dispensation set in. Abraham and his son, Isaac, and grand-son,
Jacob, were the specially called leaders of that age. It was called the Patriarchial Age. The wheels in God's clock (the planets) came around to a pivotal point and the clock struck and down went that order of things, and up came the Mosaic Law Age and the Twelve Tribes of Israel to lead it. They knew more about God than any other people. The wheels in God's clock (the planets) came around again to a pivotal point and the clock struck and down went the Mosaic Law Age and up came the Christ Age. Jesus and the apostles were on hands to lead it; and we are still in this Christ Age but it is right at the tip-end of its existence now. The wheels (planets) in the great clock are almost at the point where the clock will strike the end of "Gentile Times," as mentioned in Luke 21:24 and Rom. 11:25; and when the hour arrives, down will go the Christian Age and up will come the Millennial Age to stand 1000 years, with God's Elect Church, picked from the Twelve Tribes of Israel to lead it, as declared in the scriptures as follows:

And I heard the number which were sealed (unto God); 144 thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. —Rev. 7. And they shall be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord. —Isa. 62:12. Mine Elect shall long enjoy the work of their own hands, for they are the seed of the blessed. —Isa. 65:22, 23. Their nobles shall be of themselves and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them. —Jer. 30:21. I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen and bring them into their own land and I will make them one nation (a holy nation called the Millennial Kingdom) upon the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be king to them all. David, my servant, shall be their king. —Ezek. 37:21-24. They shall serve the Lord and David their king whom I will raise up unto them. —Jer. 30:9. The children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord and David their king. —Hosea 3:5.
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Every thing is being prepared for a new and powerful nation to be "born in a day" before the world is aware of it.

Who hath heard or seen such a thing? Shall the earth bring forth in one day? Shall a nation be born at once?—Isa. 66:8.

Yes the time for this is near as can be seen by the positions and movements of the wheels in the great heavenly clock. Every 360 years is a Solar Cycle, measured off by the planets. The hands of the great clock come around to a certain point then the same as the hour-hand and the minute-hand of a clock meet together every time at 12. They start on a new journey then again, and the minute-hand makes twelve revolutions around the dial before the machinery comes right to have the hour-hand at 12 again by the time the minute-hand arrives there. But they both arrive there on exact time, notwithstanding the fact that the one hand travels much faster than the other one. Every time they meet at 12 we may call it a cycle. The Bible calls it a "time"—that is, the planets go around (some fast and some slow); and every time the earth makes one revolution around the sun we call it a year; and 360 years is a set period, beginning and ending at the same point, like the two hands of a clock starting together at 12; but one runs away from the other, but after so many revolutions they meet again at 12—just where they started. Therefore, when the Bible speaks about a "time" it is talking about astronomy. It means that the planets have run a race around a circle and have come up to a
point. It is one race or one "time." They start out again and come around. That makes two "times," and so on this great heavenly clock has been running ever since God wound it up and gave the pendulum a swing and started it. Now we find by looking into the heavens that this race of the planets is 360 years; therefore, we know that when the Bible talks about a "time" it means 360 years; and when it says two "times" it means twice 360 which makes 720. And when it says seven "times" it means seven times 360 which is 2520 years. Now by looking at Leviticus 26:24 we see that God told the Israelites that He would punish them seven "times." That is, He would be punishing them while the planets made seven races around the circle; and each race, we know, was 360 years. Therefore, seven races would be 2520 years. This is a set period by the Lord during which great inharmony was to exist on this earth. He said that if the people insisted on walking contrary to Him, their road would be very disagreeable during the 2520 years. See Lev. 26:23, 24. And we find the movements of men on this earth entirely out of time and tune; but we know, by looking at the wheels in God's heavenly clock, that the 2520-year period is almost expired, and when the world crosses over the line it will roar with trouble and disaster in many ways, as the old order of things must go down so that the new way can set in; and this breaking down process always causes trouble. Every thing has to be adjusted and the books of the universe balanced and a new system of accounts
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opened. This all goes on exact time as figured in astronomy. The revolutions of the planets measure off the time.

And God said let there be lights in the heavens for signs and for seasons and for days and years.—Gen. 1:14.

The Bible has much to say about these wheels in the clock as they keep our time and tell us when our accounts are due and when we must turn over a “new leaf.” They have much to do in our affairs here on earth. And when they come round to their pivotal point we take a turn. The Bible names some of these wheels in the clock. It talks about Pleiades (the seven stars) and Orion which has some connection with storms and is supposed by some to be a giant fighter so that he has to be bound with bands to keep him down, as you will see by scripture which I shall quote later on. The Arabs call him the giant on account of a great ancient fighter named Nimrod who laid out and started the city of Nineveh. He was a great warrior and they called him the giant; and this fighting planet called Orion is also looked upon as a giant. It lies south of the ecliptic and has a belt of three bright stars. The Greeks have a fable about this Orion being bound in the heavens for war against the gods. He makes things howl, probably, when his bands are losted and his time comes to speak. The seven stars, called Pleiades, act just the reverse. They give off a sweet influence that aids mankind, as is shown in the book of Job. God held a conversation with the afflicted Job and put many questions to him to set him to thinking, and among other things He asked Job this question.
Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades (seven stars) or loose the bands of Orion (the giant fighter)?—Job 38:31.

Then He goes on and asks Job about Arcturus and Mazzaroth. Arcturus is the bear's tail in the heavens, and is in the constellation Ursa Major; and his sons, mentioned in scripture, are probably the stars in this constellation.

Canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?—Job 38:32.

Mazzaroth has reference to some of the planets also. He cuts some kind of an important figure in the clock machinery.

Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?—Job 38:33.

The Bible writers frequently mention the wonders of the heavens. Their spiritually illuminated minds could see in the arrangement and movements of the planets the marvelous wisdom of God in constructing the machinery of the universe. David, the inspired king over the Israelitish nation, talks about it in this wise:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.—Psalms 19:1-4.

The subject is enticing but must be handled with caution so as not to lead people into the worshiping of the planets as gods, as the ancients used to do.

And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto the sun, and to the moon,
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and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.—II Kings 23:5.

The discovery of these laws of the heavens is the same as the discoveries of the principles of the telegraph, telephone, mowing machine, steam-engine and sewing machine; and we have no more right to worship, as gods, these movements of the planets than we have a right to worship a mowing machine or a telegraph instrument. We use those machines to aid us in our work and we thank God for them and go on. And in discovering these complicated movements of the planets we are glad and thank God for the knowledge and let it rest at that. But the human family (in its present ignorant and darkened condition) has no balance-wheel. It runs away with itself. When it starts it never knows when to stop. It runs every thing in the ground. Therefore, in handling this subject about the great heavenly clock I do it cautiously and warn every reader not to run off on a tangent and worship astrology or astronomy as gods but regard them as simply knowledge about God's works. The time is near when we will be let into all these mysterious secrets of God. We already understand a few things, so that some persons can foretell, by figuring among the planets, just when and where an earthquake will occur. A few years ago Mr. Hicks telephoned to one of the St. Louis papers for a reporter to call immediately. The reporter came. Mr. Hicks told the reporter that within a few hours a great disaster would strike the earth around St. Louis somewhere. The reporter pub-
lished the prediction and had the papers sent out by 3 P. M. At 6 P. M. of the same day a terrible cyclone or tornado struck in the vicinity indicated by Mr. Hicks.

Five years before it occurred a Mexican Scientist declared that a violent earthquake would strike Mexico in November, 1894, and that about the middle of the month a terrible volcano would burst out at Colima. Here is the newspaper account of what he said.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Nov. 2.—Juan Maria Sojores, a celebrated weather and earthquake prophet of the town of Colima, made public the prediction five years ago that the Colima volcano would enter into an active state about the middle of November of the year 1894, and that this renewal of eruptions would be preceded by the severest earthquake shocks ever known on the Pacific coast of Mexico, resulting in great loss of life and property. As the time approaches for the fulfillment of this prophecy, the excitement among the poorer classes of people living in the vicinity of the volcano is growing very intense, and many people are leaving their homes until the dreaded period is passed. Sojores claims that his prophecy is based on scientific principles, and that it will be carried out to the letter. He has removed to this city from Colima.

You will notice the date of the above is Nov. 2. Now here is another clipping of Nov. 13 showing that it came with a vengeance.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Nov. 13.—The volcano of Colima is still in a state of active eruption, and the people of that section are terror stricken. The crops at the base of the mountains have been destroyed by the burning lava that has been poured down upon the fields. The red flames ascend to a great height, and is plainly visible for a distance of 200 miles. It is believed that this eruption is connected in some way with the recent severe earthquakes that were felt throughout southern Mexico.

I wrote to the American Legation at Mexico for the true facts and received the following letter:
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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO.

November 26, 1894.

W. A. Redding:—Replying to your letter of the 19th inst., I have to say that I interviewed the Director of the Meteorological and Magnetic Observatory, this city, and he informed that the following were the movements at the volcano of Colima during the month of November, to-wit: Nov. 5, the volcano smoked slightly during the day and the night, and at noon there was a violent eruption.

Trusting that this Legation has met your inquiries, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

ISAAC P. GRAY
(American Minister to Mexico.)

All this goes to show that the earthquake prophet who foretold the whole affair five years before it occurred knew something outside of the common knowledge of men. He declares that he has the key by which he unlocks those hidden secrets. He figures it out in some way, probably, by noting the positions of the planets and the electrical and magnetic influences they produce on this earth at a certain day, and just where the current will strike this earth and "touch it off" like a match touched to a gas-jet. There is always a cause for everything but in most cases the cause is an unseen influence which people never suspect or know anything about it. I know positively that various things are soon to occur on this earth, but when they come the people will never even dream of the causes; but the heavenly clock tells that the time is almost here for disturbance and readjustment. The center of it will be in Asia and around Jerusalem, but, incidentally, it will reach to all nations more or less. On this subject an astronomer and astrologer of Chicago, U. S., writes to me as follows:
CHICAGO, Feby. 17, '97.

W. A. REDDING:—Having read with great pleasure and much profit, your books Nos. 2, 3 and 4, called *Millennial Kingdom*, *Our Near Future* and *Mysteries Unveiled*, and being very much impressed with the spiritual unfolding of the true interpretations of the prophecies concerning the progression of time, and so in accordance with the advanced thinkers and writers of up-to-date people, I take the liberty to send you a few thoughts to give you one more evidence of God's law than you have mentioned, although you hint at the stars. You may make such use of them as may best suit your purpose. The closing of the Adam period was Geminii (governed by Mercury) passing off the several equinox and Taurus (governed by Venus) coming on. The Flood period was Taurus passing off and Aries, (governed by Mars) coming on. The Christ period was Aries passing off and Pisces (governed by Jupiter) coming on; and the Millennial Dawn is the Pisces period passing off, and the Aquarius coming on, and it is governed by Herschel. The ingress of Spring is the strongest of the four ingress of the year, but all of them must be consulted if you wish to know how each country is to be affected by drouth, rain, wars, peace, health, sickness etc., etc. Each of the signs of the Zodiac will stand over some part of the face of the globe, and from this and the location of the stars therein, if we read understandingly, we may know what God is saying to man. It is just so at the ingress of a new sign upon the vernal equinox. The positions of the signs and the planets at the moment of that ingress will determine what countries will be influenced by each of the 12 signs and how they will be affected by it. The greater events will be the dethronement of Jupiter as the ruling planet of the earth and its leading power be set aside by the incoming sign Aquarius and its governor Herschel (also called Uranus).

We are all anxious to know what this change will bring. We must look back through the history of time and follow the course of Herschel in its revolution of 84 years through the signs of the Zodiac and see what we can find in its track of upbuilding or destruction. I will refer to what he has done for the United States only. Gemini governs the United States, and as Herschel came into Gemini in about 1774 he stood up for the rights of the great mass of the common people and the result was the Boston Tea Party, (Throwing the tea overboard of a ship on account of English laws against us) the Revolution, Continental money, the declaration of Independence and the Elective Franchise and freedom of the people. Seven years war while Herschel was in this sign. As Herschel is seven years in a sign and 84 years in its revolution through the 12 signs of the Zodiac, it again came into Gemini
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(which governs the United States) in June, 1858, when the Kansas trouble began, resulting in the Rebellion, Greenbacks, Emancipation Proclamation and elective franchise and freedom as in the Revolution. This is enough to show what Herschel has done. Others may follow back through time only to find that Herschel has stood up for the people just as he is now standing up in Scorpio for the rights of the downtrodden in Turkey; and although Saturn is causing the Turk to destroy and Mars will come in for his share of blood, they both pass out of Scorpio the last of this year (1897) and leave Herschel to finally say before departing that the people shall be sustained. It will be 15 years from Dec. 1897 before Herschel will reach Aquarius (on Dec. 1912). We can see that Herschel will have had two years to set his house in order and seat himself on the throne of the incoming era, and be the great arbiter of human events. The new era does not begin, nor the influences of Aquarius and Herschel be thoroughly established before the beginning of 1915. It may be that during the following five years the New Jerusalem shall be established and after that, as Herschel starts again upon its round of the other 11 signs in the following 77 years, he will right the wrongs of the other nations of the earth. Of course I very well know that the influences of Aquarius are now being felt by the earth generally, and that all potentates are trembling on their thrones as never before, and the people of the earth are standing up as never before. In the new era an emigration will set in to the new Jerusalem and possess it, "in that day" and the wrongs of India and Egypt will be righted and the oppressed go free. The signs over the different countries of this ingress of the new era will determine what all the conditions, political, agricultural, commercial, religious etc., will be for the era. Countries that have been comparatively barren (like Palestine) may blossom as the rose, etc. Many changes may occur.

Respectfully yours,

L. Chadwick.

During the twenty or thirty years from the spring of 1898 the world will pass through various kinds of tribulation. There can be no mistake about these dates and calculations as they are founded on the movements of the heavenly clock, and this earth must and will keep step to the music of the spheres, as every thing goes on exact time. I have seen this fact and hinted at it in my first pub
lication which came out in 1894, but recently the mail brought to me a small pamphlet written by Prof. J. B. Dimbleby, the Premier of the British Astronomical and Chronological Society of London England, and in the pamphlet I find this great heavenly clock laid open and its movements shown in a way never before put before the world, as Mr. Dimbleby finds that the heavens and their complicated movements are carefully described in the Bible, and, with the key of understanding he unlocks the long-hidden mysteries of creation-work and throws back the bolts and swings open the door and invites the human family to step in and view the heavenly machinery that measures off time for this earth. It is the only correct system of time in existence, as our human-made calendars are faulty on account of changes made by Parliaments, Congress, Popes &c. in times past, so that the human family has become lost in the wilderness of faulty time and know not where they are on the road of the ages; but now Mr. Dimbleby comes forward with the exact rules of astronomy and turns the wheels of the great clock backward and shows the great historical events that took place at each cycle of time as struck by the divine clock; and it shows some marvelous things in the works of God as applied to turns and changes on this earth. As powerful and convincing as his figures and tracings are the subject is not at all surprising to me as I have seen these facts and argued the case in my first books which came out long before I ever heard of Mr. Dimbleby or his books, and it is highly
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gratifying to me to know that a man so competent in astronomy and in history, as is Mr. Dimbleby, now come forward with figures and facts that can not be put down. The world must admit that God's works go on by exact astronomical time. This is why Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled." At another time he said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled." They had a set time or period, you see, and Jerusalem had to lie low in the dust until the time would expire. And St. Paul, in Rom. 11:25, says that "Blindness in part is on Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." So we see by this that Israel had a set period of blindness put onto them while the Gentiles were treading down Jerusalem 2520 years. The first 1260 years of this period was to be occupied by four great kingdoms to come on in succession—one after another, and each of which was to be powerful and rule the entire world. The prophet Daniel declared that these four great empires would come on, and we now look back at history and find that they did come and rule the world their allotted time as follows:

The Babylonian empire ruled............. 90 years
The Medo-Persian empire ruled.......... 200 years
The Grecian empire ruled............... 305 years
The Roman empire ruled.............. 666 years

Total.................................... 1260 years

These four great empires (one after another, in succession) held down Jerusalem their allotted time of 1260 years which the Bible calls a "time, times,
and half a time.” One time is 360 years. Two more times is 720 years. Half a time is 180 years. All these added together make 1260 years, during which Jerusalem was trodden down by the four great empires (one after another in succession) and when their time (1260 years) expired they came to an end and a new thing started up to take possession of Jerusalem and tread it down another 1260 years, so as to make the full allotted time of 2520 years that Israel was to be punished for their doings against the Lord. He declared He would punish them “seven times” if they disobeyed Him; and as 360 years is one time, seven times would be seven times 360 years which is 2520 years. And this period of 2520 years commenced when Nebuchadnezzar the first Gentile king of the four empires started up to rule the world. And the first one was Babylon. Then came the Medo-Persian; then the Grecian; then the Roman. It took exactly 1260 years for these four to act out their part of the work; and their time expired 638 A. D. Then they lost possession of Jerusalem and the Turkish people took it (638 A. D.) and were to hold it another 1260 years which the Bible calls a time, times and half a time; And this Turkish period will expire in 1898 A. D. Then the full period of 2520 years of Gentile Times will be at an end, and Jerusalem will lift its head from the dust and in 30 years thereafter will become the capitol of the world with the chosen Elect Company of regenerated Israel forming what is called the Millennial Kingdom. But this Elect Company will not come forward to the notice of
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the world until fifteen or possibly thirty years after the Turks lose possession of Jerusalem, as there is to be a period of tribulation before the Millennial Kingdom comes into operation. A close study of this subject shows a set time for each turn or change among the nations of earth. One class of people steps out and another class steps in. The Gentiles will step down and out of authority and the world will then come into its period of great tribulation to last, probably, twenty or thirty years, at the end of which Elect Israel will step in and take up the scepter and rule all races and nations. These dates and calculations are all marked in the heavens by cycles so that we know just when a change is to take place on earth the same as we know when eclipses will come on the moon or the sun. It is the same kind of figuring; and it is the only correct time-piece in existence. Figuring from any other basis is false for the reason that there are thirteen different systems of time, and our calendars have been moved up and set back. If we figure the Turkish time from our man-made calendar system it varies from the heavenly system, as calculated in astronomy. And the great movements of God pay no attention to man’s calendar but step to the time as measured off by the heavenly clock. Therefore, we see by this that history is an exact science, and that certain great turns are bound to occur when the astronomical clock-hand comes around to a certain point. And if we study the Bible carefully so as to get the run of the subject and the great changes to occur we
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can then look at the heavenly clock and see when it will be around to a cycle point, and we can put our finger on the exact day when a movement on this earth will occur. This is clearly proven by turning the wheels of the great clock backwards 6000 years and having our histories open before us to note what took place at each cycle period as marked in the clock. No wonder Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled." He never took a step until the time came for it. "Mine hour is not yet come." But when the time would come then He would say "The time is fulfilled." Every thing moves on time like a passenger train and it dare not start out and leave a station one minute ahead of its schedule time. Therefore, when Jesus Christ tells us in Luke 21:24 that Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled I know that Jerusalem can not rise out of its desolate and desperate condition one minute before Gentile times expire; and I know that Gentile times is a period of 2520 years which is seven cycles of 360 years each, and that the end of the last cycle is almost here. Therefore, I know that God’s Elect Church is soon to be picked and become Israelites indeed to lead all nations, as St. Paul tells us in Rom. 11:25 that blindness must cover the world until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in; and as the full time of the Gentiles is almost at an end it is plain that blindness must soon come off of God’s Elect Israel so that they can step out into the blazing spiritual light of the Most High. The blindness can not come off one minute before the Gentile
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Times expire as it is not laid down in God's plans that way. The Gentiles must serve their full time before God's Israel can come to the front. And if there is no such a thing as Israel nowadays and no Gentiles then why does the Bible talk about these two classes of people and draw the strict line between them by declaring that the Israel shall be blind while the Gentiles have full sway? See Rom. 11:25. And that then the Gentiles shall give way and Israel shall come on the stage with the veil removed from off their eyes? Why does the Bible talk about all this if there is nothing in the subject? And if time cuts no figure with God's movements why does the Bible have so much to say about "time, times and half a time;" and "Gentile times;" and "seven times;" and the "time is fulfilled;" and "Mine hour is not yet come;" and "42 months;" and "1260 days" (years); and "seventy weeks;" and "That day" (meaning a certain set period); and "Blessed is he that cometh to the 1335 days" (years); and various other set periods of time mentioned? A careful study of history and astronomy yoked together shows that history runs along and keeps step with the cycles of time as measured by the heavenly clock. Certain cycles produce certain conditions, and under these conditions the human family breathe a higher spiritual atmosphere that leads people up to higher thoughts; and those who give themselves up to these things become filled with wisdom, love and great spiritual power of the Most High. We are, just now entering into one of these great cycles when many people will burst out
with wonderful power that will enable them to do
great things, but not all of them are godly. This
must be watched with great caution. It is an old
saying that not every thing is gold that glitters; and
this is exactly true when applied to these seemingly
miraculous things in the spiritual and occult line.
You will ask how I know that we are coming into a
period when these things of a miraculous spiritual
and occult nature will step in upon us. I know it
from more than one standpoint, but one is positive
as it works with exactness like the eclipses on the
sun or moon. A set cycle or period of time will
expire in April, 1898 and then the gate, long locked,
will be thrown open and unseen spiritual and the
occult laws of the universe will rush in with great
force from that time on so that many new discover­
ies will be made and wonderful things will be per­
formed. The world will cross a line at that time
(April, 1898) and open out (gradually) into new
pastures, so that those who turn their minds toward
the good and the true God with all their hearts will
learn wisdom and grow rapidly into spiritual power
to be ready for the Millennial Age which will set in
forcibly twenty or thirty years later. The cycle or
period called "Gentile times" will come to its end­
ing line soon, as shown by calculations in astronomy
linked to history. And we know that after the
Gentile line is crossed a powerful spiritual cycle or
age will set in and that blindness will then come off
of Israel gradually.

Blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fulness
of the Gentiles be come in.—Rom. 11:25.
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But the crossing of a line—out of one cycle or period into another—is not generally noticed by the inhabitants of earth. Only a very few at each crossing are aware of what is taking place. The Mosaic Law Age went down and disappeared and the Christian Age came on in its stead and Jesus was present to introduce the gospel to govern it, and the apostles declared it and did wonderful things and yet the general public never noticed that a new age and a new system of things had set in. The world jogged along seemingly the same. So it is now. Great upheavals and preparations are already going on to close the Christian Age and open the Millennial Age, and yet only a very few see this fact. The general public never even dream of what the matter is. They think they can remedy the present decaying conditions of governments by political action. Some think that co-operative colonies will remedy it. They do not see that the heavenly clock is striking the end of the Gentile period and that it is not the design of God to allow the present order of things to stand, and that, therefore, the props are being taken away from it so as to let it fall. No amount of exertion can hold it up. Its time is out, but only a very few see this fact. The general public will not even believe it when told.

Many shall be purified and shall understand, but the wicked shall not understand.—Daniel 12:10.

The general public has always been so. It never sees any thing until a long time after it has occurred, and even then it scarcely knows the meaning of it. A long time before the Flood conditions were,
probably, such that all men could have noticed that a crisis was about to occur but nobody but Noah noticed it. And while speaking of this I call attention to a curious circumstance. After the Flood God made a promise to Noah that no more floods would occur on the earth, and that the rainbow would be a witness to this fact. Now why was the rainbow picked on as a sign that no more floods would ever occur? This looks like an unanswerable puzzle and yet I believe it is a scientific fact, and for this reason it was (probably) mentioned by the Lord as a standing witness that the flood period had passed forever, for this reason: It is pretty strongly proven that this earth (before the Flood) had rings of mist around it, the same as the planet Saturn now has rings. All astronomers know that Saturn’s rings are the most enchanting sight the human eye ever saw. Every so many years the rings stand up on their tires or edges, with their sides facing us so that we can (with a good glass) see the whole surface across the wheels; then they begin to turn around in such a way as to make the sharp edge of the rim or tire face us so that we can see but little (only the rim part). That is, they stand flat-sided to us a set period of years and then turn only the outside edge to us a set period. These rings have been discussed by astronomers in all ages past. They are there as an undisputed fact; but what are they? What causes them? The building of worlds is a great mystery which none but God understands. This earth on which we live bursts out at various places and spews out red-hot
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melted lava and steam. This shows that its center is a great kettle filled with red-hot melted rocks, metals and steam and water. Therefore, the surface of the earth on which we live is simply a shell, and by digging down through it we find it in layers. A layer of dirt, a layer of clay, a layer of coal, a layer of salt, a layer of water and so on. How many thousand years these layers were forming I can not say, but it is not at all unreasonable to think that there was a time when other layers of mist and unformed substance surrounded the outside, the same as the rings around Saturn, and the peculiar looking combination around the planet Jupiter. Indeed it is argued by some that this earth (before the Flood) had rings of vapor around it and that when the conditions became right the vapor layers condensed into rain-drops and fell in on the earth and made the Flood, and that the falling in of the vapory rings permitted the sun-light to reflect against or through rain-drops ever afterwards so that whenever a collection of watery vapor, called a cloud, arises now the reflection of light causes the rainbow. This part of it is well known to be a fact. We know that rainbows are caused by the light reflecting through or on fine drops of water; and it is claimed by some that while the rings were formed around the earth the reflection could not take place, and, therefore, no rainbow could appear, but so soon as the rings fell in as a flood the reflection of light brought the rainbow at once; and this may have been the reason the Lord picked on the rainbow as a sign that no more floods would ever occur on
earth, as He knew that the vapory mist or watery rings had fallen in on the earth so that no more flood conditions in the surrounding atmosphere would ever exist. Therefore, the reflection of light would have no more obstacles and it would form a rainbow against every bank of watery vapor (clouds) that would arise ever afterwards. It would be a beautiful sign hoisted in the heavens where all the world could see it and remember that the flood conditions in the atmosphere surrounding the earth had passed away forever. The rings had lived their full time and fell in as a mighty sheet of water. Now hear what the Lord says about it.

And God spake unto Noah and to his sons with him, saying: Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your seed after you and with every living creature that is with you. Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood. Neither shall there be any more a flood to destroy the earth; and this is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass when I bring a cloud over the earth that the bow shall be seen in the cloud and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.—Genesis 9:8-17.

The Bible seems to hint that before the Flood, there was no such thing as rain falling on the earth. The whole heavens were a great ocean of watery vapor, completely surrounding the earth. Indeed it was a great ocean in the sky. Now read carefully what the Bible says about it, as it says one sheet of water was above the firmament and another sheet of water was under the firmament.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters; and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were
under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And God called the firmament, Heaven.—Gen. 1:6-9.

If the firmament was called heaven, then it is plain that one sheet or deep sea of water was above it and another sea below it; and this lower sea is now gathered into oceans as we see them on earth, today.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear. And God called the dry land, Earth. And the gathered waters He called Seas.—Gen. 1:9, 10.

By this we know that the present oceans on earth are the waters spoken of as under the firmament called heaven. And we see in Gen. 1:6, 7 (heretofore quoted) that there was another great body or sheet of water above the heaven, so that the firmament of heaven was between the two great waters—one above and one below; and this makes plain the scripture which has never been understood.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters to divide the waters from the waters; and God called the firmament Heaven.—Gen. 1:6, 8.

Therefore, the firmament spoken of as dividing the waters was not the earth separating one ocean from another ocean, as God speaks of this earth division further on down the chapter. It shows that far up in the sky was a great deep ocean of water completely surrounding this earth; and that it was, probably, the same kind of rings or sheets now seen around the planet saturn. Jupiter is also surrounded by a misty looking substance. It seems that worlds are incubated and hatched out of water
the same as persons and other creatures, and when the maturing time comes the water falls in on the worlds and they come forth as dry land in spots while water covers other parts. If this is the case then a great ocean of mist surrounding this earth before the Flood would shut out the sunlight so that no rainbow would be formed by reflection until after the great ocean would fall in on the earth and let the sun’s light reflect against clouds. Therefore, if this is a correct theory, God knew that the Flood was simply the falling in of the great rings or sheets of water, and that ever afterward the reflection of light would make rainbows and, probably, He selected the bow as the witness between Him and earth that no more floods would occur. Of course not, if the great sky ocean had fallen in. Its operations were done, forever. The “great deep” ocean above the heaven was broken up and destroyed, just as the Bible declares. It fell in on the earth.

And the windows of heaven were opened and all the fountains of the great deep (ocean in the sky) were broken up. And the waters were increased greatly upon the earth.—Gen. 7:11, 18.

The waters above the heaven were transferred down to earth and increased the earth’s share of water. Before this occurred no rain had ever fallen on the earth as the atmosphere was misty and the earth so steamy that every thing grew rank and the earth became a wonderful garden.

And every plant and herb before they were in the earth; for God had not caused it to rain upon the earth. But there went up a mist from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.—Gen. 2:5, 6.
The world was one vast and beautiful garden, filled with rank vegetable growth. No rain; no storms or winds; no extreme heat or cold, as the sun's action could not penetrate through the great ocean of mist hanging over or around the earth; and not until this watery condition fell in as a Flood do we see any record of winds and storms.

And the waters prevailed upon the earth 150 days; and God made a wind to pass over the earth and the windows of heaven were stopped and the rain (Flood) was restrained.—Gen. 7:24 and 8:1, 2.

So the waters above the heavens were broken up and the rainbow has appeared ever since as a witness to this fact that no more oceans are to fall in on the earth. Wonderful mysteries!

While it is true that my mind has run into the heavens with great astonishment at God's mysterious machinery, yet I had never thought about this rainbow and sky-ocean subject until I read an article written by Mr. Isaac N. Vail who is making this branch of the Bible a specialty. It is wonderful how things are coming to light to prove the exact truth of Bible statements. The people of earth are so extremely darkened on account of their sins that they have never understood any of the mysteries of God, and, therefore, they set down most Bible statements as exaggerations written up by unreliable men; but now the discoveries are coming thick and fast to prove that God's fingers had something to do with the Bible. Every thing must go down before Him and His statements. God is true, even if every man be proven a liar, and a great host of people are falling into the ranks and offer-
ing cheers for the mighty King whose secret hand turns the wheels of the heavenly clock, as shown by many proofs. I now lay before you a few paragraphs taken from Mr. Vail's letter.

The theory stands on the fundamental thought that this world of ours was, during all geological time, surrounded by a complex system of rings, just as the planet Saturn is to day. Thus the first ring that fell upon the earth after the latter became cool, brought down the first ocean, and with it came a vast load of the sublimated dust of the heaviest minerals and metals. These were deposited on the first ocean's floor. It may have been millions of years before the next ring came down, and the first ocean perhaps had disappeared. Thus a new ocean was formed containing other elements. These were deposited on the old metallic beds, and thus they were covered up, around the whole earth. Thus, ring after ring descended, each time bringing new waters and new life-germs. Thus, I hold, many miles of stratified crust have been laid down as the wreck of rings. The first falling ring made the first age; the second ring, falling, made the second age, and so on through all geologic time. When we come down in time to the later ages, as the Tertiary and Glacial periods, the evidence of the fall of rings becomes so conclusive that no one who has given the subject thought can doubt their all-competent agency. The last earth-ring fell after man came into being. It proves that the Mosaic record is true whether it be inspired or not.

The concurrent testimony of all ancient literature, whether legendary or otherwise, proves beyond a doubt that infant mankind saw this world surrounded by a ring of aqueous vapors, and that it fell as an overwhelming flood; that for more than two thousand years after the Flood, vast remnants of this vapor ring still floated in the atmosphere. As a ring, in falling into the atmosphere, must become a great vapor-world roof and spread from the equator to the poles, it necessarily makes a greenhouse climate. Again and again, as the geologic record shows, the earth has been a veritable Eden from pole to pole.

The Mosaic Record (Gen. 1:7) tells us that there were "waters above the firmament"—which could not be unless they revolved around the earth as a great vapor roof or canopy, just as the great vapor canopy of the planet Jupiter revolves around that planet now. Now such a canopy must have hidden the sun, yet there must have been light, which explains a very important biblical problem. Now such a vapor canopy must have been a watery heaven; and again Moses tells us God called the firmament Sham-Mayim
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(there—waters, or water-sky). It is also plain that such a canopy must have made an Eden-world, and Moses tells us there was an Eden. Now, as the sun could not shine on the earth's surface in that day, it is certain that there could be no rain, storms or tempests; and Moses tells us in Gen. 2:5 that there was a day when the "Lord God had not caused it to rain." Now I say if there ever was a day when it did not rain on the earth, then this planet was surrounded by a Jupiter-like canopy, which made an Eden climate. In an Eden world—on a green-house earth, all plants and all animals including men must have lived to a great age; such is a well known physical and physiological fact, and Moses tells us men lived 800 years or more; and I say if they did, then antediluvian man lived under a great world-canopy of vapors. Such a canopy of vapors must have effectually prevented the formation of the rainbow, and Moses tells us the rainbow was not known till after the Flood (at least this is the inference). See Gen. 9:11-16. Then too, Moses tells us there was a Flood, and I say if there was, it came from the Great Deep on high—the world's great vapor canopy. Moses also tells us the bow is made a sign for a new covenant between Heaven and Earth—a sign that the waters will never more become a Flood, which means nothing unless the great fountains on high were broken up forever, and Moses tells us the "fountains of the great deep were broken up. Gen. 7:11. Now this necessitates that directly after the flood man, who lived eight or nine hundred years, should cease living so long, and Moses tells us he did cease. If the canopy broke away then, so that a bow could be formed on the cloud, then the winds and storms that had been silent for ages broke forth, and Moses tells us that immediately after the flood, "God sent a wind over the earth"—the first recorded wind. See Gen. 8:1. Thus I could go on to the last page of Malachi and pick out a thousand such witnesses, and they all testify that this world of ours was once surrounded by a ring system,—and the last or outermost ring, at the time man was formed, had become a great world canopy. I hold that these witnesses prove the absolute truth of the Mosaic writings, whether they prove their divine inspiration or not. When we have done this much our work is accomplished, and Revelation or Inspiration will take care of itself.

It becomes the duty of the thinker to look this theory over. It is no ordinary thought. It certainly can give disinterested testimony of the most overwhelming importance.

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The beautiful and enchanting rings now seen
around saturn may fall in after a while, when their time comes, and create a flood over there on that planet, as worlds seem to be built in layers like an onion. Indeed this seems to be the law of growth with every thing. Experts claim that the exact age of a tree can be seen by sawing it off and looking at the rings or layers. Commence at the heart and count outward. It is claimed that the age of a cow can be known by the number of rings formed on her horns. Commence at the head and count towards the end of the horn. It is claimed that the same law applies to snakes so that the number of rattles on the end of the tail of a rattle-snake tells his age in years. Horse-jockeys look at the teeth of a horse to see his age. Geologists can count the different ages or periods through which this earth has passed by looking at the layers. It has gone through many and terrible changes and great upheavals, and is today not at all what it was a million years ago. And it is not now what it will be a thousand years future. The unseen laws of the universe are never still. They move on with irresistible force by periods called ages, and when the period or age ends the clock strikes and in comes a new order of things with a new combination of movements. Looking through a good telescope pointed at the sun a person can see the awful upheavals going on there. What seems to be great holes in the sun can easily be seen. Some of them are millions of miles across them so that many worlds like this could be rolled together into one great bundle and thrown into the holes in the sun and never touch the edges.
These edges look as though huge rocks were projecting out and just ready to fall into the awful depths. Dark balls or worlds sail across the face of the blazing orb and pass on out of notice until their time comes to appear again. The wheels of the heavenly machinery never stop. O, the mysteries of God! Is it strange, then, that He says, I will come forth and shake the heavens and the earth shall move out of its place. This seems to be one of the tragic acts set in the programme for the future, according to the prophecies. They positively teach it that this earth is to be swung into a different position and location and great changes made in its surface. This is a most reasonable thought to consider when we come to examine into the numerous changes that have taken place with it the last few (probably) million years. It is suspected that the earth is not now occupying the same home it did before the Flood. A great crisis struck it, probably, immediately before the sky-ocean fell in as a Flood. A general upheaval took place then and may have turned it out of its usual habitation and changed its climate; and when the perfecting age sets in the earth may be tilted back into its old place and old conditions. At all events it is to undergo a movement of some kind, as will be seen by the following prophecies:

The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it. And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones, and the kings upon the earth, and they shall be gathered together as prisoners are gathered. Then the moon shall be confounded and the sun ashamed when the Lord of hosts shall reign in
Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients (the Royal Body of Priests, called Elect.) Isa. 24:20-23. I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, for the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light, and the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine; and I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity, and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease and lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.—Isa. 13: 6-14. And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.—Luke 21:25-26. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day, and I will turn your feasts into morning, and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.—Amos 8: 9-10.

If you will hold a good telescope on the sun or the moon or on saturn and his rings or on jupiter, as he rolls through the heavens, you will be quite ready to say, "Yea Lord Thou canst shake not only the heavens and the earth but the universe also." When I think of these wonders of God I am ready to confess that I am a wandering pilgrim in the wilderness of His mighty works. Would to God I had language to magnify the Lord to His real greatness. Our knowledge is so frail, and our sight of Him is so dim! Blindness is upon us until the fulness of the Gentiles come in. Rom. 11:25. But it will not always be so, for He promises to remove the veil that is thrown over the earth. Then we shall see face to face, as St. Paul declares it. God is already permitting men to learn a few of the mysteries. The heavens are being surveyed and the mile-posts and finger-boards searched out, and Prof. J. B. Dimbleby’s work on this line is probably the most care-
ful and exact. In reviewing it, Mr. Alexander Ross of Denver, U. S., has this to say about it:

Prof. J. B. Dimbleby, Premier Chronologist to the British Chronological and Astronomical Association of London, has recently issued one of the most remarkable books ever issued. It is called "All Past Time." It contains a classification of all eclipses and transits from creation, arriving by successive dates in lines and teams to those now seen, also the three solar cycles of all time since the creation of man, showing the total number of the years of the world, and every day since creation in weeks of seven days, together with tables of the kings and emperors of antiquity. It is the most marvelous chronological record ever produced, and has aroused intense interest throughout the world of thought. It challenges investigation, disarms unbelief, strengthens faith and proves the Bible to be the very word of God. It gives the moon a voice, and bids the stars proclaim His truth. They have neither tongue nor language, yet their voice is plainly heard proclaiming the power, the presence and the praise of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." It is a standard work on time and the only complete publication which exists on the subject. It shows that history is now a science. The use of natural and scientific time enables us to deal correctly with history. Investigation shows now that the "line of time" in the scriptures is true planetary motion.

Creation is found to be an astronomical date of the highest character. Creation was evidently "the beginning" of the motions of the earth and the moon, and investigation shows that from that point all Biblical time proceeds, traveling with undeviating precision, side by side, with all the astronomical periods. He says, "Measurements have been taken and there is no room for doubt. If this method had been adopted in former years, and men had closely adhered to the words of Scripture, there would not have been the blundering which has occurred. A score of men will differ about the length of a room when they have to settle it by their opinions or judgment; but when a two-foot rule is produced and the room is measured, accuracy is obtained and they are all agreed. Men fell into gross errors when they had no knowledge of the science of time, that is, pure planetary motion. Now that the study of prophecy has become a science, a great harvest of facts is reaped and a mass of overwhelming evidence places dates and figures beyond a question. Mr. Dimbleby has conclusively proved by his profound research the exact length and date of human history upon the earth, and the prophecies before obscured, now shine forth like the stars. The date of
creation is proved by transits and by first solar eclipse. Time is proved by transits. All past years obtained by eclipses. The years of the world, by solar cycles. At no period of the world have mankind stood on the threshold of more eventful changes and revolutions than now. This dispensation is undoubtedly nearing its close. Mr. Dimbleby comes forward with proofs which dispel all doubts. Historical truths of the Bible are confirmed by late discoveries of antiquity. Prophetic truths, long sealed, are now made clear, and witnesses long silent are now giving startling testimony; they are unimpeachable and incontestable. **Chronology,** which is based upon astronomical measurements and controlled by cycles, as an “expert and unerring science,” comes before mankind now with new and startling facts. Chronology is the science which has pointed out the clock-like mechanism of the skies, detected the order of eclipses, enumerated all the transits, and supplied mankind with practical and unerring means of testing the period of the history of the world. The subject is startling. We must all admit that when we have three prophecies in the Scriptures producing the same result though starting from different periods, and being dissimilar in character, too much cannot be said about the important and impressive lesson they teach. “There is now a great feeling of concern about all this. The night of doubt and trial of our faith in God is departing. The great prophecies of Scripture are to be fulfilled. Let the enemies of the righteous stand back. Soon the audacity of boasting skeptics, the vaunting pride of evolutionists, the brags of theoretical science, the fetish teaching of theosophy, and all the supporters of the majesty of hell will fall as lightning, for there is to be war in the heights of heaven, and “the dragon, who deceives the whole world,” will be overcome and cast down and all his supporters with him.”

Prof. Dimbleby says:—“Ten years ago, neither the opening chapter of Genesis nor the science of astronomy were understood. We were not aware, for instance, that the “fourth day,” when the sun was “set in the firmament,” was the autumnal Equinox, and that the sun is in that position on the fourth day of every solar year now, for nothing in the whole domain of astronomical science is so precise as the period of the revolution of the earth round the sun, marked by the return of the great orb of day to the equinoctial colure in September. When we begin to use natural years, produced by the laws of motion, we can follow all celestial phenomena and know where we are, or how far we are from one point of time to another. This, then, was the discovery of “the beginning” of planetary law and motion, and the creation of the constitution of the world on which we live. We were able to
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lay hold of it, because every 7th year is also the 7th year of the Bible. We find by investigation that the first chapter of Genesis gives us a point of time which is unique for being scientific time, that is to say, produced by the sun, the moon, and the earth. Such an incident has not occurred since, neither is it recorded in any book. It was the marvelous epoch, when the solar and lunar cycles now existing, commenced and started together. The round world for the first time, began to rotate on its axis, * We must believe this because the cycles of time were not together on the second day. We must bear in mind that they were all abreast on the first day, and must have been so arranged for there are no natural means by which ten cycles of varied character, and length could get into line. * * * Some men leave all this as a mystery. I do not, because I see when it began. The present laws of planetary motion could not exist before the necessary adjustments The point of creation was Sunday, September 20th, and the sun was on the equinoctial colure on the fourth day. From Adam to the Flood was 1656 years; from Noah (who was 600 years old at the flood) to the birth of Abraham was 352 years; to birth of Isaac, 452 years; to birth of Jacob, 512 years; from Jacob to birth of Moses, 265 years, making the total 2433 A. M. Moses was 80 years old at Exodus, which would be 2513 and lived 40 years longer. We read in 1 Kings 6:1 that Solomon laid the foundation of the temple in the 480th year after Exodus, namely, 2993. It was seven years in building, and the dedication dates on the solar cycle are 3000. Now, Solomon, we are told, reigned 40 years, as 2993 was his “4th” he died at the end of 3029, and was succeeded by his son Rehoboam. From him to the great captivity in 3415½ was 377 years. Nebuchadnezzar began to reign in 3398; his 8th would have been 3406 when the captivity began. Zedekiah was raised to the throne at Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, when the captivity began in 3406 and reigned nearly 11 years. Jewish monarchy ended, and the temple built by Solomon, was burnt by the Babylonian army. 3416. The above dates are all proved by the Solar Cycle. They are all astronomical time. As a book of scientific precision, the Biblical standards of time are seven days. It was within the covers of the bible that all eclipses and transits and their cycles have been found and cannot be formed by any other means. The eclipse cycles start afresh after seven cycles, because the seven days are completed. Daniel’s 70 weeks and his 1260 years are eclipse periods. The English year is not produced by the planetary motion. It has no claim to rank as scientific Time, and for this reason fails to provide tables of eclipses or transits. Time is the amount of measured duration whilst some heavenly body proceeds from one place to another,
There can be no other time than this. Time, like arithmetic, is a fundamental science. Nothing can be added to it, or anything taken away. To alter time we must alter the laws of the universe. In the year 1752 our English Legislature enacted what is termed "New Style" and ordered that the next year should begin with the first of January, instead of the 21st of March as formerly. Hence the year 1752 had only nine months. Parliament jumped three months in advance of the moon, but did not take the earth or the moon with them. What was worse, our legislators took their jump in the wrong direction, because Parliament had already indulged in athletic performances to such an extent that they had leaped eighteen months in advance of eclipse time. The distance, therefore, between the earth and Parliament is now $\frac{13}{4}$ years. Men seem to think they can begin years where they please. The great fact is, unless we start with the point of time given in Genesis 1, no table of eclipses can be made. Begin there and the eclipses will always record the true year of the world. Is such useful knowledge to be hidden? Let it be remembered that the Bible is a precise book. All its years and periods are planetary motion. Not time made by the legislative acts of men. There are 13 different systems of time made by men; but Bible time is all made by the sun and moon. It is all pure astronomy—the magnificent clock-like movements of the heavens. When, therefore, we construct tables from astronomical phenomena, they are true and no difficulty can arise. I admit that some men have differed from me. But what do we do? I write back saying "Send me your solar cycle, or eclipse cycle, and I will see what you say whether it is correct." But the men who differ from me have no tables or cycles. How then can they measure time? Can they measure the length of a room without a foot rule? They can only do it by "opinion." This is not accuracy.

It is necessary to be particular on this point, because years on paper are not worth a straw. A man has no authority to enumerate years unless he can show that they have been made by the sun.

Let it, then, be understood—that all misconception, error and argument come to an end when we measure our time. Men who argue about time have no tables. Their years exist in their heads, but the sun, which the Allwise God has set in the firmament, has nothing to do with them. I trust to be excused by the reader for being so arbitrary, but experience, without a single exception, shows that I am speaking truth.

Here is a beautiful fact concerning measurement. I have said that the Gentile times began in 3576\(\frac{1}{2}\). This was the 5th year of the solar cycle which is a table made and proved by the sun. The year 4636\(\frac{1}{2}\), which I have said ended the four
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great empires of which Daniel speaks, also falls on the same year of the solar cycle. So also does the end of the second 1260, the year 5896 1/2. Such is the beautiful and scientific accuracy of Bible years. Every 360 solar years is like the dial of a clock—beginning and ending at the same point. There can be no error with a system of measurement like this.

Again, the eclipses of this 5896 1/2 and our 1898 are the same. The two years are, therefore, identical. I might write 100 pages on this sublime fact, and put compactly together every period of time. There could be no error without wrecking the universe. Some unlearned men say we should not fix dates. To be consistent they ought to burn their almanacks and books of history. They ought to smash their watches and knock the sun out of the firmament. Men are fixing time every day of their lives. Every date in the Bible is fixed by the sun, and therefore determined by the power of God. Others say they do not like the year-day "theory." Alas! this is a sad confession of the condition of their minds. They do not know the Science of time. They do not know that in astronomy a day is a year also, because the sun goes round the circle of the zodiac in 24 hours and sweeps through the same 12 signs of the zodiac in a year, one motion being caused by the rotation of the earth, and the other by the revolution of the world round the sun.

Let us rejoice that we have such a splendid Bible. Let us praise the God of our salvation and look for the coming of our Deliverer. He will come to deliver his people from the power of the grave. Connected with the end of the Gentile times is the coming of our Lord for all his people. I mean all who are converted. He will come in grace as he appeared on the mount of transfiguration. "The Bible (the chart of all history) is certainly the very Word of God. 'Heaven and earth shall pass away (saith the Lord) but my word shall not pass away.' The Bible is unsurpassed for its precision respecting astronomical and scientific time. To challenge Biblical time or history, is to challenge and mock at the movements of all the planetary bodies, and the eternal laws under which we live. No man can marshal the heavens without also placing his hands on the Bible. If men want to overturn the prophesies they must also drive the orbs of heaven from their courses and quench the light of the Sun. Theosophy and spiritualism or any other ism may set up their Dianas, but they have not a basis to rest upon like that of the word of God. Agnostics and Deists may propound their theories, but the orbs of heaven grind them to powder. The prophetic periods of Scripture are fulfilled by great events of history. They are sublime periods of celestial motion, to which the transits of Venus and Mercury bow, and the revolutions of our
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Earth and its satellite pay perpetual homage. If we want to read the Bible prophecies we must also read the stars in the firmament. "There is no book equal to Genesis. The first chapter of Genesis is not understood. There is no book which contains so much deep science in the same number of words. Of all the chapters in the books of Scripture there is not one to equal it for its evidence of inspiration and Divine authorship. It is because this chapter is so high above the ordinary standard of human intelligence, and contains great scientific facts, that it is derided by the unlearned. If, a century ago, a man wrote in a book that a message could be sent seven times round the world in a second of time, such a book would not have been understood. It would have been derided because the scientific character of the statements were at that time neither known or understood. Only recently all London was taken by surprise when a scientific lecturer, in a few moments, liquified some of the air we breathe, and then froze it so that it was weighed in scales. We had not previously known or understood anything like this. The human mind is yet ignorant of the existence of many great mysterious things. The first chapter of Genesis is full of them. The four right angles of 90 deg (360) by which the circle of the heavens is divided are first found there; also in Dan. 7:25 as an eclipse "time"—$3\frac{1}{2}$ times are 1260. We cannot get away from the first chapter of Genesis. It bears the stamp and superscription of Deity. And as the beginning of time it is a chain which no man can sever without driving the spheres of heaven out of their courses. Noah mentions in Genesis 7:13, that the Flood came on the earth on "the self-same day;" that is, he entered the ark on the same day of the week and same date of the month as occurred at some special previous period. By Solar Cycle we see that "the 17th of the second month" when he entered the ark was Saturday, the old Sabbath Day, in the year 1656 and that the same date fell on the same day of the week 120 years previously, in 1536. Thus the remarkable period of 120 years of waiting for the repentance of the Antediluvians, mentioned in Genesis 6:3, was completed to a day. It is the Solar Cycle which brings round the date of the month on the same day of the week. Without the use of weeks of solar days no Solar Cycle exists. This is the first proof that the Sabbath Day was kept up from its institution in year 0. In how many books have we been told that the Sabbath was a Jewish institution?

The year in which Jesus was born had the same great Solar Eclipse as when Adam appeared. On "the 14th at evening," the Jews are repeatedly told to eat the sacrificial lamb. The 14th was Thursday. The 15th of this first sacred month is, throughout Scripture, a great date.
Abraham began the sojourn on 15th of the 7th month. Abraham offered up Isaac on 15th of the 7th month. The Israelites left Egypt on 15th of the 7th month. Our Lord was crucified on 15th of the 7th month.

The date of the crucifixion is a ruling period. It is determined by the 70 weeks of Daniel, and by the 18th year of Tiberius Caesar, therefore, Jews or Christian, must see that Jesus is the Son of God, the date of His crucifixion being allied to the call of Abraham and the Exodus.

Prof. Dimbleby says, regarding the test of the date of the Flood. This was the first test which I made of the accuracy of a Biblical date, and when I saw how it could be done, I began the investigation. I knew the detection of an error, if it existed, would destroy all Biblical chronology. My joy was great when I saw that the consecutive repetition of 236 cycles made the first year of the cycle 1652, hence the fifth year of the same cycle was 1656, the very year we obtain in Gen. 6th, by adding the birth of the patriarchs to the 600th year of Noah, when the Flood occured. This is most marvelous. More so when, as I afterward saw, that the same accuracy was strictly supported by the lunar (moon) cycle, and by the eclipses and two transit cycles. I have never found an error in Biblical years. I am certain that if those men who doubt scripture chronology would only investigate it by the light of advanced science, (of astronomy) they would endorse the whole of it. Let no man make assertions he cannot prove. There is no other book in the world than the Bible which contains scientific time.

Such language from the chief astronomer of Europe counts for something, as his statements are founded on exact calculation. The Bible talks much about astronomy, and it is the finest kind of astronomy. All this goes to show that whosoever wrote the Bible was inspired by the God of the universe, as no other being could possibly know all these movements of the great clock wheels at that age of the world. We see in our arithmetics a table like this: 30 degrees one sign; 12 signs one circle. This is all astronomy. There are twelve signs in the heavens and they are called the zodiac. 30 degrees to each sign, and twelve signs would be
twelve times 30 which makes 360 degrees clear around the circle—just as the arithmetic tells us, when it says, 30 degrees one sign; 12 signs one circle. Certain influences come to this earth when the planets in the heavens come to certain points in the circle. Therefore, some periods of time are more favorable than others. It is on the same principle as is daylight and dark. When we come around to a point where the sunlight strikes us we work while it is day because it is the most favorable time for work. Less obstacles in our way then. But when the sun goes out of our reach and dark comes on we quit work and retire to wait until the planets come around again and make things favorable for us. Just so it is as to winter and summer. The farmer pulls in from the field and puts away his plows and machinery during the winter months, while the planets are in an unfavorable position for farm-work, but when they come around again to favorable positions, out goes everybody to work while the conditions are favorable. Everybody has learned these facts so that there is no dispute as to them; but when we go further into the study and declare it that certain cycles or periods of time, covering 360 or 1260 or 2520 years or some other long periods, are favorable for certain kinds of work the whole world jumps up and disputes it and calls it nonsense. There are periods called Naronic Cycles. Great spiritual upheavals take place during these periods. Conditions are more favorable then. The doors are swung open and a great mixture of movements arise so that the general public
can not discern the counterfeit from the true, and, as a consequence, many persons are mislead. We are just now entering into this kind of a period, and I warn all the world not to run after _every_ thing that seems miraculous, as many peculiar things and wonderful persons will arise during the next thirty years. Christ understood all this and gave us warning about it.

> For there shall arise false Christs and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very Elect.—Matt. 24:24.

The cycle or _period_ of time for these things to come on is now here, and we see them springing up out of the grass, as it were, in every direction. The heavenly clock is striking and a _terrible_ upheaval is going on in the spiritual realm, and it is causing many peculiar movements to take place on this earth; and it will grow more intense during the next thirty years. Even the very ground is waking from its long sleep and is rolling back the cover from its face and exposing to view the long-hidden secrets of the ages. The tombs are opening their mouths and testifying to the truth and wisdom of God, as is shown by the following article which I clip from a newspaper:

> Explorations in Egypt and Palestine and Syria are confirming the Scriptures, by showing the same facts written on monuments and on walls of exhumed cities as written in the Bible. The city of Pithom has been unburied, and its bricks are found to have been made without straw, exactly corresponding with the Bible story of the persecuted Hebrews. On _terra cotta_ cylinders recently brought up from thousands of years of burial, the capture of Babylon by Cyrus is told. On a Babylonian gem recently found are the figures of a tree, a man, a woman, and a serpent, and the hands of the man and woman are stretched up toward the tree as if to pluck the
fruit. Thus the Bible story of the Fall is confirmed. In a museum at Constantinople you see a piece of the wall that once in the ancient Temple of Jerusalem separated the court of the Gentiles and the court of the Israelites, to which Paul refers when he says of Christ, “He is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.” On tablets recently discovered have been found the names of prominent men of the Bible, spelled a little different, according to the demands of ancient language. “Adamu” for Adam, “Abramu” for Abraham, “Ablu” for Abel, and so on. Twenty-two feet under ground has been found a seal inscribed with the words “Haggai, son of Shebaniah,” thousands of years ago out, showing that the Prophet Haggai, who wrote a part of the Bible, was not a myth. The Royal Engineers have found, eighty feet below the surface of the ground at Jerusalem, Phoenician pottery and hewn stones with inscriptions, showing that they were furnished by Hiram, King of Tyre, just as the Bible says they were. The great names of Bible history, that many suppose are names of imaginary beings, are found cut into imperishable stones which have within a few years been rolled up from their entombment of ages, such as Sennacherib and Tiglath-Pileser. On the edge of a bronzed step, and on burned brick has been found the name of Nabuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon who had the great dream. Henry Rawlinson and Oppert and Hincks, and Palestine exploration societies and Asyriologists, and Egyptologists have rolled another Bible up from the depths of the earth, and lo! it corresponds exactly with our Bible. The rock Bible just like the printed Bible. Inscriptions on cylinders and brick-work, cut thirty-eight hundred years before Christ, testifying to the truth of what we read eighteen hundred and ninety-seven years after Christ. The story of the Tower of Babel has been confirmed by the fact that recently, at Babel, an oblong pile of brick one hundred and ten feet high, evidences the remains of a fallen tower. In the Inspired Book of Ezra we read of the great and noble Asnapper, a name that meant nothing especial, until recently, in pried-up Egyptian sculpture, we have the story there told of him as a great hunter as well as a great warrior. —Newspaper Clipping.

The great upheaval goes on with force and velocity, and the heavenly clock is striking the hour but the people of earth notice it not that the world is passing from the Christian dispensation into the Millennial Age.
OTHERS SPEAK

When my first books on the Israel-Millennial subject began to go out over the earth many letters and a great quantity of literature on various subjects came pouring in to me from all directions so that I have a good opportunity to know what is going on in the world. The upheaval is terrible and much more rapid than the general public imagine. I can notice a decided change in the last two years by the numerous letters, pamphlets, books, papers &c., coming to me. The world is coming to a focus rapidly and no political party or church system will be able to stop it. Every old false theory in religion, politics, governments and society must go down in front of the mighty Force now at work to usher in a new age of righteousness. There will not be a thread left of them after a while, as it is coming with great velocity and power. I positively know this, as I keep my fingers on the pulse of the world, by the mail coming to me, and I can see that the fever is increasing and the patient (the world) is panting. It is suffering with heart disease. A great surgical operation is being performed on it by the Lord. The extraction of its old heart and the putting in of a new one; and the agony and groaning is terrible while the old heart is being cut out
by the unseen knife of the Most High. The patient rolls and kicks and fights but the operation goes right on. The old must disappear and the new must take its place.

A new heart will I give you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and will give you an heart of flesh (not stony). Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness; and I will put my Spirit within you and ye shall be my people and I will be your God.—Ezek. 36:25-29.

This is the operation that is going on now, and it is causing an awful groaning all over the world. Every government and every church organization is packing its grip-sack and fixing to leave—never to return, as their time is almost expired and the heavenly clock (the planets) is about to strike the end of Gentile times which was to be a period of 2520 years during which the Gentiles were to hold authority and rulership of earth while Israel was out.

Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.—Rom. 11:25. Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.—Jesus in Luke 21:24.

Israel is now going through a surgical operation—having his old heart taken out of him and thrown in the slop pail and a new heart put in him so that he can see. Then the blindness, mentioned in the above scripture, will come off of him, and Jerusalem will come out from under the rulership of the Turkish government. This is what all the present trouble over there in all those old countries, means. Gentile times are about to expire, and while they are packing their grip-sacks and preparing to leave
they run against each other and fight to see who can hold on the longest. But when the hand of the heavenly clock (the planets) comes around to the exact point the clock will strike, and down will go the Turkish government; and the Israel with his new heart, will step in and take possession of Jerusalem and rebuild it and rule the world and overthrow every other government on earth. The Millennial Kingdom will then be in operation before all races of people, and Israel will be the leaders. As to the particulars and time of all this see my book No. 3 entitled *Our Near Future*, and all the other of my publications in which the different branches of the subject, as they apply to mankind, are treated directly and indirectly. It will all occur in your day, as we are right at the tip end of Gentile times now, and when the clock strikes the world will cross a line, and from that day on, things will go more swiftly so that a few years will make great changes. It will not require a long period of time for the Lord to put a line on the world and bring it under subjection to Him.

*The Lord will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.—Rom. 9:28.*

Those who see the whirlwind of change now going on do not doubt the truth of the above scripture. *When I say “whirlwind of change” I do not mean that present systems and ways will pass out and disappear in a day or a year or ten years but that the next twenty-five years will witness marvelous changes in all of the present methods*
and ideas; and any one who has ever had any experience in introducing new ideas to the public knows how fierce the fight is. A human being can not be broken out of the least little habit or thought or custom without a desperate struggle; and when it comes to turning humanity clear around on all thoughts and customs the clashing can be imagined. It is already commenced; and while the United States of America will take the lead I see from an English publication, which drifted to my desk, that the ball is rolling over in England also and that men and women are walking from house to house announcing to the inhabitants that the Christian Age is closing and that the new Millennial Age is dawning and that God is removing the veil from Israel's eyes and choosing His Elect Church to overcome death and rule the world with Christ 1000 years, during the Millennial Kingdom. And as the Ten Tribes of Israel are to lead in the Millennial Age the veil will be and is now being lifted from their eyes first so that the Bible programme becomes plain to them long before the remainder of the world even thinks about it.

The days of visitation and recompense shall come. Israel shall know it.—Hosea 9:7.

And Israel, especially Rachel's children (Ephraim), are knowing it that the days of visitation and recompense are come. This is why I find this paper in England. You could not find such a paper in any other country but England and the United States for the reason that no other race of people
Others Speak.

but Israel (Ephraim) know anything about God’s plans and Christ’s gospel, for the reason that Christ said “I am not sent but unto the lost House of Israel;” and the world, during the last 1800 years, clearly demonstrates this fact stated by Christ. They have lead the nations of earth ever since they were chosen; and in their homes we find the New Testament containing the Christ gospel. And as the great bulk of the Lost Ten Tribes reside in England, United States, Canada and Australia we find these countries astir and publishing books and papers on Bible subjects. Here is what the English paper has to say about these things.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK.

The unbeliever and scoffer is becoming aroused to the fact, which to day stares him in the face, that there is a black cloud, an ill omen, as a death pall overhanging this planet. He cannot close his eyes to the signs of the times. He beholds vast armies ready equipped, waiting for the word: Advance! He sees the alliances of different nations, the equipment of formidable armies on land, the monster guns and ironclads on the seas, drawn up in battle array. He sees the great depression in trade and commerce, bad harvests, etc., and is bound to acknowledge at least, that strange and unusual events are coming, swiftly following upon the heels of disasters and evil forebodings. Jesus, in Matt. xxiv, speaks very plainly concerning the time of the end. What a fearful time of judgment to look forward to, it would be, if we did not know that the trumpet is giving a certain sound that all may prepare for the battle. But how few heed or realize this! Although it will be a dreadful time for the nations of the earth, yet the Lord will, out of all this chaos and confusion, reserve a few, being the little remnant whom the Lord our God shall call. Now that God has set His hand the second time to gather the remnant of His chosen people He will cause the hearts of Israel to burn within them as He talks with them by the way. After the death of Solomon the ten tribes were carried away captive into Assyria. Since that time they have been a scattered people, all traces of their genealogy being lost. They are mingled among the Gentiles, yet not
destroyed. A remnant of them will be called forth, an elect seed kept by the power of God, ready to be revealed in the last time. These, with a chosen number of the two tribes, Judah and Benjamin who are known today as Jews, will enter into a covenant with the Lord to keep His law and Gospel, and thus, under the operation of the fulness of His Spirit, do even greater works than Jesus did, crucify the flesh with all its affections and lusts, come out from the mixed multitude and touch not the unclean thing. The Lord will cleanse their blood (Joel iii. 21) in the fountain now open to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. (Zech. xiii. 1.) How can they perish when the cause of death is thus removed? They will be sanctified wholly; their whole spirit, soul and body preserved blameless. They will claim the promise: “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.” (Hosea xiii. 14.) I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.—Matt. xiii. 35.)

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Jude 3.)

It must ever be borne in mind that all the promises in the Scriptures given to the house of Israel were intended for that house, and that house only; and all the promises in the Scriptures given to Abraham through his seed for the heathen or the Gentiles, were intended for them, and them only. Now to mix and confound these promises together, is to make sad havoc and chaos of the word of God. This is one of the terrible errors which the churches have fallen into, and they have consequently knit around themselves a web of confusion. There was no true religion in the world, save that which God had given to the house of Israel. According to the decrees of God, He determined to stretch forth His hand toward the heathen nations and offer salvation unto them, who had been living without hope and without God in the world, alienated from all blessings, strangers to all covenants, which His much favored people Israel were recipients of. To bring the heathen nations nigh unto God, He thought proper to draw a veil over Israel, or in other words to open a parenthesis, that the heathen might receive salvation by grace through faith and the gift of God, until the fulness of the Gentiles should set in, when this parenthesis would again be closed, and then the ingathering and restoration of Israel would take place; who during the time of the Gentiles, were to remain a scat tered people. Then will the Lord bind up the breach of His
people, and heal the stroke of their wound," in the third day, which is the last dispensation of the six thousand years, and third watch of that day, there being six hundred and sixty six years and eight months in each watch—showing that we are now living in the third watch—the second watch of the eleventh hour ended in 1875. "And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants." This same great truth is taught to us in the words of Jesus whilst addressing the Pharisees: "Behold I cast out devils, and I do cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected." “After two days will He revive us, in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.” If we see these three days in the light of three dispensations of two thousand years each, the words of the prophet become plain. . . The prophet Isaiah also prophesieth concerning the three churches that would exist in these latter days or third watch, saying: "One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob, and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel.” The Lord’s prayer, though precious to every Gentile believer, will receive its complete fulfillment only in the remnant of Israel whose bodies are destined to be redeemed from death. According to every man's measure of faith be it unto him. Christ came to be, and has been a light to lighten the Gentiles. The end of their faith is the salvation of their souls. They rejoice in the forgiveness of their sins. By faith and repentance they have an entrance to an inheritance, incorruptible, reserved in heaven for every true believer. For this they pray, and their prayer will assuredly be answered. Nevertheless their faith does not increase unto perfection.

There are but four commands given to the Gentile believers, that they abstain from pollution of idols, from fornication, from things strangled and from blood. These commands have, alas! been sadly disregarded by Christendom, and the neglect is largely responsible for the Babel of “isms” by which we are surrounded. The hope of the remnant of the twelve tribes of Israel, whose eyes are opened to see that the life is more than meat, and the body than raiment, that whilst the salvation of the soul is precious, the redemption of the body is a still more glorious hope. The ingathering and restoration of Israel point out a glorious hope in store for the remnant of Israel, the children of Abraham, which had been embodied in the law and testimony, but in parable, and which was destined to remain under seal until the fulness of the Gentiles, which time is now here. That this further faith is the redemption of the body in addition to the soul’s salvation. Thus God fulfills His promise in Matt. xiii. 35: “I will utter things which have
been kept secret from the foundation of the world.” It is not a spiritual body, for the mortal body will not decay, but be changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body (Phil. iii. 21); a body that can be handled as when Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, ‘Handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have.’ When Jesus appeared to Mary and said, ‘Touch me not for I am not yet ascended,’ He shewed the glory of the resurrection; He shewed how the dead would be raised and the glory of those who should remain unto His coming, being preserved whole. Those who die lose the body, two parts are saved, spirit and soul; but the promise is that the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, that the body shall be redeemed (Rom. 8. 23.) This glory is for the few, (144,000) that stood with the Lamb on Mount Zion. Faith alone will secure the salvation of the soul, but for the redemption of the body all evil must be overcome and the blood cleansed, as promised in the book of Joel. We do not wish to underrate the salvation of the soul, it is a great glory; John says: ‘Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, for on such the second death hath no power.’ But we do not wish you to stop here, we do not wish you to remain satisfied with this hope, but to press on to perfection, that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

“The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it” (Hosea ix. 7). The chosen people of God, whom He foreknew from before the foundation of the world, and whose spirits He has kept back from ministering to mortal bodies until these last days, have had their eyes opened by His Word to discern the signs of the times, and now behold the troubles swiftly descending upon this ungodly world, “When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke xxi. 28).

We find, as Paul tells us, that many in ages gone by have sought for this complete redemption, but through the distance of time have been unable to obtain it. “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body” (Rom. viii. 22, 23.) Paul said he himself was as one born out of due time, and we read of David before his day, who saw this reward by the eye of faith, and, although he was fully assured of his soul’s salvation, prayed that he might also have his feet kept from falling into the pit, or grave.
But a free gift of grace was sufficient for both these, and says the Lord through Solomon, “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven” (Eccles. iii. 1.)

According to the prophet Isaiah He has now “set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people” (Isa. xi. 11) and further, this time He not only promises to gather them, but also to keep them, as recorded in Jer. xxxi. 10, 11, for “Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep” (Psa. cxxi. 4.) “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth” (Rev. iii. 10.) He has watched over and preserved His people, and ordained that their mortal bodies should become fit habitations for Him to dwell in. But how could this possibly be fulfilled if their temples were cast into the grave, and delivered over unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh? Nay, He has decreed that His Elect shall never enter the grave; theirs is not a glory through death and the resurrection, but they are begotten unto a living hope in Christ. There is a mighty preparation to take place in them, however, for the evil is to be totally taken away from those bodies, root, seed and branch, as we read, “He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities” (Psa. cxxx. 8.) We know it is sin that causes decay and death, and nothing that defileth can ever enter the kingdom. They will be made pure and spotless, without blemish, changed and fashioned like unto their pattern and waymark, who commanded, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matt. v. 48)

All the honour and praise be unto our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; it is by and through His power alone; mankind can render us no help in this, for “None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him (for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever): that he should live for ever, and not see corruption” (Psa. xlix. 7-9). The proofs in God’s Word relative to His eternal plans are numerous. Search for yourselves.

“With the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption” (Psa. cxxx. 7.) To all those who are unable to see the highest glory, or redemption of spirit, soul and body, there is held out a lesser glory, the salvation of the soul only, and even this redemption is indeed precious, for, “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.” (Rev. xx. 6.) All have the privilege of accepting this offer of free salvation by simply believing in the atoning sacrifice offered upon the cross, which will secure a place in one of the many mansions in the Father’s home; but the infinite love of the Creator reaches—
even further than this, for in the end all souls will be saved, not one can perish, as, according to Holy Writ, even the rebellious who die without acknowledging their Saviour will be redeemed in His appointed season. Then, O! what a glorious time that will be when all that is evil will have been swept off this planet, upon which Christ's kingdom is so shortly to be established; then will complete redemption have been wrought, and "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ" (Rev. xi. 15.)

It is universally taught throughout Christendom, when a man acknowledges Christ as his Saviour that he should prepare to die, he at once commences to arrange his shroud and make a covenant with death. They go to Calvary to receive their blessings, stopping at a dead Jesus, they remain ever at the cross. Jesus said, 'Come unto Me all ye that are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' You have come to Jesus and received that rest, a rest to your soul, but why stay there? Leave this scene and take up the yoke of Christ, and follow Him, learning to be meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest. You may have received forgiveness for your sins, but that does not entitle you to the highest glory, the glory of the sun; it will save your soul, but will not redeem your body. For remember, there is a promise to be made as Jesus, to be preserved in spirit, soul and body until His coming. Although the sentence of death is passed upon all men, there is a reprieve held out; 'This,' said David, 'shall be written for the generation to come, and a people that shall be created shall praise the Lord. For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary, from heaven doth the Lord behold the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner and to loose them that are appointed to death.' (Psa. cii. 19-20.) This reprieve has gone forth that Israel may be redeemed from death. 'The promise was made to them in the law, 'Keep My commandments and thou shalt live.' Life was the reward offered to man, if he kept the laws of God. But the Jews could not keep them, so they offered sacrifices for the salvation of their souls; they attained to the second glory, the glory of the moon, but failed of the first. When Jesus came He placed the Gentiles on the same platform by giving Himself a sacrifice for all, so that by faith in His atonement, they also participate in the glory of the moon. 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,' is the gospel message; no works are required for the salvation of the soul, By repentance they are washed in the fountain of blood, which flowed from Emmanuel's veins, and in the resurrection they will be made like Jesus, when He appeared to Mary, and said: 'Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended;' they will be as the angels of God. There is something more than repentance
required for the highest glory: God says: 'Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.' It is to overcome evil, to forsake sin, to have the root, seed and branch of evil removed, for he that overcometh shall inherit all things. The covenant of life is offered to Israel now, it is a covenant of law and gospel, for not one jot or tittle shall pass from the law until all be fulfilled. The law was taken out of the way for the Gentiles, but not for Israel; it was nailed to the cross that those who were afar off, without hope and without God in the world, might be brought nigh. Israel were placed sideways to admit of the ingathering of the Gentiles, as Paul says, 'Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.' And so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written: 'There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant unto them when I shall take away their sins.' 'At that day,' says the prophet Isaiah, 'shall the nail which was fastened in the sure place be removed, and the burden which was upon it be cut down and fall, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.' Israel will take up the burden and follow Jesus, keeping the law and gospel, fulfilling His words, 'He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father.'

"The glory of the sun is a figure of the redemption of the body, which includes the soul, reserved until the end of days for the Elect of God, His chosen people Israel. The glory of the moon is figurative of the salvation of the soul, a glory in store for all believers, whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free. But there is another glory, the glory of the stars.

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I had a long conversation with a man and his wife. They both testified of the love of God in sending His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to die for mankind. They only saw part of the Saviour's mission on earth, viz: 'A light to lighten the Gentiles,' and truly He is a bright light, but His mission is twofold, He came not only as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles,' but also 'to be the glory of His people Israel.'

Many people seem to think that the Gentiles have fallen into Israel's pleasant places, but St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans (the 11th chapter) tells us plainly how that 'blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.' That time being now come to gather together the lost sheep of the house of Israel, that they may have their whole spirit, soul and body preserved. And in these last days God is going to gather out an elect. In what does their election consist? Their spirits have been kept back from ministering to bodies until these days had arrived, even as the Lord
said to Daniel: “Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335 days”—a period typical of the present visitation of Israel. They have been predestinated, foreordained I am before the foundation of the world to possess bodies which shall never corrupt, over which death will have no power. Elected to do greater works than Jesus did, by receiving strength to overcome the evil. Truly, the unbeliever will not go unpunished. (Pro. xi. 21.) God will not acquit the wicked (Nahum i. 3), but He hath devised means whereby they shall, in company with all believers, in due time, confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philip ii. 10, 11.) Believers enter into the joy of their Lord at the first resurrection; the rest of the dead (unbelievers) receive the due reward of their deeds during the millennium; they pay their last mite, and do not come out until they pay their utmost farthing.—From tho English publication.

So much for the English paper. I now quote from various other publications and writers. But these are only a mere fraction of the thousand things I might set out here to show the terrible upheaval that is now going on in the world. The general public have not the slightest realization of how rapidly the Millennial Age is rolling onto us; but before it can set in the world must pass through an awful ordeal of tribulation in order to break down old ideas and false doctrines and theories. The crashing is becoming terrible and the conflict will be fierce. Mr. E. C. Bronaugh, puts it this way:

The signs of the times seem clearly to indicate that a tremendous crisis of some sort is impending over the world. The conditions by which men find themselves environed politically, financially, socially and morally invite that apprehension, and the abnormally disturbed state of nature itself as manifested by the destructive earthquakes, cyclones, storms, floods, immense tidal waves and up-set seasons which have afflicted and terrorized mankind within the last score of years, add no little strength to this foreboding. Is there a definite cause for all this, and if so, what is it? A glance at the pages of
Scripture will suffice to show that such things were foretold as marked accompaniments of the ending of this Gentile age or dispensation, and it is the opinion of many learned and pious men who have made special study of the prophecies recorded in the Bible that the end of this age is at hand. The earth will yet be “full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Isaiah 11:9. At the same time the wild animals and harmful reptiles will become harmless; Isa. 11:6-10. But this will be on the new earth, when Christ shall have established His millennial kingdom. Isaiah 65:17 to 25. In 2 Cor. 4:4, it is said that “the god of this (aion) age hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them,” and that this blindness will prevail throughout the age is foretold in the characteristics which will distinguish its last days, as written in Tim. 3:1-6. 2 Thess. 2:1 to 13; 1 Tim. 4:1 to 4; 2 Peter 3:3, 4; James 5:1 to 9. The Saviour forewarned his followers of the persecutions, tribulations and martyrdoms that awaited them, but said not one word of the triumph of the church during this age. Would he not have encouraged them with such promise if it had been in store for the church? In Luke 21:24, it is written that “Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” The times of the Gentiles cover a definite period of 2520 years which began with the founding of the kingdom of Babylon.—E. C. Bronaugh’s Article.

There shall be upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; men’s hearts failing them for fear and far looking after those things which are coming on the earth.” Luke 21:25. All the nations are gathered together to Jerusalem to battle—The battle of Armageddon. “Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations.” Zech. 14:4. “Behold, He cometh with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment upon all.” Jude 14. The wicked, and the unbeliever begin to fear that the Bible is about to prove that it is no fairy tale. This “battle of that great day of God Almighty” is fully described in Revelation 16 and 19. No words can add to this inspired description. It is unwarrantable to suppose this a figurative contest. This formidable army is Antichrist, really Satan personified at the head of the united forces of the world. It will undoubtedly be a fearful array of Satanic devices letting loose powers of destruction. As God’s word is true, He is not blind to the sins of Christendom. The nations are marching on, not to an advanced civilization, but to the terrible judgments of the Almighty God for their sins. The Church need not suppose God is so enraptured with its “culture,” “progressive thought,” and “higher criticism,” as to
shut His eyes to their rubbish and sin. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked.”

“The heathen nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing. The Kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision.” Psalm 2:2.

Notwithstanding this utter contempt of Divine authority, which has distinguished every nation on the earth, God says to His Son. “Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” What will He do with them? “Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” Ps. 2:8, 9. “Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place; even in Jerusalem.”—Zech. 12:6.

The eventful period is therefore near when the desolation and oppression of the Jews will cease, and when Jerusalem shall be built again as the Metropolis of the world. What signification can we attach to the great and increasing flow of immigration to Palestine for the last few years? As a people the Jews are flocking back to the land of their forefathers, for which they have a deathless yearning, in great numbers, from all countries of Europe. A colony of Gadites (Gad is one of the sealed tribes—Rev. 7:5,) have recently returned to Palestine. They came from the south-west of Arabia, where they had been since 700 B. C. When asked what brought them back, they say that the God of Israel has put it into their hearts to return because the Messiah is coming shortly. The rebuilding of Jerusalem is going on rapidly everywhere from Dan to Beersheba; evidences of unusually renewed energy and activity are now seen on every side. With railways traversing the country, the change now is most marvellous. In Milan and Rome there are in process of construction, in the largest workshops, magnificent pillars and gates of singular beauty and exquisite workmanship, and the manufacturers do not conceal that they are for the New Temple of Jerusalem.—From Alexander Ross’s writings.

J. Wilkinson talks it this way:

“There is a general concensus of opinion expressed by all students of revealed dates, that we are within a very short period of the close of the time of the Gentiles. Did you ever witness in the history of the world a spectacle such as we have of the Great Powers of Europe, with millions of trained men ready for war, with hundreds of millions of money ready to be spent, and all these Powers, with modern appliances for
human destruction, such as were never known before, and all impotent before one rotten power (Turkey) that could almost be crushed with finger and thumb, and all standing powerless while she is butchering helpless Christians, and they can do nothing? Can you explain it? Ah, yes! You can explain—because it would involve a universal war. And who says so? The Book says so. They do not go to the Book, but they confirm the Book. There is to be one universal war before the reign of universal peace, and its climax will be in Palestine, and when the Lord returns on Mount Olivet to the Jewish nation, according to the 14th chapter of Zechariah, the Church having been taken up before to meet Him on the way, He will split Mount Olivet with an earthquake, and He will come to be accepted of the nation and to crush Antichrist and to hush the warring world to peace. He finds all nations gathered to battle just before the Millennium (see 19th and 20th chapters of Revelation.) Why is Turkey allowed to go on? I will tell you what I believe from analogy. Why did not the Jews go direct from Egypt to Palestine? "Well," you say, "they were disobedient and had to wander about in the wilderness in consequence of their disobedience." Was that the only reason? Think again. God said, "The iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full." So, from analogy, you see that the iniquity of the Turk is not quite full, but it is filling rapidly, and there is a power and pressure behind all these Governments now that will compel the destruction of that wicked power in the near future and the opening up of Palestine to the full restoration of Israel. This is the purpose of God."— J. Wilkinson in The Christian Herald.

The "Morning Star" of London, has the following cry of warning:

There is wrath coming upon Christendom—coming not after death but upon living men and women, who now are spending their time and their means and their lives in a most godless fashion, while they continue to hold a "form of godliness." The Jew, because he knew not the time of his visitation, has been long made to know "indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish;" and the time for the Gentile to partake of these is upon us. Stealthily but very surely, and now very rapidly, the dread day comes upon all such, as a "thief in the night." Many scoff and smilingly say to one another, "Peace and safety," and lo! as in a moment they are enclosed in the snare, and there is no escape. The Lord is at hand—the Judge is at the door, "the Master" of the great house Christendom, is about to rise up and "shut the door." This thing can happen only to the Gentiles of Christendom. It cannot
have any reference to heathen in the utter darkness of China
and Africa. Those shut out were accustomed to eat and drink
at the table of the Lord and to hear Him (by His servants)
preaching in the streets of their cities and villages. Alas!
Alas! the message is a sad one to all lands where the Bible
has been known and where to-day it is despised. Would God
we had yet once more a great wide spread revival ere the door
be shut! It is not too late to pray for this. It may be He
will hear us for our dear land with its teeming millions of
unsaved.”—Morning Star (England.)

The following paragraphs are clipped from the
Gospel Messenger of Illinois:

Inside of three years, if not sooner, the great Trans-
Siberian railroad system is to be completed. It will be, by far,
the longest road in the world, the distance from St. Peters-
burg to the Pacific Ocean being about 7,500 miles. Much of
the country through which the line passes is very thinly
settled, and this will open up an immense region for emigra-
tion. During the winter it is thought that the trains will not
be greatly hindered by either deep snows or blizzards. Along
the entire line mercury is reported as seldom dropping much
below zero. The road is being built by Russia, and the rails
are four inches wider apart than on the standard roads of
Europe and Asia, so that, in case of war, other nations cannot
use the road without first building engines and cars for the
purpose. When the road is open for regular trains, the tourist
will be able to reach China within nineteen days after leaving
New York. This will be quite a convenience for the thousands
who have occasion to visit that part of the world. It will
certainly prove quite a convenience to those engaged in mis-
sionary work in China and Japan. It is also thought that one
may then make the circuit of the globe inside of thirty-three
days. That is, one may start eastward, take a steamer at New
York, land at Bremen, Germany; then take the train to St.
Petersburg, thence over the Siberian route to the Pacific;
there board a steamer for San Francisco, and from there
return after an absence of a few days over a month.

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Light is beginning to dawn in Russia, and considerable
progress is shown in several ways. In St. Petersburg, the
capitol, a half-dozen daily newspapers are said to have been
started during the past year, running the number of papers
up to nearly two hundred and fifty, and some of these are
enjoying a circulation of 40,000 and 50,000 copies. The papers
are also increasing in other parts of the empire, showing that
the Russians are becoming a reading people, and that they
are doing a good deal of thinking for themselves. But un­fortunately the oppressive censorship over the press still exists. These censors are employed by the government, and it is their business to see that nothing appears in the papers detrimental to the Russian policy. Neither the government nor the acts of her officials can be criticised in the least, and for this reason light comes slowly, but it is coming nevertheless. The reading people of this world cannot long be kept in darkness. This freedom of thought and freedom of speech is in the air, as so to speak, and it is here to stay. It is the coming force in religion, as well as in other lines of thought and culture, and we may as well prepare ourselves to make the very best possible use of the privilege granted. It was this privilege that the apostles so earnestly craved, and wherever this condition was found they triumphed over every opposition. All that truth asks for is the freedom of the press, as well as the freedom of speech—neither to be abused—and she will conquer in the end. No one need to be afraid of having the light turned onto the truth.

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As a religious people, the Jews seem to be practically without a mission, though they number, at this time, about twelve million souls. They own no country, have no temple, and are without organization, and without a leader or head. They send out and support no missionaries, and still are steadily increasing in numbers, until, at this time, they are probably more numerous than they were in the time of David or Solomon. Their literature is more widely read than that of any other people, and is destined to take the place of all other sacred books. Jesus himself was a Jew, as well as were all of the apostles and most of the early Christians. All the books of the Old Testament, as well as those of the New, were written by persons of Jewish nationality. For thousands of years they have maintained their real characteristics. For over seventeen hundred years they have lived in exile, subjected to influences that would have completely destroyed any other race. In spite of thousands of attempts to weaken and destroy them, they still live and prosper. The wealth of the world is pouring into their coffers, while their vitality, health and longevity are without a parallel among the nations of the earth. And yet, as stated, these people seem to be without a special mission. Their religion is for themselves, and not for others. But the hand of God is over them, and the time is coming when we shall see his purpose in preserving the Jewish race. The preservation of this race is a living miracle of itself.—From Gospel Messenger.

Yet most people tell us that there is no literal
Israel today. All gone. Disappeared. Blotted out; never again to come to notice before God or men! They try to make us believe that all those numerous prophecies about Israel and Judah to come together again into the most powerful kingdom the earth ever saw have reference to a *spiritual* Israel made up of Negroes, Chinamen, Japanese, Indians, Turks, Egyptians, Savages and everybody. No special race of people any more to lead the world, but just a sort of a go-lucky-happen-to-be-so race. How foolish to ignore the plain facts standing right out before our eyes in the Jewish race, with its Mosaic Law; the white Anglo-Saxon (Ephraim) race with its New Testament and education; and the Turkish race from Esau who was to have its sword drawn on everybody, and was to put up a big building on the exact spot where Solomon's great Temple once stood. And, sure enough, we now see the Turkish Mosque of Omar standing on the Temple ground. It is the "*abomination of desolation standing on the Holy Place*" as predicted by prophecy. It is vicious and makes every thing desolate. While Turkish worship (?) goes on in the Mosque soldiers stand at the altar with their swords to prevent the worshipers from killing each other in anger and devilishness. Yet you want us to believe that all these things in prophecy are a *spiritual* symbol talk with no intention of ever being acted out literally. Well, then you must take away from before our eyes the actual facts as they now exist. You must remove the Turkish Temple (called the Mosque of Omar) from the spot where
God’s golden Temple once stood. You must carry away and hide from our sight all the Turkish race (from Esau). You must bury every Jew. You must sweep off from earth the Ephraim people of America and England and fill their places with Tom., Dick and Harry—such as Chinamen, Negroes, Indians, &c., &c., so that no nation is greater than another in wisdom, education, religion, improvements &c., &c., as all these things are standing witnesses against your spiritualizing Israel theory. You must put a stop to the rebuilding of Palestine and Jerusalem now going on rapidly, just as prophecy predicts. You see if the prophecy is a symbol, and means a spiritual Jerusalem we have no need for that work on old Jerusalem. It is all useless. Neither have we need for the long railroads now being built through Russia and all those old countries. Of course the prophecies say that all this work will take place at the end of this Christian Age, and that all the old waste places shall be raised up and be made to blossom as the rose, and the Tabernacle that is fallen down shall be rebuilt, but then if all of the prophetic talk is spiritual the real work need not be done. Therefore, according to the idea of most people God is doing much useless work just now in fixing up all those countries. Of course He declared it, thousands of years ago, that He would need all these improvements for His Millennial Age dispensation but the people shake their heads and say, “No.” He says it is necessary and they say that every thing is spiritual and needs no literal thing at all. How foolish such a doctrine
is, right in the face of a multitude of knock-down facts all around us.

The *Banner of Israel*, published in England, has this to say about God's chosen race of people:

When the glorious Elohim entered into covenant with Abraham, making him His adopted son, and giving him the heirship of the world, this heirship must have included the government of the world. The Word declares: “And God talked with him saying: As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee and kings shall come out of thee” (Gen. xvii. 3-6. And as they march towards their God-given inheritance, after their deliverance from Egypt, Balaam, under divine inspiration, bears unwilling testimony to their future greatness, declaring; “He (God) hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; He hath as it were the strength of an unicorn” (Numbers xxiii. 21, 22); and in the 24th chapter he says: “He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn; he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones and pierce them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.” And in continuance he declares: “There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth” (vers. 7, 8, 9 and 17.) This is a foreshadowing of a kingdom that is not only powerful, but extensive. And where is the House of Israel? Listen! “Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God, Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.” (Ezekiel xi. 16.) The Scriptures shew that the blessings that were promised to lost Israel were all unconditional, the promise of sanctuary amongst the rest. And this is not a matter of His people's worthiness or unworthiness, but because He is faithful that has promised. Has the sworn covenant with David failed? “Moreover the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,
Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, the two families which the Lord hath chosen (Israel and Judah,) He hath even cast them off? Thus they have despised My people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith the Lord: If My covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.” (Jer. xxxiii. 23-26.) Have we lost the covenant of day and night? Have the ordinances of heaven and earth passed away? Are they not at present amongst our common mercies, so common that we hardly think about them? Yet they are God’s pledge of His faithfulness. How truly does that book describe us as the blind people that have eyes, blind enough to believe that we have come into Israel’s inheritance, and yet are not Israel. This horrible system of spiritualising lies at the foot of most of the mischief. This very wonderful spiritual Israel, about which the (so-called) theologians talk so glibly, has no place in the Word of the Lord. And the Kingdom is the veritable kingdom.

“And the Remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many people, as a Lion among the beasts of the forest, as a Young Lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.—Micah v. 8.

“His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the Horns of Unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth.”—Deut. xxxiii. 17.

Is there any nation on the face of the earth fulfilling the duties which were laid upon this adopted race by Him who made all things unto Himself, and who sustains all things by His infinite power, and who has declared “that the word that goeth out of His mouth shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish what He pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He hath sent it?” The answer is, None, except our own nation. I protest against the perversion of the Scriptures involved in the spiritualising so current in the so-called theological teaching, and declare that it is a darkening of God’s council.—From Banner of Israel (England.)

It is a great mystery to many persons how we, the Saxons of the United States, can be the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, as it is generally thought that we came from all over Europe; but here is a little
A short time ago I was looking through some of the earlier volumes of the “Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society,” (of England) when quite unexpectedly I came upon a most instructive and interesting paper by the late Colonel Chester, entitled, “The Influence of the County of Essex (England) on the Settlement and Family History of New England” (in the United States.) The facts given, the arguments advanced, and the conclusions arrived at by the worthy colonel, rivetted my attention and aroused my interest. One had always been led to believe that New England was first peopled by emigrants, not from one special locality, but from all parts of England. If, however, Colonel Chester’s statements may be relied upon, they show very clearly that the generally accepted idea is an erroneous one, and that the district which had the honour of sending forth the founders of the American Republic was a very limited one indeed, consisting probably of portions of the four counties of Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk and Norfolk (in England.) It only remains, therefore, to identify the tribes of Israel with the settlers in this part of our country, in order to show how literally and minutely Jacob’s prophecies have been fulfilled, and Jehovah’s designs carried to a successful issue. I have no doubt in my own mind that the Saxons, who were by far the largest and strongest of the emigrant bodies who settled in the “appointed place,” consisted of both Ephraimites and Manassehites.—From an article in Banner of Israel by an English gentleman.

As the people of earth are uneasy and expecting some great change or crisis it may be well to go back to the records of the past and see what has occurred in the line of disasters and tribulations in order to estimate what is in store for the world in the near future, as Jesus Christ tells us in Matt. 24:21 that at the end of this dispensation the greatest tribulation that ever struck the world will fall upon us, and if we can hunt up past disasters we can form a better idea of how great the future trouble will be. To set here all the past tribulations
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would make a fearful showing, therefore, I take only a few, collected from history and arranged in an article by Mr. John Fohl as follows:

“But call to remembrance the former days.”—Heb. 10:32.

In the flight of time and the rapidity by which we are propelled through life and the velocity by which business is transacted in these latter days, it may be profitable for each of us to pause and “remember the former day,” and see what occurred in the history of our world following the introduction of sin which is the primary cause of all the suffering. We pass over the Patriarchal and Prophetic dispensations which witnessed the destruction of the anti-deluvians by the Flood, the consuming of the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire, and the engulfing of Pharaoh and his hosts in the Red Sea: also the devastation of kingdoms and cities, coming down to the Gospel dispensation under which we live. Christ told his disciples plainly of the dreadful calamities which should come upon Jerusalem and the Jewish nation which came to pass forty years after his crucifixion, and 100,000 were slain and 97,000 taken captive. We copy the following, from the history of Noah Webster, in 1799: “By famine and sword 580,000 Jews were destroyed between A. D. 56 and A. D. 180. In Antioch, from A. D. 96 to A. D. 180, earthquakes destroyed 13 cities and over 100,000 lives. In Rome, A. D. 169, pestilence destroyed over 10,000 daily. Again in Rome, A. D. 187, the pestilence appeared and continued three years. In London, A. D. 310, by famine, 40,000 died. In A. D. 446, September 17, an earthquake shook down the walls of Constantinople and 57 towers fell. And in Antioch, A. D. 588, an earthquake killed 60,000. In A. D. 542, the plague killed 10,000 in one day in Turkey. In A. D. 679 there was a severe famine in England which continued three years. In A. D. 717, in Constantinople, 300,000 died of plague. In A. D. 1005, earthquakes three months, followed by pestilence by which it is said one-third of the human race died. In A. D 1077, in Constantinople, so many died by plague and famine that the living could not bury them. In A. D. 1124, in Italy, there was such famine that the dead lay in the streets unburied, and in England one-third of the people died of famine. In A. D. 1346, in London, 50,000 died of plague and famine and were buried in one grave yard. In Norwich, 50,000; in Venice, 100,000; in Florence, 100,000; in Eastern Nations, 20,000,000. This was called the “Black Death.” In A. D. 1352, in China, 900,000 died of famine. Plague destroyed as follows:—In 1427, in Danzig, 80,000; in 1570, in Moscow, 200,000; in 1572, in Lyons 50,000; in 1625, in London, 35,000; in 1656, in Naples, 300,000
in 1065, in London, 68,000. On the 1st of November, 1755, was the great earthquake of Lisbon. It pervaded the greater portion of Europe, killing 50,000 souls. It threw down 2000 houses and shook all the Spanish coast. The plague followed which destroyed 150,000 lives in Constantinople alone.” The historian says, “Doubtless the figures in the foregoing list do not nearly represent the ravages of death in their enormity. For instance the “Encyclopedia Britannica” states that Hecker estimates the celebrated “Black Death” of the fourteenth century in the different epidemics to have swept away one-fourth of the inhabitants of Europe, or 27,000,000 people.” The noted Lisbon earthquake is thus described by another author: “On that fatal day, November, 1, 1755, the terror of the people was beyond description. Nobody wept. It was beyond tears. They ran hither and thither, delirious with horror and astonishment, beating their faces and breasts, crying, ‘The world is at an end.’ ” “Mothers forgot their children and ran about with crucified images. Many ran to the churches for protection, but in vain was the sacrament held forth. In vain did the poor creatures embrace the altar, images, and priests as all were buried in one common ruin.”—From Sears’s Wonders of the World.

In the foregoing we have exemplified the judgments of God upon sin. Man “was made in the image of God;” but by transgression was driven out of Eden into a world of wretchedness, misery, and death to suffer the penalty of a violated law. Yet by the redemption through Christ we may be reinstated into favor with God and become heirs.—John Fohl in Evangelical Visitor.

As fearful as the above showing is we have the positive words of Jesus and the prophets that there is still greater trouble for this world.

Wait, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey, for my determination is to gather the nations, to pour out upon them mine indignation.—Zeph. 3:8. At that time there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.—Dan. 12:1. For there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world.—Matt. 24:21. 
SIDE LIGHTS.

It is not generally known that there are so many different books in the world used by different nations as their guide-books the same as we use our Bible. Neither is it generally known that our English Bibles are badly twisted out of meaning in some places on account of the translators using the wrong words when they turned the original Hebrew and Greek writing into English. In some places the mistakes by using wrong English words are such as to mix the ideas up and turn them around. But this makes no serious difference when we come down to genuine spiritual Truth. If we are really anxious to know the Lord and will lay aside our foolishness, selfishness, hate, malice, &c., and turn ourselves to love and meekness and practice the golden rule of doing unto others as we would wish others to do to us, and then continually ask guidance of God, He will make revelations to us the same as He did to the prophets and the apostles and, therefore, we will not need any printed book at all. We will get our instructions, fresh, right from the mouth of God. You will not believe this statement. Of course not. Well, then, all the corrected Bibles that could be made would not help you any. If you are determined not to rely on God and trust Him, His book
is of no value to you, even if He would come into your house and ask for pen, ink and paper and sit down and write out a Bible for you himself in your own language. Your mind is against Him and distrustful and, therefore, His own handwriting would not prove it to you that He is your Father and King, and that He will take care of you in sickness, health and everywhere. So what difference does it make whether our English Bibles are correct in all places or not correct? If you will follow the law of love and ask for His will to be shown to you it will come and "if any man do His will he shall know of the doctrine" whether he ever read a printed book at all on any subject. The apostles and the prophets and Moses had no books ahead of them to guide them as to what God's doctrine was. Where did they get it then? From God, of course. Well, then, you get it from God, too, then these mistakes in our Bibles will not amount to anything to you. But you will say that "the day of miracles is past" and that God will not give us any thing nowadays. Well, if you hang to that idea you are dead now, and neither God nor His Book will do you any service, as you cut yourself off from Him by your mental condition and you are left in utter darkness as to what His doctrine really is. This is why there is so much hocus-pocus going on over the Bible and its teaching. Men want to make it fit their ideas, and will not hear it any other way, as most people are not acquainted with history of ancient nations and their customs, and have no idea whatever of how things were and
why certain expressions are used in ancient books including our Bible. Therefore, I here set out a few brief statements to aid the present-day reader to see the various turns the Bible has taken since it left he mouth of God, down to this English-speaking time.

The Bible, which we are accustomed to see as one book, consists of sixty-six distinct productions, from forty different authors. The composition of these books, extended through a period of sixteen hundred years. The composition of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament stretches over a period of eleven hundred years. God prepared each writer for his place. Each builds on what is before. Each writer is in his precise historic place, and the result of the completed work is a wonderful organism.—Joseph P. Thompson, D. D.

The first five books of the Old Testament are the most ancient and were the only writings used by the Israelites a long time before any thing else was added. They were written in the Hebrew language, and the Israelites made it a rule to read them oyer in their public meetings once a year. Little by little new writings were added by men who were favored with the secrets of God, until finally the whole bulk which we now call the Old Testament was written; but it was in process of construction 1100 years; and Jewish history claims that about 280 years before the birth of Jesus Christ this Old Testament writing was translated from Hebrew into Greek language. The work was done by 72 men chosen from the Twelve Tribes of Israel—6 men from each tribe. They were sent to Alexandria in Egypt (Africa) to do the work and they finished it in 72 days and called it the Septuagint which means seventy. Therefore, LXX was the
name of the book in Roman numerals. It was in the Greek language, mind you, and was the standard authority among the Jews at the time of Jesus Christ. They were determined to follow the rules laid down in that Greek book and set the teachings of Christ aside as positively devilish. The Jews held a big festival at Alexandria, Egypt, once a year to celebrate the translation of it into Greek. About 200 years after the birth of Jesus this Greek book was translated into Latin and then into the Egyptian language. It was written solid without chapters or verses. The dividing of it into chapters and verses was done in 1450 A.D. The New Testament was written (originally) in Greek and afterwards turned into Latin and called the Vulgate, which also contained the Old Testament. It was, then, a Latin book throughout and was the standard authority among the Roman Catholics. In fact this Latin Bible was the only one used in most parts of Europe many hundreds of years and it was managed and controlled by the Roman Catholic Church and it is claimed by some scholars that the Roman Pope and his priests had an interest in fixing up the translation to fit their case so as to get control of the people and bring them under the authority of the pope. I do not state this as a positive fact. But one thing is certain—the original Greek Bible does not read in some places like the Roman Catholic Latin Bible. Whether the change was made purposely to favor the Roman Church idea or whether it was done ignorantly in translating I am not here to say; but the terrible and bloody history
of the Roman Catholic Church, the last 1400 years, shows that it would do any thing to gain power and authority. Even now, at this late date, the Roman Church gathers up old bones and puts them out among their members with the idea that the bones are part of the skeletons of St. Ann, St. Peter, St. Bernard or some other Saint. And there is almost no end to crosses made from the wooden cross on which Jesus was crucified; and yet if you travel through Palestine you will, occasionally, run up against the identical cross upon which Jesus hung. All these things are frauds, mind you, but they serve the purpose of holding people to them in blind superstition so as to be more easily controlled by the pope. If you can make people believe that these bones, crosses and other trinkets are the genuine articles, they carry with them the idea that the Roman Church is in possession of all the holy things and, therefore, it must certainly be obeyed. Any thing coming from the Roman Church must be looked upon with suspicion. (For details on this subject see my book No. 9, called *Mysteries Unveiled.*) Those who are informed on ancient history know how desperate the Roman Church has been to hold sway over the earth and every thing in it, and the pope and his backers look upon the Protestant Bible societies as the very agents of the devil himself and that they should, therefore, be dragged out and burned. Only recently the *Catholic News* contains an article which I clip and insert here to show how they look upon Protestants and our Bibles while Protestants look
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likewise at them and their interpretation of their Bibles.

"That most pernicious of all pernicious sects,—the Protestant Bible Society,—is again at its murderous work. Its false prophets are galvanized into temporary activity, and this time it is the 'benighted' Catholics of Spanish America who are to have the peace of their homes invaded and the sanctity of their religion vilified by psalm-singing twaddlers, Gospel tramps, and ignorant hirelings, who are about as competent to explain the Word of God as a Hottentot is to lecture on bimetallism. These paid emissaries of a society which gathers into its coffers the savings of dyspeptic old maids, these self-constituted apostles, clothed in clerical garb, carry on an infamous traffic in a Bible which they cannot understand, and yet profess to explain to the addle-pated dupes who are weak enough to listen to them. All honor, then, to the Catholics of South America who have expelled the evangelical carpet-baggers. The priests and people of Spanish America will not remain passive while the slimy serpent of heresy endeavors to imprint its poisonous fangs in the souls of their little ones. If the Venezuelans are ignorant of anything, it is of the use of tar and feathers, a judicious application of which would be sufficient to keep the brawling ranters of the Bible Society at a safe distance from their shores."—From Catholic News.

This shows the desperately mixed condition into which the world has fallen on account of the numerous Bibles, translations, interpretations, superstitions, creeds, churches, priests, popes and potentates. Is it any wonder, then, that the different translations of the Scriptures read differently? Nearly all the Bibles in the western world were translated from the Latin book of the Romans, and contained many errors until the new Revised Version of 1881 A. D. came out and swept away some of the errors. A few remain yet in the Revised Version, but they make no serious difference, as God is God just the same and all the
books in the world can not argue Him out of existence nor injure His great Truth that we must love the Lord with all our hearts and love the neighbor as ourself and trust God with implicit confidence and lay all our troubles before Him and ask guidance. So be it. The verses were arranged in our New Testament by a Frenchman, named Stephens, in 1551 A. D. The first-known English translation of the New Testament was made by Wickliffe about 1370 A. D. It was not printed, as printing was not known at that time. The first printed English Testament was by Tyndale, 1526 A. D. The first complete English Bible was by Coverdale, 1535 A. D. Another Bible came out in 1537. Another one in 1560, called the Geneva Bible. A new revision came out in 1568 and was called the Bishop's Bible. Then King James I., of England, ordered a new translation made; and 47 learned men were appointed to do the work, and they finished it in five years, 1611 A. D. It is the Bible now in use, called the Authorized Version. In May, 1870, the Convocation of Canterbury appointed a committee of scholars to make a new translation and improve the King James Bible. United States scholars assisted in the work so that 80 men worked at it a large part of ten years and brought out, in 1881, the Revised Version. And now, recently, another translation of the New Testament is brought out by Fenton, of England. He worked at it 40 years. He takes it from the Greek and pays no attention to the Latin versions of the Roman Church, from which nearly all other versions of
today are taken; therefore, this Testament of Fenton's brings out new points.

In many cases it becomes nothing short of a fresh revelation. To render the Greek into every day English is to show how the quibbles of theologians and the pretensions of priests have been hiding under cover of words which have a technical meaning in the accepted translation, but have a very simple and innocent meaning when given in the current terms of our day. We give a liberal extract in the shape of the 9th Chapter of John's Gospel—which we hope is not beyond the liberty that a grateful and sympathetic reviewer may presume to take.”—New Court Congregational Magazine.

"It is some years since Mr. Fenton brought out the Pauline Epistles in the language of to-day. The corresponding section of the present work evinces distinct improvement; and the entire New Testament shows that much care has been expended upon the enterprise. Idioms have been resolved, and their true force made apparent. The enterprise was a great one. Every page is bright with striking renderings, familiar texts being made to yield new meanings and fresh instruction in the free and forcible speech of common life.”—The Christian.

I have not yet read Fenton's Testament but he writes that it brings forth the Israel subject clearly so that the New Testament teaches it as plainly as does the Old Testament. This is what he says on this point:

The Gospels also clearly teach the future unity and restoration of all Israel as clearly as the Old Testament. If any one wishes to see this clearly, let him read my translation of the New Testament into current English, direct from the original Greek. It is the only English version ever made without any reference or bias to the traditional monastic glosses of these versions made from the Latin translations of the Dark Ages.—From Fenton's letter to the paper called The Tribes, published at Denver, Colorado, U. S.

The "Dark Ages" mentioned by him in the foregoing letter is the time during which the Roman Catholic Church held full sway over the earth 1260 years and chewed up and spit out every body who
did not agree with its rule. It had every thing its own way and kept its Bible in Latin; and its services and singing nowadays are mostly in Latin so that but very few of its members can understand what is said. They sit back and watch the priest, and when he does certain things they bow or rise or kneel, according to rules laid down. There are several other translations by different men who are learned in Latin, Greek and Hebrew. For instance: Rotherham's translation of the New Testament changes the wording in many places or all through so as to give different meanings to important points which we are trained to believe in a certain way by the reading in the "Authorized Version." And now comes another translation by Murdock, recently made from the Syriac Version which is supposed to have been translated into the Syrian language about 200 years after Christ. Murdock now translates it out of the Syrian language into our English, and it makes many points quite clear which our English Bible leaves dark. There are many kinds of Bibles in the world. Here is the list:

Old Testament and prophecies, written about 1450 B. C., down to 400 B. C. New Testament, A. D.

The two tribes called Judah (Jews) have only the Old Testament. They reject the New.

The Persians have the Zend Avesta, 1200 B. C.

The Chinese have a book called Five Kings as their bible, 1100 B. C.

The Hindoos have a book called Three Vedas as their bible, 1100 B. C.
The Buddhists (mostly Japanese) have a book called Try Pitikes as their bible. 600, B.C. Buddha is their god. He was a man of high morals and taught some good precepts, and the Japanese try to follow them.

The Esau people (Turks) and others have the Koran book as their bible and Islam as their god. 700 A.D.

The Scandinavians have the Eddas book as their bible. 1222 A.D.

In addition to the above list of nations there are numerous others, which worship cows, snakes, birds, bulls, the sun, Jupiter, and various other things as gods.

The first Bible printed in a known tongue in America was the Saur Bible, in Germantown, Pa., in 1743. The next was Aitken's, printed in Philadelphia, in 1782. The first quarto edition of the Bible was by Matthew Carey, in 1790, from type made for it in Philadelphia. The first folio edition appeared the next year, in Worcester, Mass., by Isaiah Thomas. That year also the Quaker, Isaac Collins, issued the first Bible printed in New Jersey. In 1803, Jane Aitken published Charles Thompson's translation of the Septuagint. The first American edition of the New Testament in Greek was published in 1809 by Isaiah Thomas, jr.; and in 1806, S. F. Thomas printed, in Philadelphia, an edition in Greek and Latin in parallel columns, and another wholly in Greek. The first edition of the Old testament in this country in Hebrew, appeared in Philadelphia in 1809.—Ex.

In addition to the great variety of Bibles we also have, as you know, a great variety of church denominations, teaching widely different doctrines.

In a recent sermon Lyman Abbott, successor to Henry Ward Beecher, said: “The fastidious American may belong if he likes, to any one of six kinds of Adventists, twelve kinds of Mennonites, twelve kinds of Presbyterians, thirteen kinds of Baptists, sixteen kinds of Lutherans, seventeen kinds of Methodists, besides a variety of Episcopalians and Congrega-
It is necessary for a person to understand the uses and forms of words in the Greek Old Testament in order to get the right meaning of things in the English New Testament. Many of our English words have quite a different shade of meaning from those used in the original Hebrew, and this different shade puts an entirely different idea in our minds now from that which was intended by the Bible writers. It is (many times) impossible to find a word in our English that has the same shade of meaning that the original Hebrew or Greek had, and the translator must then use an English word or words that come the nearest to the meaning of the original, and this leaves a wrong idea in the mind of the English reader. Take our English words "everlasting," "forever" and "ever" for an illustration. We are taught to believe that they mean a time without end; but when we look at the Hebrew word used in the original writing of the Bible we find that it had no such meaning. The Hebrew word is olam, and it meant various lengths of time; but our English Bibles translate it into the words "everlasting" or "forever" or "ever" and, therefore, the English reader gets the idea that the Bible is talking about a time without end. These words are often used in our English Bibles, and in many places it shows on its face that if it means a time without end then the Bible missed its statement badly, as it often says that a certain thing
shall be so and so "forever," and when we go to looking up the history of it we find that it had an end and disappeared at a certain time. This alone shows that the Bible never intended to say that it should go on without end. The original Hebrew word was \textit{olam} which often means a time away back in the past.

I have \textit{olam} (long time) holden my peace.—Isa. 42:14. Those that have been \textit{olam} dead.—Ps. 143:3.—meaning a long time dead.

You remember that a big fish swallowed Jonah and his (Jonah's) body was in the fish three days and nights while Jonah's spirit was in the center of the earth called sheol. Jonah was dead but his body was preserved from decaying, and the fish vomited the body out on dry land and then life came into it and Jonah was up on his feet again as a resurrected man. His death lasted only three days, and yet our English Bibles use the word "forever."

The earth with her bars was about me "forever."—Jonah 2:6.

This would lead us to believe that Jonah's body is still in the fish while Jonah's spirit is in the heart of the earth yet and always shall be there; whereas, we know that Jonah (after his resurrection from the fish) went over and preached to the city of Nineveh. The "forever" lasted three days. And while on this Jonah subject I step aside from my main point to call your attention to something Jesus said when they asked Him for a sign that He was the Christ. He said He would give them the sign of Jonah. By this He meant that He would die and be in the
heart of the earth three days and afterwards be resurrected and walk around as Jonah did. Jonah's case was a type of what Jesus would go through.

In Isaiah 32:14, 15 is a description of how the land of Palestine would be desolate and a dreary waste "forever" and then immediately tells us how long the "forever," shall be. It says, "until the Spirit shall be poured upon us."

The forts and towers shall be for dens forever, for wild asses and flocks, until the Spirit be poured upon us.—Isa. 32:14, 15.

The Hebrew word was olam, meaning that the country would be desolate a while until the Spirit would be poured upon us; but our English word "forever" does not have the same shade of meaning as olam, and, therefore, we get the idea that the land never will be brought out from under its curse; and yet the next verse declares that it shall be lifted up when the Spirit is poured upon us. There are many sayings like this all through our English Bibles, and they totally blind the English reader, for the reason that "forever," exerlasting” and “ever” do not fit the idea intended to be conveyed by the original Hebrew writer.

He shall be thy servant forever.—Deut. 15:17.

By this we English readers understand that the man is still working for his employer and always shall be, throughout eternity. This we know is not true because both men are dead, thousands of years ago, and Job 3:19 tells us that in death "the servant is free from his master;" and this is a reasonable and sensible statement, as we know that it is not likely
that a dead man's spirit or soul is chained fast to his master for all time without end. Yet our Bible uses the word "forever" which would convey just such a ridiculous doctrine; and the Bible itself, in Job, declares against it. The Hebrew word was "olam" which meant that the servant should work for his master so long as he (the servant) would live; then death would set him free from the employer; but our translators use the word "forever" and make a ridiculous meaning. If the servant would die ten minutes after hiring to the employer, the death would free him, and this would make the "forever" last only ten minutes. Thus you see that the word olam means short or long, according to the thing talked about. It is like our English word "old." We say a man is old when he has lived 100 years; but we use the same word (old) about a dog that has lived only 10 years; and indeed he would be an old dog, because dogs do not live many years. So here our word "old" sometimes means 10 years and sometimes ten thousand years. All depends on what you are talking about. The time will come on this earth when men will live a thousand years or more, and then our word "old" will not apply to a man who is 400 or 500 years of age. He will not be considered an old man until he runs up to 900 or 1000 years. See Isaiah 65:20-22 and Zech. 8:4. So we see that some words stretch out or shrink up in meaning according to the subjects talked about and the custom of the different countries. In the southern States of the United States the word evening means the time from immediately after dinner to
night; while in the northern States, *evening* means about sun-set or twilight. This greatly deceives us northern people, as we get the wrong idea as to the time when a certain thing occurred in the South. Suppose the southern people would write a Bible and say in it that Jesus was taken up into heaven, January 3d. 1897, in the "evening." The writer of the statement may have meant that Jesus went up about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, but we northerners would think that it occurred about *dark*; and then a doubt would arise in our minds as to whether it ever occurred at all, as we would argue that it was *dark* so that no one could see plainly and that it might have been that Jesus slipped away, unnoticed, and walked out on the gravel road. So here we would wrangle over this point, thousands of years, and divide up into squads and fight each other on beliefs on account of certain words being used that had a meaning which the writer of the southern Bible understood quite well, but just so soon as the book goes out of his country then an entirely different meaning attaches to it, and the people strike at each other over what the real meaning was intended; and no one can answer it unless he is thoroughly acquainted with the habits and customs of the people where the book was written. And here we see that the word "evening" changes its meaning in going only a few hundred miles from south to north. Just so it is with many words all through our English Bibles. They do not fit the case, and we get a wrong idea of the statement. Take, for instance, the scripture teaching about the coming of
the Lord. Our English Bibles use the word *coming*, but the word was *parousia*, which means *presence*. This puts quite a different meaning to the subject. If I am in my room and am expecting a friend to call on me I will be looking out of the window to watch for his coming down the road. This would go to show that my friend was away off from me and out of my reach; but if I say that he is *present* in the room *with me* then it is not necessary for me to be looking out for him to come, as he is already with me. Now take another case of wrong words used in translating: The people around Jerusalem, in the time of Christ, called the educated people, over in Greece, *Helenes*. This word *Helen* means a Greek person well educated. *Helen* was never applied to a Gentile, and has no reference to that kind of people, although our English Bibles translate it, several times, into the word *Gentile*, and this gives us a wrong idea of what the Bible writer was talking about. Christ told His apostles not to go to the Gentiles nor to the Samaritans to preach, but to go and hunt up the lost sheep of the House of Israel and preach to *them*. These lost Israel people had been driven out of Palestine over 700 years before Jesus was born, and they were scattered or *dispersed* into various countries so that they were lost to the world; and *some* of them were over in Greece, and they were called the people of the *Dispersion*; meaning that they were part of those lost Israel people; and they were better educated and had better general sense than other people around them, and they should never be called Gentiles, as
the word *Helen* never means Gentile, although our New Testament, in some places, turns the word *Helen* and makes it read *Gentile*, while in fact it means an educated Greek; and this mistake helps to hide the Israel subject so that people can scarcely understand it until it is taught to them a long time, in various ways. Using this word *Helen* in such a way as to make it mean *Gentiles* throws a veil over Christ’s words, as He laid it down positively to the apostles that they should not go to the *Gentiles* but to lost Israel. The word *Ethnos* means *Gentile* and should always be so translated, but for some reason our translators bring in the word *Helen* and make it mean Gentile also, and this mixes up the *Greeks* and the *Gentiles* into one common bowl so that the English reader does not get the correct idea of the fine line of distinction which Christ was teaching all the time. He was declaring it that He was not sent to anybody but the lost House of Israel, and that the twelve apostles should confine their work to these lost Israel people.

*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel.*—Matt. 15:24. *You only have I known of all the families of the earth.*—Amos 3:2. *These twelve Jesus sent forth and commanded them, saying: Go not into the way of the Gentiles nor into any city of the Samaritans, but go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.*—Matt. 10:5, 6.

This is why the apostle James addresses his writings to the Twelve Tribes of Israel only.

*James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the Twelve Tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*—James 1:1.

You see that he understood that they were scattered *abroad*—that is, they were away from their old
home (Palestine). They were the people of the Dispersion (meaning scattered). Some of them were over in Greece, Italy and elsewhere. When you see this word Dispersion used in the New Testament you must always know that it means those Israelites. It never means Gentiles or anybody else but Israel. They are the dispersed nation, scattered among the “Ethnōi” (Gentiles) as a bit of yeast to raise the whole world of people to God’s spiritual laws or doctrines; and this is why God promised to Abraham that in his seed all nations shall be blessed. On this point J. S. Mabie writes so well that I must quote him as follows:

You will find again and again, through this book of Acts, that “of the multitude,” “a great throng,” certain noble Helenes believed; and in the same connection the Gentiles fought, opposed, and the Jews stirred up the Ethnōi (Gentiles) —but the Helenes believed. And it is chiefly lost Israelites who believe now. It came to pass that, in Iconium, in the same way, they entered into the synagogue of the Jews; and spake in this manner so that there believed, both of Jews and Greeks, a great throng.”—Acts 14:1. God commissioned Paul to go to the Gentiles first,—and he invariably went to the Jews first: can you account for that? When Paul was preaching to Gentiles he did not try to convince the Gentiles that Jesus was Christ, but that he was the “Son of God.” “Some were persuaded,—also of the devout Greeks, a great throng.” You will find, repeatedly, that the Helenes were converts in Paul’s early ministry especially. There were Jews there, Helenes there, and Ethnōi there,—and the Jews stirred up the Ethnōi, because so many Helenes believed. Acts 17:11, 12.—“These (in Berea) however, were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they welcomed the word with all eagerness, day by day examining well the Scriptures, whether these things might hold thus. Many, indeed, therefore, from among them believed; also, of the Grecian women of good bearing—and of men, not a few.” Most of the believers there and at Thessalonica were not Gentiles but Greeks (Helenes) So we see much of Paul’s work was first among the Jews, and then among the Helenes, not so much among the Gentiles. The Gentiles, as a rule, fought and opposed, just as they do today.
How many of the Turks, how many of the Gentiles are believing? Acts 20:21—"Fully bearing witness both to Jews and Greeks, as to the repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe it to be true that a large part of the church in this dispensation is gathered from the lost ten tribes. God hid the ten tribes, and the church does not know where they are, and the larger portion (of the church) will fight desperately if you try to show them where the ten tribes are.—J. S. Mabie's article in the "Tribes."

Thus we see how the world has things badly mixed up about the plans of God to reach the nations of earth. A little slip of the pen in translating throws a veil over God's designs, occasionally, but He declares that all these veils shall be lifted off the people's eyes so they can see.

He will destroy the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory and wipe away tears from off all faces.—Isa. 25:6-8.

Thank God, the veil is now being removed and His chosen Israel family is coming to the front to lead all nations into Truth by the power of Christ specially given to them for a purpose. The people of today flatly deny this plain doctrine and plan of the Christ and set their own doctrines up in its stead by advocating the idea that one nation of people is just as liable to get the very high light of God as any other nation, although Christ does not hold out that idea, and neither does the Old Testament, as will be plainly seen by reading the solid promises made by God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, recorded in the book of Genesis. These promises to Abraham were made two thousand years before Jesus was born, and then Jesus came on and taught the same idea, that He was confining His work
to Abraham's seed through the Isaac and Jacob branch, as clearly set out in my book, called *Our Near Future*. People argue that the birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of all promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but Jesus Himself did not so teach, as will be seen by His own words where He says He was not sent to any nation of people except the lost House of Israel; and He instructed the apostles to so confine their work, and it is so going on *yet*. If the people's idea is correct then the high light of Christ would be just as liable to break out among the negroes of Africa, or among the Chinese, or the Indians of North America, or Turks as anywhere else; but we do not find such to be the case. Why did not the apostle James address his writing something like this?

James, a servant of God, to the Indians of North America; the Chinese of China; the Negroes of Africa; the Japanese of Japan; the Hindus of India; the vicious Turks of Arabia, and all the Gentile people of the world, greeting: You are hereby instructed that Jesus Christ has come to you and that there is no more special nation of Israelites to lead the world, as has been the case the last 1500 years, under the Mosaic Law age, as that Israelite family has been cast aside by Christ. Therefore, all of you nations are leaders and inherit the same promises as the Israelites used to get; and you will be the nations to get all of those inherited promises, and, therefore, you will be called the nations of God's inheritance.—*Copied from the peoples' idea of James' epistle.*

But James did not say it so. He says: "James, a servant of God, to the *Twelve Tribes* (of Israel) which are scattered abroad." He would not dare say it any other way because his Employer (Christ) instructed James and the other eleven apostles not to go to Gentiles nor Samaritans, but to the lost House of Israel, called the *Dispersion*. "I am not
sent to any but the lost House of Israel,” said
Christ. *Israel* gets the inheritance. Now hear.

In that day (the Millennial Age) shall Israel be the third
with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of
the land, whom the Lord shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt
my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and *Israel* mine
inheritance.—Isa. 19:24, 25.

People turn their backs on these words and set
up a doctrine of their own, according to their own
idea of how they would fix things if they were in
God’s place; and these false ideas in the public
mind probably had something to do with the twist­
ing around of our English translations of the Bible
so as to make it fit the people’s idea of things; but
when we run back to the original roots of words, as
they were used in ancient time, we find many of the
ideas now taught to be badly out of joint with the
original teaching; and the different church denom­
inations are biting at each other without knowing
what they are doing. They are teaching all kinds
of stuff, and are mixing up the nations into a mess
of entanglement. I now have before me a letter
which I have recently received from a preacher who
says that he was preaching twenty five years before
he discovered the fact that the word *Israel*, in the
Bible prophecies, does not mean Jews; and yet this
man signs his name and puts two big D. D’s. after
it, showing that he is what the world calls a Doctor
of Divinity. Meaning by this that he is highly edu­
cated in the scriptures so that he can explain all
about them; and of course he was preaching from
them twenty five years, holding to the idea that
*Israel* means Jews. This shows how easy it is for
translators to make errors by not understanding the subject they are translating. They may be well versed in languages and yet get the wrong idea and so write it down wrong. Take this preacher’s case for an instance. He read in the Scriptures about what Israel had done and what God intended to do with Israel, and, believing that Israel was the same thing as Jews, he preached to his congregations about the things the Jews had done and what God will do with the Jews, when, in fact, the Scriptures were not talking about Jews at all, but about another class of people whose path is entirely different from that of the Jews. You see it puts an entirely different light on his preaching by getting the right class of people into his mind. One was named Judah (the Jews) and the other class was named Israel (who are not Jews), and it changes the nature of things entirely to use the wrong name; but this is exactly what nearly every preacher in the world is doing today; and such preaching misleads the people and mixes the plans of God so that no one can read the Bible and get the straight of things, and, therefore, the wrangling continues. Suppose I here declare it that I am one member of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, and 2000 years from now this book be translated over into another language and the translator has no knowledge of this Israel subject. He knows nothing about how the Israel family was born from four different mothers—two of which were legal wives and two were simply servant girls, working in Jacob Israel’s family, and that the family had a quarrel and separated—ten members leaving
the house and, ever after, living an entirely different life from the other two members who stayed at home; and that God had laid out a certain kind of a path with certain turns in it at particular points for the ten members, while he laid out an entirely different path for the other two members who stayed at the old homestead; and that the two members at home were dark complected, with dark hair and eyes and high-ridge noses, while the ten who left were light complected, blue eyes and straight noses; and that certain blessings had been pronounced on the ten and entirely different blessings on the other two. Suppose the translator of my book knows nothing about this. He comes to this point where I say I am one of the tribes of Israel. He will say Israel means Jew, and, therefore, he writes me down as saying that I am a Jew, when in fact I am not a Jew at all and never said that I am, but his ignorance of this entangled subject led him to use the wrong word which turns me and my family relatives all wrong in the eyes of all the world. The world goes back and hunts up my family record and my speeches and my writings and find in them many things which show that I am not a Jew, and, therefore, they never can harmonize my sayings with what they think I said in my book where I declared that I am an Israel man. Then they commence to wrangle and, finally put me down in their minds as a Gentile which changes the nature of the case again and throws a false meaning on my expression. This would be just such a case as changing the word Helen into Ethnos. It makes a different man out of
him and changes his path of life. Or call the people of the "Dispersion" Gentiles, when, in fact, it can not apply to Gentiles at all without sweeping away all the promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and destroying all the force of the blessings pronounced, and, in fact, undoing all the preordained plans of God. And a failure to understand how important it is to call each race of people by its right name shifts things around and puts them in the wrong pew and causes perplexity and bitings at each other over seeming contradictions. Indeed, it is impossible for any human being to understand the Bible and God’s plans and designs without first understanding the Israel subject from the time it commenced (four thousand years ago) down to the present time. You must understand how the nation of Israelites lived together as one great family until 975 B. C. and then quarreled and separated into two factions—the Jews going off into one faction and the "House of Israel" forming another faction who were dispersed (scattered) into the various nations of earth to lighten the Gentiles about Christ; and this period of work of enlightenment is called Gentile Times, and was to last 2520 years from about 606 B. C. In other words, the Israel gate was closed and locked so that they could not go out or come in to God’s highly spiritual pasture until the Gentiles could have their allotted time and rule the world, and then the Gentile gate will be closed and locked and the Israel gate will be thrown open and and a select number of them (Israelites indeed) will come forward with very high spiritual power of God.
and sit down on all the world and rule it; and all of the present Gentile governments and the present churches will give way and totally disappear from earth. This is why Christ was so particular to send the apostles into the right field. He did not want them to break over into the Gentile ranks for the reason that Gentiles had never been taught the Mosaic Law which was a necessary school to make a man understand Christ's mission; and as they had never been in that "Law" school they would not catch much of the spiritual teaching of the apostles. And the last 1800 years of experience clearly show that the Gentiles, as a rule, bitterly oppose the teachings of Christ. Missionaries are sent out to Gentile countries called heathen and other names, but the people remain unconverted to the gospel. They shake their heads against it just as they did in the time of the apostles, as is shown in Acts, where it is stated that the Helens (meaning educated Greeks) believed, but the Ethnoi (meaning Gentiles) fought and opposed the apostles; and the Jews urged them on to opposition. Now why did the Helens believe? Because they were part of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, but they were known as educated Greeks—just the same as we English-speaking people today are known as Anglo-Saxons. No one ever thinks of calling us Israel. Yet we are fleshly Israel and we make a pretension of believing in Christ; and every family of us have the Bible in the house whether it is ever read or not. And, as a race of people, we take sides in favor of Christ and His gospel. Even the most wicked ones among us will
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declare that Christ is just right and the Bible is all right. But not so with the Ethnoi (Gentiles). They think it ridiculous to call Christ the Son of God or the Savior. They will not have it that way at all. They call us “Christian dogs.” We occupy, now, the same position that the Helens (educated Greeks) did among the Ethnoi (Gentiles) when Paul was preaching. The Helens believed but the Gentiles refused. The Israelites did understand it better and they (the Israelites) were scattered through and among the Gentiles as the yeast to gradually raise the whole lump.

The remnant of Jacob (Israel) shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass.—Micah 5:7.

Therefore, we see how very important it is not to get the Jews, Israelites and Gentiles mixed up together, as it destroys the plans and lines of doctrine laid down by God in his promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and two thousand years afterwards taught by the Christ whose teaching was to run specially during these two thousand years since the birth of Jesus and is to go on into all eternity, with, perhaps, some additional teaching from Christ during the Millennial Age which is soon to set in. The additional teaching (if any there will be) will not change Christ’s present gospel, but will be a higher degree of it; the same as we pass from one arithmetic to the next higher grade. It is all arithmetic, and the higher grade does not destroy or contradict the first grade but confirms it by leading our minds into the deeper
secrets so that we can look back and plainly see what the first grade books were talking about, but our minds then could not realize it. Just so it has been in this spiritual school of God. He gave us the Mosaic Law and we practiced it about 1500 years. That was our first grade school that held up before us all of God's mysterious plans, but we did not understand its lessons. There was a pen (called the Court) built by drawing a cloth fence around a spot of ground 75 feet wide and 150 feet long. Inside this Court was another, called the Tabernacle, which was 15 feet wide and 45 feet long, with a partition in it so as to make two rooms. The rear room was extremely sacred so that only the High Priest (Aaron) and his sons had any right to enter it. The general public had no right to even look into this back room. Death was the penalty if any one tried it. See Numbers 4; 19, 20. The Twelve Tribes of Israel were encamped in tents on the outside of all these cloth fences. Certain kinds of people had a right to pass through the first or outside cloth wall into the yard or Court but could go no further; while others could go into the front room of the Tabernacle but must not go into the back room which was for Aaron and his sons only. Why should just this one family be picked out as the only persons allowed in that back room, called the Most Holy? Be careful how you answer this else you will corner yourself and force yourself to see this Israel question which I am teaching. Why not allow every body to go in and out of that Most Holy room where God was located? You have been
arguing that one nation or race of people is on an equal footing with all other races. No picked race at all in existence to lead; and that it would be unfair &c., &c.; and that this Israel subject is all nonsense. Well, then, you answer the above question, why Aaron and his sons were picked out and given favors not allowed to other people. Why did God pick out just one of the tribes (the Levites) to do the leading service in the Tabernacle school?

Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them; and the Levites shall be mine; for they are wholly given unto me. I have given the Levites to Aaron and his sons to do the service in the Tabernacle of the congregation and to make an atonement for the children of Israel.—Numbers 8.

Why pick out this one tribe and elevate them above the other tribes in the worship service? Why not take all the tribes or else a few from each tribe so that each tribe could have representatives in the service work? This shows the very doctrine which I am pointing out to you about the Israel subject. The Israel nation was picked and ordained forever to lead all other nations in the work of God. Israel stands head always and forever and will get the highest blessings of God whether you want to believe it or not. Why did He pick out only twelve men as apostles? Why did He not make every man an apostle? Or, if He was determined to have only twelve, why did He not take one man from each race of people so that each nation would have a representative in the divine cabinet? I Chinaman; I Indian with feathers in his hair and war-paint on his face; I Turk; I Japanese; I Hindu; I Negro; I
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Malay; I Egyptian; I Jew; I Assyrian; I Philistine; I Moabite. You will say that such a combination for apostles would have been ridiculous, and that I should not even mention it. Yes, of course it is ridiculous; but it is not my theory. It is your own. It is exactly the doctrine being put forth by all churches and the people today. They are determined to have it that the old Israelitish nation is disappeared forever, and that every thing is all mixed up into one common pile—Jews, Israel, Gentiles, Heathen and all, and that it is a general free-for-all race, and that one is as likely to come out head as another. Christ took all of His apostles from one nation (Israel) and never gave other nations a representative in His carefully selected band of servants. And the prophecies go so far as to declare it that all other races of people will be swept off of the earth, leaving none but the nation of Israel.

O, Israel, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed (not spiritual seed but fleshly seed) from the land of their captivity. Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee.—Jer. 30:10, 11.

And yet you say it matters not whether our translators used wrong words or not, so far as showing the correct plan of God is concerned. You say that all things are piled up in one common mixture, and that if the translator uses the word Gentile when he should have used the word Helen it is just the same idea, you say. Well, thank God, the time is here when this miserably confused condition of the public mind will be straightened out on all
these things. It is a regular old Babylon. You remember, in ancient time, the people took it into their heads to build a tower as a sort of stairway to heaven. They thought they could build themselves into heaven by a system of their own, but the Lord confused their language so they could not understand each other. They had to quit building and scatter away to unknown parts. Just so it is today. People have mixed God’s plans and nations all up together and are denying the very statements of Christ Himself, and are attempting to build their own systems of things as a stairway to heaven; and the Lord has confused their “language” so one can not understand the other’s doctrine or creed. It is old Babylon acted over again by the hundreds of church denominations, all confused in their understanding. This is why the Church of God, (composed of select regenerated Israel,) must now arise and lead the world.

One shall say, I am the Lord’s. (Present church systems.) Another shall call himself by the name of Jacob. (These are the Jews and all fleshly Israelites.) Another shall subscribe with his hand and surname himself Israel. (This is the real Church of God, selected as the Elect.)—Isa. 44:5.

These Elect will be redeemed by God’s spiritual power working within them. No other kind of a person can come into the Chosen Church of God. Birth or fleshly descent will count for nothing. Spiritual regeneration is the ticket of admission.

The heathen shall know that I am the Lord when I shall be sanctified in you (Israel people) before the heathen’s eyes, for I will take you (Israel people) from among the heathen and gather you out of all countries and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean (redeemed) from all your filthiness and
from all your idols (such as gold eye-glasses, gold neck-chains, diamonds and the hundreds of other idols now being worshiped.) And ye shall dwell in the land (Palestine) that I gave to your fathers, and ye shall be my people and I will be your God; and the desolate land (Palestine) shall be tilled, whereas, it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by it (during the 2520 years of Gentile times) —Ezek. 36. Blindness has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in (which was to be 2520 years).—Rom. 11:25. Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles (2520 years) be fulfilled.—Jesus in Luke 21:24.

And during all this long time of 2520 years, while Gentiles were ruling the governments of earth and the Ephraim-Israel people were hid away, Rachel was weeping for her lost children, but the Lord kept still as to where He had them hid, and no one else but God knew where they were, so the secret was perfect; and nobody but God could tell Rachel any thing about her children, so He quietly hinted to her that they were not dead but that he had them “in the isles afar off” (America, England and Australia); but he commanded these isles to keep still about it.

Keep silence before me O, islands and let the people renew their strength.—Isa.

They had traveled the long distance from Palestine to these “far off islands” and had been drinking and carousing and lying and stealing under the curse of spiritual blindness sent on them by the Lord for their sins so that they were tired, demoralized and weary on account of it, and the Lord commanded the isles to keep still and not tell it that Rachel’s children had arrived here until the weary traveler scould regain strength; and now they are so settled and colonized into what they call gov-
ernments that their strength, as a people, is repaired and the 2520 years of "Gentile times," mentioned by the Christ in Luke 21:24 and by St. Paul in Rom. 11:25, are now almost expired so that the "blindness" is now coming off of these lost children of Jacob so that they see who they are, and the "isles" are beginning to tell the wonderful secret which the Lord has kept covered all these thousands of years, as it is positively declared that the "blindness" on the Lost Tribes of Israel should continue only during the 2520 years of "Gentile times" and then the covering or veil shall be torn off so that these Ephraim-Israel people (not Jews) and the Judah people (Jews) can see things correctly.

And the Lord will destroy the covering cast over all people and the veil that is spread over all nations.—Isa. 25:7. Blindness has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles come in.—Rom. 11:25.

The Lord had the Bible writers make a clear statement of all this case so that it is all laid out in the plainest language and in perfect order and has been printed in billions of copies of the Bible and sent all over the world so that in all countries called Christian nearly every family has a copy of this astonishing subject (in the Bible) lying right in their home, under their eyes every day, and yet the "blindness" is so great that they do not see it. It is the most astonishing and bewildering drama that has ever appeared on this earth as a stage; and it has been going on, all the time, from one scene to another, right before the eyes of all the world, and yet the world has not seen it, notwithstanding the fact that the people themselves have been the actors.
to carry their parts; and they have come on and performed and yet never knew they were in the "play" and that the tableau and sequel are to come later. The divine programme, called the Bible, has come through many and mixed translations yet the main and important points in it are still blazing away and can be easily seen by all who have their eyes open.

Many shall be purified and made white and shall understand, but the wicked shall not understand.—Daniel 12:10.

While talking about the various processes through which our present English Bible has come and the mistranslations now found in it, I call attention to the fact that it is not generally known that our Bible of today does not contain all the writings of the ancient holy men. It speaks of many books not found in it. Such as the book of Shemaiah, the prophet, and Iddo the seer. 11 Chron. 12:15. The story of the prophet Iddo. 11 Chron. 13:22. The book of Jehu. 11 Chron. 20:34. The book of Jasher. Joshua 10:13, also 11 Samuel 1:18. The books of Nothan, the prophet, and Gad, the seer. 1 Chron. 29:29. The book of Ahijah, the prophet, and the visions of Iddo, the seer. 11 Chron. 9:29. Paul's epistle to the Laodiceans. Col. 4:16. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. 1 Cor. 5:9, and other writings. None of the above-mentioned books are in our Bible. We know not what they contained. It may be that if we could get all the writings of God's prophets and seers our eyes would be opened on many mysterious things. And the writings we now
have in our English Bible are (in many places) not translated correctly from the ancient Hebrew and Greek into English so that we, sometimes, get the wrong idea from the reading. But the main doctrine is there so that we know enough about it if we only do it. As to the Israel family and the other nations of earth, our present Bible shows us much; and it is a wonderful net-work of divine wisdom which will come to the notice of all the world after a while. Then people will see that the governments and nations and tribes do not go on in their movements in a haphazard way. We see the Jews (descendants from Judah) holding their physical appearance and standing together, as a race, for some purpose, evidently. While the Lost Ten Tribes are hidden away for a purpose; and the Turks (who are descendants from Esau and Ishmael) are holding possession of Palestine and tramping it down, just as Jesus declared in Luke 21:24. While the tribes or nations of people coming from Abraham by his concubines are located on various sections of the earth for some purpose at some time not stated. We know, by the Bible, that Abraham kept his children born from his concubines away from his other children born from his legal wives. They were not permitted to dwell with the Isaac branch of his house, as is seen from the following reference to it.

And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac (the specially called son), but unto the sons of the concubines which Abraham had he gave gifts and sent them away from Isaac, to eastward, unto the east country.—Gen. 25:5, 6.

Those concubine children are now great nations
located in Asia. They are great as to numbers but not as to wisdom and fine intellectual ability. Neither do they know anything about Jesus Christ and His doctrine for the reason that Christ Himself declared that He was not sent to any but the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel. The concubine people did not come from Israel, therefore, Christ was not sent to the concubine nations. Neither did the Turks come from Israel; but they came from Israel's brother, but that did not let them in to get the New Testament. We, therefore, find the Turks with another bible called the Koran; and they call us Israel people Christian dogs. But the Turks and we are close relation. Their father was our uncle Esau who was the twin brother of our father Jacob; and this is why our cousins (the Turks) are holding possession of Jerusalem. They were to hold it while we Israel people were out—being punished for our sins because the Lord had been good to us and set us above all other nations and gave us the Mosaic Law and prophets and the Temple and yet we went off into idol-worship and disobeyed every rule of God so that He drove us out and sent our cousins (the Turks) in to spit upon and tramp down our country. This is why the Christ, in Luke 21:24, and St. Paul, in Rom. 11:25, call that period of time the Gentile Times. Because the Gentile people (the Turks and our relatives from the concubines) were to have full rule while we were out, being punished. The "Israel times" had been shut off and the Gentile people were brought on for a period of 2520 years. This Gentile period is almost
to its end, and every thing is breaking up now for the reorganization of Israel times again. The New and Latter House of Israel is soon to be set up and rule the world. It is called the Millennial Kingdom or Elect Church which is to perfect the world and bring it back to the Garden of Eden condition as it once was when people lived many hundreds of years without pain or sickness. All this great work is to be done by the Lord through the Israel family; and this is why we have the New Testament. Our relatives from Abraham’s concubines know nothing about God or Jesus Christ, as they were sent away to the “east country” by Abraham and they now people Asia and worship stone, brass, wooden and other gods and have not the New Testament. Our uncle Esau’s children (the Turks) have Islam as their god and the Koran as their bible.

The Koran is the Bible of the Arabs. This strange book was first written upon mutton bones and palm leaves. The Koran is largely derived from Hebrew legends. The Koran teaches the people to pray five times a day; not to make grapes into wine; and not to eat pork. Coffee and milk are the drink of all good Mohammedans. Pictures representing life in any form are forbidden. A picture of a man, a horse, a bird, or a tree would be considered as wicked, for the Mohammedans think it would be breaking the commandment, “Thou shall not make unto thyself any graven image.”

Mecca, in Arabia, is the birthplace of Mohammed, the founder of the Mohammedan religion and the Koran.

Mohammed was born about 570 A.D. His parents died when he was very young, and in order to make a living he became a camel-driver. When but nine years of age he was sent with some goods to Syria, and while there he heard about Christ and the Christians. As Mohammed was a very thoughtful boy, all that he heard made a deep impression on him. What wonder then that as he spent many nights alone, on the desolate desert and watched the stars, that he should think of all he had heard of God, Moses, and of Christ. His teachings and wonderful miracles; and that as he thought he
ardently wished that he, too, might be a prophet of God. Finally, he believed that the angel Gabriel appeared to him in a vision and commanded him to form a new religion and told him that he, Mohammed, was a "Prophet of God." A great many believed in Mohammed, and his followers are called Mohammedans. Thus from the Hebrews, who were the first to know the one true God, when all other people were heathen, worshiping many gods and using idols of stone and wood, sprang two great and powerful religions, namely the Christian, which spread to the west, over Europe and America and has done so much to civilize mankind, and the Mohammedan, which traveled eastward over Asia and into Africa. The Arabs are still, as in the days of Abraham, divided into numerous tribes, independent, unsettled monarchies, and in no way united. It is, probably, this lack of union that keeps Arabia so far behind other countries.—I. M. Dean in Teacher's Institute.

All these things are proof that we are the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. We have Christ's New Testament doctrine. The other nations of earth know nothing about Christ or His New Testament. And Christ positively declared that He was not sent to any but the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel (Matt. 15:24); and the fact that we have His New Testament is certainly proof positive that we are those Lost Sheep of Israel. And this is why the new spiritual light and great stir are now bursting out in the United States and in England. Why do not these great things burst forth, now, in the Turkish nation, or the Assyrians, or Chinese, or the Japanese, or the Negroes, or the Hindus? Because they are not of the House of Israel. They are the Gentile people and Heathen. Many races and tribes of people live in Asia but they came from Abraham's concubines and other tribes. You remember Abraham sent his concubine children east. He kept the Isaac branch of his seed by him, as
the Christ, Elect Church and Millennial Kingdom were to come through the Isaac branch. And we, the people who have the New Testament, are the Isaac branch. The Jews also are of the Isaac branch but they rejected Christ and He took the Kingdom of God away from them and gave it to the Lost Ten Tribes. This is why the Jews do not have the New Testament. They lost it and the Kingdom of God by their rebellion.

The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.—Matt. 21:43.

And the fruits are just now coming out of our race of people. We are the nation mentioned in the above scripture. We formerly resided in Palestine and had our capitol at Schechem (30 miles north of Jerusalem) awhile, and afterwards removed it to Tirzah; while the Jewish kingdom held theirs at Jerusalem. We were the Ten Tribes of Israel, while the Jewish kingdom contained only two tribes (Judah and Benjamin); and when Christ said to the Jewish kingdom that He had taken the Kingdom of God from them and had given it to another nation He referred to us (Ten Tribes) who were the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel, for the reason that we had been driven away 700 years before Jesus was born; and we were lost to sight of all the world. Afterwards the Jewish kingdom was also driven out of the country, leaving none of us Israel family there; and this is the great stumbling block to most people. They look at this fact about the Israel family being driven out of Palestine and the country turned over to other people who are still hold-
ing it, and people say that God's promises have failed. They read in Gen. 13:14 to 17 and Gen. 15:18 to 21 that God gave to Abraham all that land for him and his seed forever, and that Abraham's seed should always occupy it. And when we look at history and see how the Israel family were driven out and have been out many hundreds of years it looks to the unenlightened mind that God's word failed and that He did not keep His promises made to Abraham. But He has kept His promise to the very letter, as a tracing of the people who have occupied Palestine, hundreds of years, since we Israel family left it, shows that they are Abraham's seed. God did not promise that none but the Israel branch of Abraham's seed should have possession of Palestine: He simply said "Thy seed" without designating any particular branch of it. But the majority of persons think that the Israel family is all the seed Abraham had. They forget the important fact that Abraham had a son (named Ishmael) from his servant girl, and that the great nation of Ishmaelites sprang from that son. And that Abraham had another son (Isaac) from his legal wife, and that two great nations (the Israel family and the Turks) sprang from the Isaac branch, through Jacob and Esau. And that Abraham married a second wife and had, by her, six children. See Gen. 25. And that Abraham had children by his concubines, but he sent them to the "east country," away from the Isaac branch of his seed. See Gen. 25:6. All these numerous sets of children are Abraham's seed; and if any one branch
of them or twenty branches of them have held Palestine then God's promises have held good. And history shows that one or the other of these branches of Abraham's seed have constantly held Palestine; therefore, there can be no more fault-finding on that point. The great trouble with all the fault-finders is, they are ignorant. They have not the Bible subjects unraveled properly. They may be persons with college education and yet be ignorant. School education is not wisdom. Wisdom cometh from God. God's word has not failed on this land occupancy. Abraham's seed (the Turk's) are holding Palestine today, while we, the Israelite family, are out. God never promised that the land was for the Israelite family constantly without any breaks in that occupancy; but He has promised that the Gospel leadership and the Elect Church and the Millennial Kingdom go to the Israelite family, and this is why we see the high spiritual light breaking forth on our nation of people first. So we see that His promises about the land have come true, and the leadership of Israel on the spiritual teaching is also coming true. The promise about this spiritual leadership was particularized and definitely stated as belonging to just one branch of Abraham's seed (the Israel family). It was not left open for the concubine children of Abraham, nor for the Ishmaelites who are also Abraham's children by the servant girl, nor for the Turks who are Abraham's seed by Esau, nor for the six children from Abraham's second wife. Therefore, we do not see any great persons
endowed with high spiritual power arising out of the Turks, Ishmaelites, Zimranites, Midianites, Shuahites and many other nations now on earth as the direct seed of Abraham. These are just as direct seed of Abraham as the Israel family is. Abraham is the father of them all but they came from different mothers. And in looking over the numerous nations that came directly from Abraham another promise of God comes up to mind. God said that Abraham's seed should be as the stars of heaven and as the sands of the sea (so numerous). And when we now review different nations and trace their genealogies we find them of the Abrahamic seed, which shows that God's promise is already come true.

The great stumbling block in this wonderful subject is the idea held by most persons that the Israel family is the only seed that Abraham ever had. This false idea leads them into many errors, and they get the notion that God's promises have failed. And they also have the idea that our Bible contains all the writings and sayings of God's prophets and holy men; whereas, in fact, the Bible itself shows that there are about twenty-five books left out of it, some of which I have pointed out. But it makes no serious difference, as we can get the original facts and occurrences from God, by inspiration, without any written books at all if we put ourselves in a proper condition of purity to communicate with the Spirit. He can show us things in the past as well as those for the future. Therefore, the loss of any book or books will not cut us out of any
thing which God wants us to know, as He can reveal it to us as well as He did to the Bible writers. As to this point, the Mormons, of Salt Lake City, Utah, have a book (called the Book of Mormon) which *they* claim is a revelation from God, touching on this identical subject about Israel, Ephraim and the Ten Tribes. This Book of Mormon claims to be a history of two great nations that lived on the American continent. The *last* one of these two nations came here from Jerusalem about 600 years before Jesus was born and was mostly the seed of the tribe of Joseph. They were a God-fearing people and had among them many great prophets and seers who wrote down their visions and prophecies the same as did the holy men around Jerusalem. The Mormon book claims that these early Ephraim inhabitants of America were the people to whom Christ referred when He told the Jews that He had other sheep not of the Palestine fold, and that He would bring them, too, after a while and make one fold and one shepherd. That is, He would unite these American Ephraim people with the Judah people (Jews) and have them all into one kingdom, under one king. See John 10:16. Ezek. 37:16 to 28. Hosea 3:4, 5. Jer. 30:3, 4, 9, 10, 21. Hosea 1:11. If these and many other scripture sayings do not positively teach this idea then it is impossible to put language together any stronger to show it. I had looked into this subject, carefully, several years before I knew that the Book of Mormon teaches it. In fact I had not the slightest idea of what the Mormon book teaches.
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until this *Three Church* book was written and the printers had part of it up in type, when an officer of the Mormon Church, at Salt Lake City, sent to me some of their literature. In looking over it I was surprised to see this Israel-Ephraim-Ten-Tribe and Millennial Kingdom subject discussed in nearly the same way that I have been seeing it several years. They claim that these lost prophecies of the American ancient prophets from the Ephraim tribe, were preserved, and that a man named Mormon put them together and wrote them in book form about 350 years after Christ. It is claimed that he wrote them on gold plates and his son buried them in the ground, and they remained there until 1827 when an angel showed them to Joseph Smith. They claim that all this was in fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy which reads as follows:

> Thou shalt be brought down and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be out of the dust, and thy voice shall be out of the ground.—*Isa. 29:4.*

Here is what the Mormon literature has to say about it.

*The Book of Mormon is not a new Bible, but is a separate and distinct book by itself. It contains the history of two great nations that lived on the American continent. The last one of these great nations came from Jerusalem about 600 years before Christ, and was mostly the seed of Joseph, of the House of Israel. They were led to America by the power of God. One branch of this last named people remained civilized, and, at times, a very God-fearing people, for about a thousand years, after which they also dwindled in unbelief and were destroyed. The remnant of the other branch of these people are the American Indians. During the time they were acknowledged of God He sent many prophets unto them, who reproved them for their sins, and taught them to have faith in Christ and to believe and obey the Gospel. They also delivered many great and important prophecies, many of
which have been fulfilled; many are yet to be fulfilled as the appointed time rolls round. According to promise, the Savior also visited them after His resurrection and ascension, in Palestine. He said (John x:16): “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” Jesus referred to the people in America. He visited them several times, taught them and organized His Church among them, with apostles and prophets, and gave the same laws and ordinances to be observed there as He gave among the Jews, and all of these instructions were recorded. An abridged account of these things, taken from the records kept by their prophets, was made by a prophet by the name of Mormon, who lived about 350 years after Christ. Mormon received a commandment from God to write this account on plates of gold. After his death his son Moroni finished and deposited them in the earth by direction of the Lord, and he sealed them up by the spirit of prophecy and prayer. God promised this book should come forth in the last days, when He would give a new dispensation and raise up a prophet with power to translate the book and bring it forth to the nations of the earth. In this way God will prove to the honest in heart that He is the same, whether He reveals Himself on one continent or on the other.

In the year 1827 the angel Moroni was sent to Joseph Smith and delivered to him the plates of gold containing this history, together with the Urim and Thummim. By the power of God and the spirit of revelation connected with the Urim and Thummim, he translated this record, thus proving that he was a Prophet and Seer by the power God had given him to translate this sacred record. This book is known as the Book of Mormon.

Several of the prophets knew of this people, and prophesied to the Jews of the coming forth of this record, of the stick of Joseph. (Ezk. xxxvii:15-22.) The words of Isaiah xxix:11-12 have been literally fulfilled in the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. The learned man, Prof. Anthon, of New York, U. S. A., fulfilled the words exactly as recorded by the prophet. The words of the book were presented to Prof. Anthon for examination, and he replied, “I cannot read a sealed book.” But the book itself was presented to an unlearned man, the young Prophet Joseph Smith, and though he excused himself and said, “I am not learned,” yet by the power of God he translated the book. The prophet Isaiah, to make it plain that the book should come forth from the ground, gave four comparisons, viz., “Thou shalt be brought down and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as one that hath
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a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.” (Isa. xxix:4.) The book is now being read in many languages, and verse 18 of Isa. 29 is being fulfilled: “And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.”—From a pamphlet entitled An Invitation to The Kingdom of God by (Mormon) Elder Hintze for the Turkish Mission.

Here is one of the Mormon articles of doctrine.

We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten tribes. That Zion will be built upon this (the American) continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaic glory.

Their idea of the American continent being the headquarters or capitol of the Millennial Kingdom is entirely without scripture proof as the prophesies, in many places, positively declare that the old city of Jerusalem shall be rebuilt and be the capitol, and that all of the Palestine country shall be lifted out of its present miserable condition so soon as Gentile Times expire, as the Gentiles were to tramp it down into a wretched condition while the Israel family are out. And as to the Book of Mormon and its manner of coming to the surface I have nothing to say, as the time is near when everything must pass before the judgment of God, and whatever comes through with His seal of approval upon it will stand the test, otherwise it must go down; therefore, I wait. I simply introduce it here to show that the Israel-Ephraim-Millennial Kingdom subject is coming to the front rapidly, just as I knew several years ago that it would. It must come, Nothing can hold it down or cover it away from notice any longer, for the reason that the Gen-
tile times period is almost expired and the blind-
ness is beginning to come off of Israel so that we
can see this long-hidden and wonderfully knit sub-
ject which has been kept in the back-ground many
centuries, and our blindness prevented us from see-
ing it; but now that the Gentile period is so nearly
expired the light is beginning to dawn upon us.

Blindness, in part, is happened to Israel until the fulness
of the Gentiles be come in.—St. Paul, in Rom. 11:25.

When I began to see through the subject, some
years ago, and advocated it in my books I received
the jeers and sneers of people generally. The idea
that the Millennial Kingdom would be set up on
this earth was too foolish to most people to be even
talked about. And the further idea that the Israel
family is still on the earth for a purpose connected
with the great kingdom was still more absurd to the
public mind. But things are now coming around
into line rapidly so that it is a frequent occurrence
that I get literature from different sections of coun-
try advocating it. The "blindness" is coming off
of Israel, you see. Our cousins (the Turks) are
almost to the point where they must pack their
grip-sacks and give up possession of Palestine.
They were to tread down our ancient homestead
(Jerusalem) only a certain set time.

Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until

As to the doctrine taught in the Book of Mor-
mon about the ancient Israelites coming to North
America 600 years before Jesus Christ was born I
neither dispute it nor admit it, as there is much
mystery connected with this North American country and its inhabitants, and without direct inspiration on the subject the mystery can never be solved. We have positive evidence (all over the greater part of the United States) that a race or races of people lived here thousands of years before Columbus sighted our continent. Skeletons of very large men and of monstrous animals are being found in the different states. Only a few weeks ago I examined a rib (recently found) of some kind of a creature that was, probably, roaming over this country when Jesus (at Jerusalem) spoke those words which have never been understood until recently. He said: "Other sheep (people) I have who are not of this (Palestine) fold. They too I must bring and they shall hear my voice. And there shall be one fold (nation) and one shepherd (King). John 10:16. These ancient Lost Ten Tribes of Israel were, undoubtedly, the people to whom He referred. They had quarreled with their half-brothers (the Jews) about sixty years (in a family quarrel) until things became so inharmonious that the ten brothers (their descendants) drew off from the family and departed for foreign lands about 721 years before Jesus Christ was born; and their ramblings lost them to sight of all the world, and Jesus, evidently, meant that He would bring them back (at a future time) and unite them again with the Jews so as to make the Israel family complete again and rule the world. This is positively declared in Ezek. 37, Hosea 3, Jer. 30, Hosea 1:11 and many other places. And the Mormon Book
declares that these ten brothers (their descendants) came over to North America 600 years before Jesus was born. This would give them 121 years to make the journey, as we know (from history) that they left Palestine about 721 years before Christ came. Whether they came then or after Columbus discovered America I will not pretend to say which time. It is evident that they are here now. And it is also evident that some race or races of people (not Indians) were here thousands of years ago. The Mound-Builders were some kind of a people not now found on earth. They have left their tracks behind them and we trace them in various states of the United States. The Cliff-Dwellers are another kind of people not now known to exist. They left their cities in the Rocky Mountain country. Their style and manner of living were different from any race now known.

Remains of a Lost Race.

Superior People Driven to the Swamps of What is Now Louisiana.

Prof. George E. Beyer, of Tulane University, New Orleans, has just returned from his explorations of the so-called Indian mounds along the Red river, and between that stream and the Mississippi, in Franklin, Natchitoches, and other neighboring parishes, which he investigated for Tulane University and the Louisiana Historical society. He was able to distinguish the several layers of earth, shell and clay deposited at different times, and to demonstrate a greater antiquity for the mounds than had been supposed. The skeletons and implements discovered proved further that the inhabitants of these mounds were not of the race of the ordinary red Indians who were found there by the French and Spanish explorers, but a race akin to the Aztecs or Toletecs, of a more peaceful disposition than the neighboring Indians, and originally more civilized. They had apparently been forced into the great swamps by the surrounding Indian tribes, and their civilization had de-
teriorated under the unfavorable conditions in which they lived.

Prof. Beyer's later explorations confirmed his former ones, or rather showed that there were two varieties of mounds in the country he explored, one variety on the higher land, apparently erected by Indians, and used mainly for burial purposes; the other, built by a more ancient race, and containing skulls of the same kind as those found in Catahoula. The Indian mounds contained a large number of skeletons with heads distinctively Indian, arrows, tomahawks, etc. The other mounds were in the swamps or lakes, like those of Mexico. Such lakes were once abundant along the Red river, but nearly all have been drained dry to-day by the removal of the Red river raft. The number of these mounds fairly staggered Prof. Beyer. He found no fewer than fifty clustered together and extending a distance of two miles from Brown's bayou to Little Deer creek. They were so close together—only fifty feet apart—as to make what must have been in old days a settlement or town.—From newspaper clipping.

A Ruined City.

Far down in the wilderness of Mexico, amid the wild and unrestrained forest growth of untold ages, lie the ruins of a number of ancient cities which have always been shrouded in the deepest mystery. Few explorers have ever visited them. A party of the best known scientists of the present day formed themselves into an expedition recently and penetrated the wilderness to where the crumbling cities lay.

They spent three months among the ruins and have brought back the first absolutely authentic pictures of them that the world has ever had. Among the party was Prof. William H. Holmes, who, until recently, was curator of the department of anthropology of the Field Columbian museum, when he took his seat as curator of the National museum at Washington. It is to him that the Herald is indebted for the illustrations, which are from the original photographs and drawings he made on the spot. They show, for the first time, just how the ruined cities look to-day. "We reached the plain in the center of which we found the ruins of this once magnificent capital of a nation now extinct. Night was settling down. We did not get a chance to see much of the ruins then, so we camped near by, on the edge of a little wood. We were astir early the next morning, while it was yet dark, and saw the faint gleams of light begin to peep through the mists, and then we witnessed a most beautiful sight—the sun rising over
this ruined metropolis. We looked out upon the ruined city and it presented a wonderful sight. Here, in the foreground was what had once been an enormous palace, slowly rotting away under the unrelenting hand of time; there, a massive stone edifice that might once have been the residence of some long forgotten lord. Even in their crumbling state the grandeur of the mighty structures held us spell-bound. In many instances the houses were roofless and half buried in the deep forest growth, but even this did not detract from their imposing beauty, nor from their superb proportions. But over all hung the spell of death, for in the market places, where once wealthy merchants had met and bargained, the desert lion now holds his court at night, and his awful note goes echoing down the ruined corridors. We made our way, among the weeds and underbrush, to the nearest of the great structures, and soon stood before a mighty pyramid, upon whose summit rested a gorgeous temple. The pyramid was built of a sort of yellowish limestone, evidently quarried from somewhere in the vicinity by this ancient people. We stood at its base and looked up. For eighty feet its steep sides rose without a break, and in the most graceful proportions it gradually narrowed at the top, until, high over our heads, we could see the outlines of the beautiful building that crowned it. We measured the base and found it to be exactly two hundred and forty feet long by one hundred and sixty, wide. We walked around this mammoth pile of exquisitely hewn stone, and on the further side came to a magnificent broad stairway, which rose directly from the roadway and led to the very top of the pyramid, terminating at the threshold of the temple doorway. Each step was wide and long and made of the same smoothly dressed stone. For a moment we stood and admired this mighty piece of workmanship, and then, with a feeling somewhat akin to awe, began the long ascent. Up for over a hundred steps we went, stopping now and then to rest and admire the pyramid, a work executed for all time, and one that will doubtless stand there forever, unless perchance an earthquake should throw it down. At last we reached the top of the stair, and found ourselves standing upon a little court, immediately in front of the main entrance of the temple. As we crossed the court and entered the decaying structure we found it contained only three rooms, but they were big ones. We stood in the central, or main one and looked around. Extending around the base of the wall, save for a short distance along the northern front, was a broad band of what had once been colored decoration. Above this and extending to the ceiling were beautifully chiselled lattice work panels. Over the doorway were four large panels filled with unique sculptures, the upper member of each being a mask of rare
form. But nowhere in the room was there the slightest vestige of any furniture or movable thing. Everything was as silent as the grave. Not the slightest trace of life was apparent anywhere, not even a spider to break the monotony of that awful solitude. The facade of this temple we found to be about twenty feet square, and it was a most striking piece of composite sculpture. The large place above the doorway was occupied by a colossal snouted face, some twelve feet square, worked out in the most wonderful manner and filled with striking details. Other ornamentations were a pair of tigers placed together with outward turned heads, supporting the pedestal of the statue, and groups of devices forming the cheeks of the mask. The corner decorations comprised smaller masks, seven in each tier, and built up of numerous sculptured stone. The exterior walls of this temple were entirely covered with these wonderful ornamentations. After wandering through its gloomy chambers we made our way to the great stair and began the descent. Crossing the plain below and picking our way between falling walls and crumbling remains, we proceeded to an immense structure known as the governor's palace. This building rose majestically upon the summit of a broad, triple terrace. It was a superb affair, and pierced by no less than nine massive doorways. We went into the great chamber, and from there passed through the various rooms, looking in awestricken wonder at the mammoth figures carved upon the walls. Before our eyes stretched out terrace upon terrace, court upon court, and rows of mighty pillars, now tottering before the irresistible force of decay; space upon space of empty chambers, that spoke more eloquently to the imagination than any sermon, and over all the dead silence of the dead, the sense of utter loneliness and the brooding spirit of the past. It was beautiful, but yet so drear. We did not dare to speak aloud; we only whispered, and our whispers seemed to run from court to court, till they were lost in the vaulted chambers beyond. We looked down these vacant rooms, and, in imagination, they recalled the days when they had echoed with the peals of merry laughter, as beautiful women and noble men sat along the long tables while some gorgeous feast was at its height; when the soft, night air, heavy with the perfume of the lilies, gently stole in under the casements, and the song of the nightingale, sweet from a full heart of love, could be heard in the distant wood; and the whisper of the far off forests mingled with the silvery tinkling drops of a hundred tiny fountains. Walking a short distance from the base of the great triple terrace we came to two massive walls. They appeared to be the only structures among all the ruins that were built directly upon the level ground. At the base of one of the walls we noticed the
remains of a number of sculptured serpents, and also what seemed to have once been a stairway leading to the top. The length of each wall was ninety feet high and twenty feet thick. Here it probably was that this ancient people congregated to watch the sports of the mightiest athletes. Leaving the walls we next went to a great structure we had noticed looming up in the distance. It was the ruins of a great quadrangle, which could very appropriately be called the Quadrangle of the Nine Gables. These ancient builders certainly did not lack originality and boldness.

We found ourselves constantly encountering the marvelous, and pausing in amazement before structures that are destined to remain riddles for all time. Only eight of the pinnacles were left standing. Each of the gables was perforated with upward of thirty rectangular, window-like openings, arranged with varied spacing, in seven horizontal rows. From the face of these gable-like piles we saw projecting stones which were all that was left of what at one time must have been bold and effective groups of sculpture, and there can be little doubt that this colossal comb of masonry was built solely for the purpose of embellishing the building and holding aloft its sculptured ornaments. The court of this great quadrangle measured 180 feet from east to west, and 150 feet from north to south. The rear portion was in a very advanced state of ruin. The greater portion of the structure was in very badly decayed condition.

Beyond the quadrangle we tramped to one of the grandest structures in all that ruined city. It was the great truncated pyramid that we had seen from our camp. This magnificent work rose seventy feet in the air and was 200 by 300 feet at the base. At the top was a summit platform seventy-five feet square, with a narrow terrace extending all around the pyramid fifteen feet below the crest. We climbed to the top and looked with feeling of emotion over that vast expanse of decaying grandeur. There, before our gaze, stretched out the ruined city, majestic and supreme even in its desolation. There the ruined temples stood, as they had for unnumbered centuries, sullenly staring from age to age out across the changing land, mute reminders of what must be the fate of all things. And as we stood there the first shadows of evening began to creep up. Presently the pale gleams of the rising moon shone over the crumbling remains, and we sat down on the rocky ledge to enjoy the beautiful scene. It was a wonderful thing to think for how many countless centuries the dead orb above and the dead city below had thus gazed each upon the other, and in the utter solitude of space poured forth each to each the tale of its lost life and departed glory. Softly the weird light fell, and minute by minute the quiet shadows
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crept across the grass-grown courts, like the spirits of old
priests haunting the habitations of their worship. Minute by
minute the long shadows grew, till finally the scene changed,
and there, in the full glow of the moon, the massive structure
stood out in bold relief, telling more plainly than any words, its
story of a fallen pride and stricken splendor. For a long time
we sat there, and as we gazed a dense mist arose. One by one
it developed the tottering temples, which in that intense
gloom seemed nodding to each other, and they seemed to say:
'Behold us, undying and all sublime! Memory haunts us from
age to age, and deep down in our depths are buried the secrets
of this mysterious land. Many changes have we seen, and
with sorrow have we made acquaintance, for long dead are the
people that once called this dreary place their home. For
untold centuries have we been here, but our day is not yet.
From age to age are we destined to thus stand, watching over
the changes of unborn time, and waiting for that hour when
we, too, shall be gathered in, and our existence be but a tradi-
tion of the past.—Extract from Prof. W. H. Holmes' article
in New York Herald.

All these ancient ruins are proof positive that
somebody has been here in the remote past but
have gone the way of all the earth—leaving no
human tongue to tell their history. It shows how
easy a nation or whole race of people can be swept
off and totally obliterated. Therefore, when the
prophecies declare that all nations except the Israel
family will come to an end and be obliterated it is
not an unreasonable statement.

Fear not, O, my servant Jacob. Be not dismayed, O,
Israel, for I will save thee and thy seed. Though I make a
full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, I will not
make a full end of thee.—Jer. 30:10, 11.

In parts of New Mexico and Arizona are ancient
irrigating canals which were dug and scraped out
thousands of years ago, probably. Yes, somebody
has been here. We find their tracks. The rib
which was found recently in this country and which
I examined, was over six feet long; four or five
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inches wide, and from one to three inches thick. Its flat side is not turned with the bow of the rib like other ribs, of today, are. Its edges stand up and down so that its flat sides would press against the ribs next to it. The ribs of all known creatures, of today, stand with their sharp edges to each other and the flat side facing the inside of the animal. And look at the monstrous proportions of this newly found rib. Over six feet long! We have many evidences that races of people and animals once lived here but have become extinct or swept off the earth, root and branch. Mrs. Elisha Jones writes the following in the American Antiquarian about prehistoric ruins in New Mexico:

Ruins in New Mexico.

Within a radius of five miles from a certain point in Socarroy County have been discovered several hundred ruins of the habitations of prehistoric man. The walls of these ruins are built of undressed stone, laid in cement. Remains of huge cisterns, walls of fortifications, queer implements of bone and stone, beautifully designed and carved; also painted pottery, together with odd and artistic pictures, characters and symbols cut upon rocks in neighboring canons, all excite in the beholder wonder and admiration. These ruins are formed generally on high ground, and are composed of ancient buildings, containing from a few to several hundred rooms, averaging about eight by ten feet and six feet in height. In some cases the buildings have been two stories high. There has been a side entrance to all of these rooms, but those openings have been walled up. On the surface the walls of some of these ruins are well defined and can be easily traced, while others show only irregular piles of stone. They buried their dead in the ground floor of their rooms, with the heads toward the East, and, as a rule, their pottery, trinkets and personal ornaments with them. One wonder of these ruins is their great age. Huge pine trees, (three or four feet in diameter and 100 feet in height) flourish upon the walls and in the rooms of these habitations of forgotten man. On digging down beneath these giant trees we pass through from six to ten feet of vegetable mold. We then encounter from one to
three feet of clean washed sand and gravel, then a solid earthen floor covered with ashes, charcoal, bones and fragments of broken pottery. Yet still below this are skeletons of human beings, surrounded by their war weapons and ornaments of stone, copper and bone. Little can be known of this race of people. They were sun worshipers and well advanced in the arts of carving, painting and building, and in agriculture. They flourished many centuries in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Central and South America, and were exterminated by famine, flood, disease or volcanic action. In the eastern part of Socarro county are the ruins of a city known as Luivira, covering an area two miles square. Its walls in some places are eight feet thick, forty feet high and several hundred feet long. A great aqueduct conveyed water to the city, but today there is no running water within forty miles of this ancient wonder.—From Mrs. Jones' article in American Antiquarian.

The fact that enormous trees, four feet through and one hundred feet high, have grown upon the walls and in the very rooms of these long-silent houses of ancient man, goes to show that probably thousands of years have elapsed since the prattlings of a great race of people ceased to be heard there in their once-great cities, built up right here in what is now called the United States of America which the Bible evidently refers to as the "Islands afar off." Think of it! The hundreds upon hundreds of years that rolled over this continent while those trees, now in the houses, were taking root and growing to immense size. And this is not all. Under the trees roots is from six to ten feet of mixture, and under this a few feet of sand and under the sand a solid earthen floor; and still further down (below the floor) are the skeletons of human beings. Somebody was here, thousands of years ago. That is a certainty. The savage Indians of the United States talk about the "Great Spirit." This shows that they
got the idea of a spiritual God from some source at some time. And the Israel family are the only people on earth who know anything about a spiritual God.

O, children of Israel. You only have I known of all the families of the earth.—Amos 3:1, 2.

Did the North American Indians learn of the “Great Spirit” from this perished nation whose cities we now find buried here in the United States? I have no answer to make to any of these questions. All is shrouded in mystery. God will tell us many of His mysteries, ere long, as He has promised that He will “utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”—Matt. 13:35.

The race question is a deep mystery. I take it for granted that God never does any thing without a purpose. And I also see that things do not go on in a haphazard way. Therefore, what is the purpose of all the numerous races of different colors? None of them know anything about a spiritual God and Jesus Christ except a picked race. This being a fact, then who are these picked people who have the New Testament gospel in their houses? Where did they get it? Who gave it to them? How does it come that the other races do not have it? The Bible answers all these questions.

O, children of Israel; you only have I known, of all the families of the earth.—Amos 3:1, 2. I am with thee to save thee. Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee I will not make a full end of thee.—Jer. 30:11. O Jacob, my servant, hear, and Israel, whom I have chosen; for I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring; and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses, and who, as I, shall call and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since
I appointed the ancient people; and the things that are coming and shall come, let them shew unto them; for have not I told thee that ye are my witnesses.—Isa. 44:1-8. I will strengthen the house of Judah and will save the house of Joseph and I will bring them again to place them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off. Their children shall see it and be glad; and they shall live with their children, and turn again, and I will strengthen them in the Lord.—Zech. 10. They shall build the old wastes and raise up the former desolations and repair the waste cities of many generations, and ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord. Men shall call you the Ministers of God; and all that see them shall acknowledge them as the seed which the Lord hath blest.—Isa. 61:4-9. Thou shalt break forth on the right and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.—Isa. 54:3.

When I have brought them from among the people and am sanctified in them, in the sight of many nations, then shall they know that I am their God, which caused them to be led into captivity; neither will I hide My face any more from them, for I will pour out My Spirit upon the House of Israel.—Ezek. 39:27-29.

The above scripture answers the question what the Israel family is for and why the other nations or races do not have the New Testament of Jesus Christ. The Israel family is to be the hub in the great wheel. God is to be sanctified in them "in the sight of many (other) nations." This explains why Jesus Christ said He was not sent to any body but the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel; and why He told His apostles not to go to the Gentiles nor to the Samaritans, but to hunt up the Lost Israel branch and preach to them. Therefore, whatever race of people we find with the New Testament must be the Lost Israel family. The Jews have not the New Testament and yet they are one branch of the Israel family; but the Jews never were lost to sight of all the world. Everybody can pick out a Jew by his looks. "His countenance
doth witness against him" the prophecy says. See Isaiah 3:8, 9. Therefore, it is not necessary to mark a Jew by putting a New Testament in his hand, as nearly every person knows that he is of the Israel family; and the Jews never were lost or hidden away, therefore, the words of Christ do not apply to Jews when He says "I am not sent but unto the "lost" sheep of the House of Israel," as the Jews were not lost. But the other branch of the family (called the Ten Tribes) were lost so that all nations knew not who nor where they were, as they had dropped their old name and forgotten themselves and were going westward into Italy, Spain, Greece &c., and were known over there as "Helens," who were the educated Greeks, and this is why the apostles went over there to preach. They were putting Christ's doctrines before the "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel," just as Christ commanded them to do. He told them not to go to the Samaritans nor to the Gentiles, but to the Lost House of Israel. See Matt. 10:5, 6. The Jews never belonged to what was called the "House of Israel." The Jews were called the "House of Judah." Therefore, Christ's statement that He was not sent to any but the lost "House of Israel" could not apply to the "House of Judah" which was composed entirely of the Jewish branch. But the Lost Ten Tribes composed the "House of Israel" and they were lost so that they knew not themselves. The House of Judah never was lost. Therefore, it is impossible to make Christ's words apply to Jews at all, as they were not lost, neither did they belong to the "House
of Israel” as that belonged to the Lost Ten Tribes only. And so completely has God managed it to hide them that even they themselves do not even know their own name or who they are. God has worked it on them, right before their eyes, and yet they have not seen it. The above scripture says He “hid His face from them;” and, of course, this left them in darkness so that they became “blind;” and this explains what St. Paul was talking about when he declared that, “Blindness is happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” See Rom. 11:25. So we see why they (the Israel branch) do not know themselves. They are so blind they cannot see anything. This is why they declare that “the day of miracles is past,” and that God is gone off and that we must die and go away to somewhere to see God. Blind as bats, they are. They can not see that they are to stay here, and that God is to turn His face around to us again when Gentile times expire. Then “Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.” The Kingdom of God on earth, you see. Plain as the noon-day sun, but blind Israel can not yet see it, as Gentile times are not yet expired, and the blindness is not to come off until then. This is why I have so much to say about “Gentile Times” expiring. I see that it is the pivotal point upon which hinges great and astonishing changes on this earth. It affects every government, every church and every body. And the end of Gentile times is so near that trembling is already commencing on every government. They are struck with palsy. The icy chill
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of death is creeping over them. Their time is almost out. They are holding possession until the Israel family is made ready to step into the center and act as the hub in the great wheel of nations. The Kingdom of God, if you please. Then the heathen nations will stop singing hymns to the lightning. They will be brought to a knowledge of God. Some people will want to find fault with me for teaching the idea that all races of people except the Israel family will be swept off the earth; but I have the Bible statement for it on my side; and the old ruins, now being uncovered, are proof positive that whole nations and races go under and are covered out of sight, and the giant forests spring up on the graves and cities. This shows that it is not an impossible thing, at all, to utterly destroy and cover out of sight whole races and nations.

On the banks of the river Nile, about fifty miles south of Cairo, some very important discoveries have been made. A cluster of tombs have been found, supposed to date over five thousand years ago, or hundreds of years beyond the time of Abraham. These tombs were the burying places of distinguished princes, and contain bones but no mummies. In one of the tombs were found images of a great prince and his wife. These images, made of well-preserved wood, give clear evidence of considerable advancement in the art of engraving, and if they were designed to show the build and appearance of those represented they indicate a very high order of intelligence and development. The portrait of the prince is very striking, and impresses one with the thought that he must have been a man of culture. From this we may learn that even before the time of Abraham Egypt was peopled by an intelligent class of men and women.—From Messenger.

The ancient Bushman race, of South Africa, have a tradition handed down from generation to generation that a still earlier race of people was roaming
over the land before they (the Bushman) came. The Korannas race, or tribes have also become almost extinguished and buried out of sight. Here is what the Edinburgh Review of Scotland has to say about them and other tribes of mankind.

The Hottentot belongs to quite a different race from Bechuanas, Kaffirs, Zulus and Basutos. The latter are the branches of the great Bantu family of mankind, covering all Southern Africa below the equator. The Hottentots, with their yellow or coffee-colored complexions, small figures, oblique eyes and strange dialects reminded the early settlers, of the Chinese. The growth of the hair in small, isolated tufts is unlike that of any Asiatic race. The Hottentot and Bushman are probably remote branches of one original stock. Neither of them has any resemblance to the negro. There is little doubt that both races came originally from the Northeast, and the Bushmen have traditions of a yet earlier unknown race which preceded them. (You see here how nations disappear from earth.) The religious ideas of the Hottentots are like those of the Bantu. Their deity, Heitz Gibib, lived in a ‘great hole in the North;’ they prayed also to their dead fathers, and sang rude hymns to the lightning. They are also fond of adorning their bodies with red lead, and the hair with black lead. This kind of painting was common among the earliest races on both sides of the Mediterranean sea. (Here is where our American women get their heathenish custom of painting their faces with white lead and red lead. It is a relic of barbarism. Heathenish.—Redding.) The Hottentots were a brave, cheerful, lazy and dirty race, often most faithful to their white masters, but who have suffered for centuries from ill-usage and degradation, from brandy and injustice. The Korannas in the East have been almost entirely exterminated and the Namaquas driven into the Western deserts. The little Bushmen have always created much interest as representing man in his earliest condition as a mere hunter. Whether they were, from the first ages, decreased in stature through the hardness of their desert privations is unknown. They resemble the Hottentots. They are said to resemble closely in physique the Andaman Islanders, but their history is unknown. Although, from their paintings found in many parts of Bechuanaland, it is concluded that the race has been widely spread. Now the Bushmen are found only in the Kalahari, to which wilderness stronger tribes drove them out. They are remarkable for their untamable love of a wandering hunter’s life;
for their skill in mimicry, and in painting forms of men and beasts in red, yellow and black clay daubed on rocks, as well as for their strange legends of animals, and their arrows poisoned from the spurge or venom of snakes. At one time they were shot like game by the Boers, and they are rarely found in settled lands."—From Edinburgh Review.

How does it come that Christ did not make some of these Zulus, Hottentots, Bushmen, Korannas, Kaffirs and the numerous other races apostles? Explain this point. Will you attempt to say that Christ did not understand His business? And that He erred in picking His apostles, all, from just one race, the Israel family? According to the world's idea one race of people were just as liable to be called as apostles as another race. Therefore, these Zulus, Hottentots and other tribes should have representatives in the divine cabinet of apostles. But we have no record showing that any of them were selected. Neither do we find any of the appointed apostles going to preach to the Zulus and Hottentots. But we do find a record stating that the apostles were commanded by Christ not to go to those people but "go rather to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel." And St. James directs his writings "To the Twelve Tribes of Israel which are scattered abroad." See James I. He either forgot to mention the Zulus, Hottentots, Bantus, Kaffirs, Bushmen, Turks, Negros, Indians, Chinese, Korannas, Bechuans, Duseins and others or else he purposely omitted them, or else his writings are not correctly translated into English. One of these three things enter into this case; and by looking at other parts of the Bible we find that St. James, evidently, omitted every kind of people except the
Israel family. He did it purposely. So his writings are correctly translated; and neither did he forget or err. He said nothing about the Zulus, Hottentots, Indians or any body but the Twelve Tribes of Israel. How would he dare do any other way when he had instructions from his Master (Christ) not to go to Gentiles or Samaritans. See Matt. 10: 5, 6. Is it any wonder, then, why these numerous tribes and races know nothing about Christ, and never saw a New Testament?

What of the unlimited darkness of the vast interior of Africa? What of the untouched millions on the whole course of the Nile, where from Uganda to close on the Mediterranean it runs through pagan country without one ray of Gospel light? With an area of 12,000,000 square miles,—equalling all Europe and North America combined,—her population is estimated at 200,000,000, one-seventh of the whole human race. One-sixth of the pagan population of the world is found in Africa; five hundred of her languages and dialects have never yet been reduced to writing. From Senegambia 4,500 miles across to Abyssinia, 90,000,000 people and one hundred languages, into which the Word of God has not been translated. It lies unentered, almost untouched. The Koran (the Turkish bible) is carried thither by the Arab. Traders have reached the heart of this country. Gin and gunpowder are finding their way in thither. But the messengers of Jesus,—the Water of Life,—not yet!—African News.

Why is it that we find this vast number of people (over 200,000,000) in the center of Africa without a particle of knowledge about Jesus Christ? They never even heard of Him? Why was not one of them chosen as an apostle? Why do we not see them carrying the New Testament around and preaching to the world about God and Jesus Christ &c., &c. Because Christ said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." You say "lost sheep" means sinners of any kind. Well, then, it
would include these ignorant *vicious* people in Africa, as *they* are sinners. But we find them ignorant about Christ. Therefore, "lost sheep" does not refer to sinners of any kind else these people would have been taught about God. You see, your *theory* is all wrong about God's plans and doctrines. You refuse to believe Christ's own statements about His mission. He says a certain thing and the world twists it around and preaches it just the reverse. I am now calling attention to the vast errors in the teaching of the present churches, and the world rises up with butcher-knives for the reason that the world is ignorant and blind. It has wandered away from God and lost its reason. It is a lunatic, eating fodder with the beasts, just as Nebuchadnazzar did when God drove him off his throne in Babylon. Neb. lost his reason seven years (2520 days—moon-time.) He was the *first* Gentile king over the world, and God was showing us, by example, just how insane we would be during the 2520 *years* of Gentile times. And we have followed the example set by Nebuchadnazzar who was the "*head of gold*" or beginning of Gentile times. We are actually muddled and turned clear around so that the plain points in the Bible are never seen at all. Facts are stacked up like mountains before the people but their "blindness" is so great that they never see the point. "Blindness is on Israel until Gentile times are full." The Gentiles are running things. Therefore, all of the present governments and churches are *Gentile*, and *they* have not the light of God to get things right, as *Israel* is the "adopted" race and
gets the "service" of God, Paul says in Rom. 9:4. Therefore, the present governments and churches (all Gentile) must go down when Gentile times expire. The Elect Israel Church must come on and set the world right, as Israel is to have the glory of the sun which is brilliant and able to give light. The glory of the moon is too dim to throw out a clear light, and this is why the present Gentile system is unfit to teach. It must go down. It will go down in a few years, as Gentile times are almost at an end. The 2520 years are almost expired; and when they do end, Israel will regain their sense and take their old place as rulers and teachers of the world—just as pictured to us in Nebuchadnazzar's case. When, his 2520 days were expired he regained his reason and went back on his throne, a much better and wiser man. He had respect for God then. Before he went insane he respected nobody but himself. He thought he had the universe by the throat. He learned a lesson. See Daniel 2 and 4. So has Israel learned a lesson. Insanity, disease, pains, trouble, famine, deformity and decay have twisted them into thinking a thing or two as to where they are, and they want to be helped out of the pit. They ran away from God's instructions and He drove them out of their homestead (Palestine), and, they have wandered to the four corners of the earth and now find themselves in the "isles afar off." (North America, England and Australia.) See Isa. 66:19. The Lord told them that many would perish but that those who escaped its ravages would be led into various countries and
associate with the Gentiles in order to teach the Gentiles about Christ, as the Israel family were the only persons who knew any thing about God. They had gone through the Mosaic Law dispensation, and then Christ came and said "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." This carried the Israel people into another school of God and of a higher grade than the Mosaic Law was, so Israel had the only education about God that was taught at all; and as Israel got the “adop-tion and the “promises” and the “service” of God (see Rom. 9:4) they were scattered among the Gentiles as yeast to leaven the whole bunch by talking Jesus Christ at the people and keeping His great name fresh in mind. Now see how clearly it is so stated by the prophet.

_I will send those (Israelites) that escape (the sword of Babylon and Assyria) unto the nations—to Tarshish (now called Spain) Pul (supposed to be in Egypt) and Lud (supposed to be in Asia) and to the isles afar off (North America, England and Australia) that have not heard My fame nor seen My glory; and they (the Israel people scattered) shall declare my glory among the Gentiles._—_Isa. 66:19._

The leaven has been at work all this time, during the Gentile period of 2520 years, and it is now almost expired, and, therefore, the Israel Elect Church is being formed by the Lord to put every thing under subjection to Israel. Gentile times will be ended forever, but I do not mean by this that the world is to come to an end. I mean a change in God's dispensations will take place. It is necessary in order to bring those 200,000,000 people in central Africa and millions of people elsewhere to a knowledge of Christ. The Israel leaven is now
ripe and is coming to a head as the great leader in the movement, as Israel has the sun glory and gets the "adoption" and the "service" of God, Paul says. This is why that great African field of people and the millions elsewhere have not the New Testament. It was handed to Israel, as Israel got the "service" of God, and Christ understood the plans of God, the Father, of course, and hence He said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." St. Paul, in discussing the great things of God to be poured out upon the earth, says "Our Twelve Tribes" (of Israel.) He never says a word about the Zulus, Turks, Indians, Chinese &c., &c. Did he forget to say it? No. He knew the plans of God about the Israel family to lead all races and nations, and, therefore, he confined his speech to the leaders. God had declared it over and over that He had chosen the Israel family to lead the world.

Happy art thou, O, Israel, saved by the Lord. Thou shalt tread upon their high places.—Deut. 33:29. The Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all other people that are upon the face of the earth. Thou shalt be blessed above all people.—Deut. 7:6-14. Ye are my witnesses and my servants whom I have chosen.—Isa. 43:10. The Lord will set thee on high, above all nations of the earth. The Lord will make thee the head and not the tail; and all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the Lord, and they shall be afraid of thee.—Deut. 28:1, 10, 13. Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the world with fruit.—Isa. 27:6. Thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee forever.—11 Samuel 7:24.

The Greatest Nation on Earth.

The United States of America, as compared with other countries, (in a recent copy of The Ladies Home Journal) tends to inflate the pride of every citizen. The area of the United States is equal to that of Europe, with Italy and Turkey excepted. Our forests cover 500,000,000 acres, and
our National Park has no equal. Our production of coal in 1895 would have filled a bin eight feet high, forty-five feet wide, extending from New York to San Francisco. We lead the world in mineral and metal of value, and over a hundred different gem stones. Our wheat fields are the greatest in the world; and we lead in manufacturing and in railways. The Mississippi equals in bulk all the rivers of Europe combined, exclusive of the Volga. Uncle Sam's annual mail equals that of Great Britain and Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Sweden and Russia. The crown of American civilization is its common school system; and our school libraries contain more volumes than the combined public libraries of Europe. The United States publishes nearly one half of the newspapers and periodicals of the world. We lead in church edifices; and nearly half of the world's Sunday school scholars are in the United States. Americans invented the sewing machine, the steamboat, the sleeping car, the cotton gin, the telephone and telegraph, the Atlantic cable, the mowing and reaping machines, the steam thresher and steam fire-engine, the type writer, the electric light and electric street car; these are but a few of the triumphs of American ingenuity.—Ex.

Israel was to blossom and bud "and fill the world with fruit," you remember. Israel was to be the head and not the tail. Israel was to be blessed above all other people. Israel was to be witnesses for God. You will say that all this was the Old Testament doctrine and that the New Testament done away with all this. Not a bit of it. St. Paul discusses this same idea in the ninth chapter of Romans, and he says:

Israel, to whom pertaineth the adoption, the glory, the covenants and the service of God and the promises.—Rom. 9: 1-4.

Do you see any evidences that the Zulus, Hottentots, Indians or any of the other numerous tribes have blossomed and filled the world with fruit? Have they patented any great machinery or done any great thing? Do they have any public school system and tons upon tons of mail flying over the
earth in snorting, puffing railroad trains? No. Israel was to be the head and other nations to be the tail. Do you see the Zulus, Kaffirs, Hottentots and Indians carrying Christ's New Testament around and pounding on the pulpits and preaching to the people to repent of their sins and seek the Lord? No. Israel (St. Paul says) got the adoption, the promises and the "service" of God. "Ye are my witnesses whom I have chosen.—Isa. 43:10. There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars, the New Testament says. Israel gets the glory of the sun to give light to all the other nations. Israel is the hub in the wheel, if you please. God centers Himself in the hub so that all the nations of earth can come in to the center and be taught about the Lord.

It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established and be exalted and all nations shall flow unto it; and many people shall go and say, Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob (Israel) and he will teach us of his ways; for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. —Isa. 2:1-4.

When we look over the world and see the numerous churches and various doctrines they are teaching and the multitude of people at various kinds of worship it is plain that something must come onto the earth to set the world right and put a stop to all this wonderful mixture of worship.

A Letter From Japan.

A dear sister in Kamakura, Japan, invited me to her home to stay a few days, and while in the city I saw many sights. It is a very small place but historically famous. It is full of idols and idol worshippers. It has many temples, and in each temple many gods. The first place we visited
was the large image of Daibutsu which is 49 ft. 7 in. in height. It is made of bronze. When we walked up before it we could not help but feel sad to think people would worship such an image as that. We saw some worshiping and they looked very small beside that immense image. Its circumference is over 97 ft. and the length of one eye is 3 ft. and 11 inches, and the circumference of one thumb 3 ft. They have many small shrines and gods inside. We went up a long flight of stairs inside the image which brought us almost to the head; and in the chin they had a shrine and a small god sitting.

The next place we visited was a temple on a large hill, and from the hill we could get a good view of the city and sea-shore. This temple is over 438 years old. It was built in honor of the great “Dai hi Revaunon” (the goddess of mercy). This image is a very fine structure of art and is 30 ft. 4 inches high and is said to have been made by two Buddhist gods. It is covered on the outside with gold and has eleven heads.

They claim the “goddess” has been a great answerer of prayer, and performed many wonderful miracles. In this same temple we saw many other small gods, and before some of them they had offerings of rice, takuwau (a kind of pickled radish), and a kind of soup for them to eat. Some of the gods were over a thousand years old. We saw many other sights, but space will not permit us to tell of them now. One sad thing we saw was the many little children smoking their long pipes, almost as long as themselves. It is sad to see so many little children with no knowledge of our blessed Saviour. Perhaps some of the dear little ones who read this will some day help to spread the light of the true God among these poor benighted, but blood-bought souls. — *Extract from a letter written by* Katie B. Zook a missionary from the United States to Japan.

There are eight hundred millions on earth to-day who have never heard of Christ. Thirty-five millions pass annually into Christless graves. In China alone 1,400 die every hour and 33,000 every day.—*Ex.*

Africa is said to contain a population of 200,000,000. The number of languages and dialects is said to be 561. There are 500 of these that have not been reduced to writing, and into only 70 of them has any portion of the Bible been translated. The Soudan, with its 60,000,000 inhabitants, is without a single Protestant missionary who can speak the language of the people so as to be understood by them.—*Ex.*
Had you ever thought of all these facts now standing out before us? Yes, probably, you have, but not from the standpoint from which I am presenting it in this book. I am forcing you to see that Christ meant just what He said, and that God meant just what He said to Abraham when He told him that in Abraham’s seed all nations shall be blessed; and that the Israel family was called for a purpose, which purpose is not yet completed, and that Israel is held in reserve for the great work to come in future. Israel is not dead. No, no. When people tell you that Israel is one of the has-beens and never will be again you are not to believe it. And a little reflection on the great multitude of facts will make you see who we English-speaking Americans are. If we stand head and have the New Testament of Christ, why is it so? If Christ said He was sent to the Lost House of Israel only, then who are we who have His message in book form? Now you see that St. James did not err when he directed his writings to “The Twelve Tribes of Israel.” He left out the Duseins and all other kind of people but Israel. The Duseins, probably, never heard of Christ. They have a religion of their own make.

A Strange Tribe.

The governor of British North Borneo, visiting the Island of Bangney, found there a tribe of Duseins differing in language, religion and customs from other tribes bearing that name. Among one of these people (called Jagir) spirits are believed in, and also the power of a priestess to keep them in order; “for she is acquainted with their ways, and knows the future as well as the past.” She nominates and trains her successors, but they must wear black robes and carry wooden
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knives. The priestess thanks the chief spirit, on behalf of the tribe, but the people never appeal to the spirits or practice any religious ceremony in connection with births, deaths, sickness or marriages. Marriages are performed in the forest in the presence of the two families only. It consists in transferring a drop of blood from the calf of the man's leg to the woman's leg. These people have long hair, secured with a wooden pin at the back of the head and cut short on the forehead. Their only covering consists of a scanty fragment of bark. They use for fire-making both flints and a pointed friction stick.—From the Popular Science Monthly.

How does it come that one of these people was not chosen as an apostle? Why do they not have the New Testament? They do not belong to the tribes of Israel. Israel was to be the head. Does not St. Paul say that Israel got the "adoption" and the service of God? How does it come that those Duseins are not out preaching about Jesus Christ? Why does the great spiritual enlightenment, now coming to earth, strike here in the United States first and so strongly? Rachel's children, through Ephraim, was to lead, you remember. Ephraim, the son of Joseph, got the blessing which set him at the head of the tribes of Israel and also head of all other nations. Then who are we of the United States? If we stand at the head of all nations and do business at almost lightning speed and over-lap, by far, all other nations in inventions, spiritual enlightenment &c., who are we? "Ephraim is my first-born," God declares. All these things are coming to light because Gentile times are almost expired so that blindness is coming off of Israel. And the various mistranslations in our English Bible are coming to light also which aid us to see the plan of God more perfectly; and bye and bye
we shall see face to face. Our long period of darkness will have disappeared. The great famine will be ended. The prophecies say that we would pass through a famine—not of food, but a famine of spiritual light. Visions would be withdrawn from the people. God would hide His face from us. Darkness would fall on us and we would know scarcely anything about God.

The days will come, saith the Lord, that I will send a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor of water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.—Amos 8: 11, 12.

The above prophecy has come true upon us, to the very letter, as we find the people of earth stumbling around on religious matters as though they were drunken—one claiming this doctrine and another that doctrine and so on until it is a miserable mixture every where and no real spiritual gospel in any of it, so far as found in the churches. An actual famine of spiritual things is on the people. They have been starving to death for spiritual light nearly 1700 years. They have been running here and there, seeking the voice and face of God and have not found Him, just as the above prophecy declares. An actual and terrible famine is existing but the world does not realize it, how bad it is. The people are so lean and lank in religious matters that their ribs stick out and their eyes look dead; and diseases and disaster are sweeping them off the earth like flies that have sucked at the poisonous dish of fly-paper.
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My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. They have rejected knowledge and I will reject them.—Hosea 4.

They have run down into such darkness that they can not even read the Bible and get sense out of it. The sense is there but the minds of people have run so many hundred years on sex subjects, dress and money-making that the cells of the brain have grown dull and insensitive to any thing spiritual. Talk or writing on spiritual subjects strikes against the mind as though it were a rock and fails to go in. It is like sowing seed on a hard rock. Can not take root. The mind can not see it at all. It is like looking at a puzzle-picture plainly printed in the picture of a tree by the limbs curling around in a way to form the plain picture of a man or a horse or a dog. There it is, as plain as any thing can be made, but 99 out of every 100 persons will look at the tree and never see the picture in it. But by looking at it a long time, or having it pointed out, then it comes to view so plain that a person wonders why he could not see it long ago. Just so with the Bible. Many and mysterious pictures are curled around in the print and yet the reading seems to most persons like a great blank. But "Gentile Times" are expiring and the blindness is coming off of Israel, and the Bible print begins to show its curly pictures; and this Israel-Ephraim-Millennial-Kingdom-Judah picture is the head on the whole subject, as every thing comes under it and is closely attached to it; and as the minds of the people become more enlightened the picture will be plainer and larger, and they will finally see that it takes in
every thing pertaining to the great and glorious redemption of mankind and the restoring of the world to its Garden-of-Eden condition when people will overcome death entirely and live forever. A never-dying race of people is bound to come on after the close of this Christian Age.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will redeem them from death. O, death, I will be thy plague; O, grave I will be thy destruction. Hosea 13:14. He will swallow up death in victory. The rebuke of His people shall he take away from off all the earth, for the Lord hath spoken it. —Isa. 25:8.

It is not possible to twist the above prophecies around to mean spiritual death for the reason that He says “O, grave I will be thy destruction.” If He destroys the grave or the power of the grave it is evident that there is no further use for it; and if there is no use for it then it shows that death will cease—just as He says: “I will redeem them from death.” Plain statements, these are, and they cannot be twisted around to mean that people will die and go off to somewhere to live in heaven. No. They must stay here and overcome death by gaining spiritual power of God that will purify their bodies and wake-up to a point where no taint of disease or death can touch. This is why the promise is to those who overcome. They gain an endless life and become immortal or never-dying. This gives the world an immortal race of people; and as the “covenants” and the “promises” and the “adoption” belong to Israel (St. Paul says in Rom. 9:4) it is plain that Israel is to be the “adopted” race to become immortal people. This is why the prophet Jeremiah
declares it boldly that Israel is to be the ever-last-
ing race of people for God.

Fear not, O, my servant Jacob (Israel.) Be not dismayed, O, Israel; for I am with thee to save thee. Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee yet will I not make a full end of thee.—Jer. 30:10, 11.

If this language is not plain and positive then it is not possible to make it more so. The statistics and history, (quietly working unnoticed) go to show that it is a literal fact. No spiritualizing symbol about it; but fact. I have shown that nations and races of people have lived on this earth and became extinct—leaving their ancient cities and dwellings as tell-tale history that somebody was here. And the present statistics in large cities, where accurate records of births and deaths are kept, show that the Negro race is going off the earth. There are more deaths than births. The ratio is such that it will require only 100 years to sweep off the black race from the United States. If this kind of working is going on now what will it be the next fifty years which is bound to be a period of great tribulation and destruction to mankind? Christ says in Matt. 24:21 that at the end of this age the greatest tribulation that ever struck this earth will be upon us. This will, evidently, cause much destruction to the human family. Therefore, it is not difficult to see how the nations of earth will be gradually thinned out. None but the spiritually strong will be able to stand up under the tribulation; and as the Israel race is specially chosen and gets the "adoption" and the "promises," as St. Paul says in Rom. 9:4, it is plain
that Israel is the race that will be spiritually strong enough to stand against and come through the strong fires of tribulation now beginning to strike the world. This is why St. John, in his great Revelation, asks the question, "For the great day of His wrath shall come and who will be able to stand?"
—See Rev. 6:17. As Israel always has been and always will be the most advanced in the spiritual mysteries of God it is clear that Israel Elect will be able to stand and come through the fire and be (eventually) the only race of people on earth. An immortal race—a never-dying race their destiny is. And this is why the prophecy says that "Mine Elect shall long enjoy the work of their own hands, and live on and on like a tree; and plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof, and build houses and live in them."—Isa. 65:21, 22. This has no reference to going to heaven. It means right here on this earth. When I talk about Israel I do not mean Jews. You must keep this point in mind. Yes, the Bible positively teaches it that the Israel family is here to stay and eventually be the great immortal race—the only race on earth. This will sound queer and improbable to most people but the Bible statements support it. Nearly every person, nowadays, believes that God is through with the Israel family, and that it is lost among the rubbish, never again to be known or seen; but this belief is blind and has nothing to support it. A careful study of the Bible shows otherwise. The Israel family, all united, held possession of Palestine up to 975 B. C. when they quarreled and divided into two factions—the Ten
Tribes rebelling and going away to themselves. This, ever afterward, was considered one family of Israel; while the Jews stayed to themselves as another family of Israel. Therefore, the two factions of the same family were called the two families of Israel. They, each, had a kingdom of their own; and when they became so disgustingly corrupt before God He drove both of them (the two families or factions) out of Palestine and turned His face away from them and permitted them to gradually be forgotten; and they themselves got the idea that they were banished away forever without hope of ever gaining the attention of God; but this is not the correct thought to hold, as the prophecy speaks of this, as to how they would imagine that their case was doomed forever, and how they would pass out of memory and be forgotten and forget themselves but that God would turn towards them again and bring them out from under the cover or cloud and establish them as His Elect nation.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying: This people (the two factions of the Israel family) say, “The two families (Israel and Judah) which the Lord hath chosen, he hath even cast off so that they should be no more a nation before Him.” But thus saith the Lord, “If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth then will I cast away the seed of Jacob; for I will cause their captivity to return and will have mercy on them.—Jer. 33:23 26. In those days the House of Judah (Jews) shall walk with the House of Israel (Ten Tribes, not Jews) and they shall come together to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob). At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord.—Jer. 3:17, 18.

This is positive testimony that Israel and Judah
will be forgiven and will be established again into one family or nation; and elsewhere it is declared by the same prophet that all other nations will be swept off—leaving only the Israel family who are to overcome death and live forever.

Fear not, O, my servant Jacob; neither be dismayed, O, Israel, for I will save thee from afar and thy seed from the land of their captivity, for I am with thee, saith the Lord to save thee; though I make a full end of all nations whither I scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee.—Jer. 30: 10, 11.

Now we have this case proven, up to the point that Israel and Judah shall be united again into one nation, and that all other nations will be swept off—leaving only the Israel nation. The Bible says that this is the way it shall be. The people laugh at me when I repeat over what the Bible says about it, for the people say it will not be that way at all. Who must we believe about it? Must we believe the people of today and throw aside the statements of God's inspired prophets, or must we accept the prophets' testimony and reject the people's idea? The people, all, harp on the same string when I state this case to them as I find it recorded in the Bible. Their thread-bare tune is "God is no respector of persons. All people inherit the same things from God." This is their universal tune. Well, then, why were you not the Christ? Why should Jesus be picked out as the head and chief—the great Redeemer? Why was St. Peter picked out from all the millions of mankind and the keys given to him? Why were not the same keys given to all of the apostles? Why should just one of them
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get an extra authority and power placed on him? Why should Jacob be selected as the head of the Israel family and extra blessings conferred upon them, while Jacob's twin brother (Esau) was set apart to be the father of a race or nation of people (Turks) who were to live by the sword and have their hands lifted against every body and every body against them? See Gen. 27:37-42 and Gen. 16:11, 12. Was the chosen leadership placed on Jacob on account of some good deed he had done or good life he had lived before God? No. The calling and selections were made by God before Jacob was born. Therefore, Jacob had not done any good or any evil thing and yet the choice fell to him. Did the sword or fighting life fall to Esau on account of an evil life he had lived? No. The destiny was set for him before he was born. See what St. Paul says about this case in Rom. 9:11 to 17. He declares that things were arranged just this way and yet there was no unrighteousness or wrong-doing in God. Of course not. His way is perfect, but the people always try to fix up a theory to suit their minds whether it agrees with God's inspired record or not. This subject about Elect Israel is a case of this kind. The Bible says it is one way, and the people say it is another way, just the reverse. The Bible way seems wrong and out of order to the people, and, therefore, they try to ridicule and sneer down the Bible way by saying that there is no such a thing as an Elect. "All men are equal and get the same inheritance from God." "Every body must die and go to heaven." "Death
will always be here.” This is the people’s idea. The Bible says just the reverse.

Your covenant with death shall be abolished and your agreement with hell shall not stand.—Isa. 28:18. I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will redeem them from death.—Hosea 13:14. He will swallow up death in victory.—Isa. 25:8. I will give unto them eternal life. They shall never perish.—John 10:28. Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John 11:26.

These statements can not be overthrown or sneered down by a blinded and deluded public. God is true, even if every man is proven to be a liar.
THE DOG TRAIL.

Humanity, in its present darkened condition, is a queer thing. I do not say this in a way of finding fault or condemning it but am simply stating a fact which every close student of nature must and does admit. It is a safe rule to lay down as a fact that the majority are always wrong on every thing and every time where a principle of exact truth is up to be decided upon. The majority will go with the wrong side every time. If you are doubtful in your mind as to which is the right side of any question on a principle of truth just watch which side the majority take and then you take the opposite side and you can rest assured that you are nearer the right than the majority side. This statement will be regarded by most people as not correct (of course), for am I not telling you that on all questions of truth a majority will always take the wrong side? But just hold your tongue. Study history and the movements and actions of the human race during the last 6000 years and you will be convinced that my statement is not wild. And besides, I have the positive backing of Jesus the Christ, and that settles it. He says that when your neighbors and the people generally speak well of you and call you a "mighty nice man," "a good man" and such
like you can rest assured that you are not in union and fellowship with God. It is a sure sign. Never varies for the reason that the general public (including all the churches) have no knowledge, whatever, of the spiritual way of God, and if you are in close communion with God you will say and do things so entirely different from the public idea that the people will call you "cranky," "insane," "off your base," "mean scamp" and many other pet names. But if you are simply moral and not into the spiritual mysteries of God you will say and do things the human way, and this gives the public the idea that you are an "awful nice man" because you are in harmony with human people instead of divine God. Therefore, if you go into a strange place and want to find a really spiritual divine man I caution you to never go to the popular man, although he may be moral and the superintendent of the Sunday school and the head man of all church doings, and everybody call him "Brother So-and-so;" yet, you take my word for it, that he is out of joint and has no connection with God. If you do not want to take my word for it here are the words of Jesus for it.

Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you!—Luke 6:26. Whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.—James 4:4.

So here we have it positively stated that when everybody speaks well of a man and calls him an "awful good man" it is a sure sign that he is wrong in God’s eyes. The majority are always wrong, you see. Jesus clinches this by showing the other side of the case—the minority side. He says that when every
body is calling you a “religious crank” and “insane” and other pet names you certainly have some new ideas which other people know nothing about.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely.—Matt. 5:11.

Here we see the majority wrong again on their ideas. Just so it is on all subjects—politics, religion, society, so-called science, doctoring and every conceivable thing. This is why a government by the vote of the people can never be a success. It is always wrong on every vital question, and, in course of time, the Government must fall on account of its own rottenness, brought on by one error piled upon the other until it falls over. Mankind creates false and destructive rules and then follows them and adds on to them, little by little, and sticks to them until the rising generations get the idea that there can be no other way, although the customs are absurd and most hurtful. The people cannot be made see it. They wear themselves out and will not even listen to a better way. It makes them mad to even hear about it. If a dog trots along through the grass, in a winding way, so that his road is extremely crooked and out of the direct route a man will come along and see the grass tramped down and he will walk in the dog’s tracks; this beats down the grass a little more so that a cow will take the same path, as animals are not endowed with reasoning faculties and are not supposed to notice that the path is crooked and winds several miles out of the better way, but another man, with good education and fine reasoning faculties, comes along and follows the
same dim path; and, finally, the wagons and all the human family follow that path first started by the dog. Finally the travel becomes so great over that crooked road that men build stores along the route to catch the pennies of the weary travelers. Trade was good and the whole road became lined with buildings, and a mammoth city grew up, with that dog path as the main street. Of course the winding condition of the street made the traveler go over ten miles of road, where the real distance was only eight miles. By this foolish route he loses two miles. If two men go over it the loss to both, added together, makes four miles. One hundred men would lose 200 miles. A million men would lose two million miles in one trip; and in a business city where men must go over the street at least twice a day, would make four million miles lost every day; and in a year they would lose one billion four hundred and sixty million miles—all on account of that first dog not being careful to make a straight path while he was smelling around through the grass for rabbits. But his track must be followed because pap and mother went that way. The cow went that way. The human family have gone that road. The sides of the street are lined with elegant iron and brick buildings, worth many billions of dollars and many years' labor to build them. The people must go on over that crooked street (they think) the remainder of time, as it would cause too much destruction of fine buildings to straighten it. The error way must not be touched. If a man would propose to straighten it the whole city would be up with
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butcher-knives to behead him. The majority are always against the truthful side, you see. Always on the side of error. People will follow customs and old rules, even if they lead them into destruction. But the time is now here when the Spirit of Truth is straightening out all of the old crooked and hurtful paths of men.

I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. I will lead them in paths they have not known.—Isa. 42:16.

It will make a terrible crashing and smashing, but Truth will walk right through and take the kinks out of things. Men will try desperately to hold onto the old pap-and-mother way of thinking and acting, no matter how foolish they be. This point is so well shown by S. W. Foss, in his writings that I must quote him, as follows:

THE CALF PATH.

One day through the primeval wood,
A calf walked home, as good calves should:
But made a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail, as all calves do.
Since then two hundred years have fled,
And, I infer, the calf is dead.
But still he left behind, his trail,
And thereby hangs my mortal tale.
The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way.
And then a wise bell-wether sheep
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him, too,
As good bell-wethers always do.
And from that day, o'er hill and glade,
Through those old woods a path was made,
And many men wound in and out,
And dodged and turned and bent about,
And uttered words of righteous wrath.
Because 'twas such a crooked path;
But still they followed—do not laugh—
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The first migrations of that calf,  
And through this winding wood-way stalked  
Because he wobbled when he walked.  
This forest path became a lane,  
That bent and turned and turned again;  
This crooked lane became a road,  
Where many a poor horse, with his load,  
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,  
And traveled some three miles in one.  
And thus a century and a half  
They trod the footsteps of that calf.  
The years passed on in swiftness fleet,  
The road became a village street,  
And this, before the men were ware,  
A city’s crowded thoroughfare,  
And soon the central street was this  
Of a renowned metropolis.  
And men two centuries and a half  
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.  
Each day a hundred thousand rout  
Followed the zigzag calf about;  
And o’er his crooked journey went  
The traffic of a continent.  
A hundred thousand men were led  
By one calf near three centuries dead.  
They followed still his crooked way,  
And lost one hundred years a day;  
For thus such reverence is lent  
To well established precedent.  
A moral lesson this must teach,  
Were I ordained and called to preach.  
For men are prone to go it blind  
Along the calf-paths of the mind,  
And work away from sun to sun  
To do what other men have done.  
They follow in the beaten track,  
And out and in, and forth and back,  
And still their devious course pursue,  
To keep the path that others do.  
But how the wise old wood-gods laugh,  
Who saw that first primeval calf!  
And many things this tale might teach—  
But I am not ordained to preach.

—From Sam W. Foss’s writings, published by Lee & Shepard, of Boston, Mass., U. S. A.
THE NEW HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

In other chapters I have shown that Christ and St. Paul speak of a period of time called *Gentile Times*. That is, the Gentiles were to have power and rule over the earth a certain set period, during which Israel was to be kept in the background so that the *world* would finally regard them as one of the has-beens, like a last-year's almanac. This Gentile period cuts an important figure with everything on this earth, and, undoubtedly, has something to do with the spiritual world also, for the reason that a veil was let down between the people of this earth and the spiritual world when the Gentile period set in, and the veil was to cover us and cast a shadow across our spiritual understanding until the Gentile period would expire.

*Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*—St. Paul, in Rom. 11:25.


By this we see that great changes are to take place when the Gentile period expires. Blindness (spiritually) is to come off of Israel so that they can see and understand the mysteries of God; and Jerusalem and all Palestine are to come out from under the yoke of the Gentiles (Turks).
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This will necessitate the breaking down of the Turkish nation so that they will lose the authority over all that country and cease trodding down the city of Jerusalem. And, as the spiritual blindness will then be off of Israel, they (the Israelites, composed of the Lost Ten Tribes and the Jews) will then step in and take possession of all that country and rebuild it and rule the entire world 1000 years. It will be the greatest and most brilliant government ever established on this earth. The veil that has been hiding us from God's mysteries will then be removed so that we can see face to face, as St. Paul declares it in 1 Cor. 13:12. It will be the perfect time. No more sickness or death for Godly people, but great joy and gladness. People will live on and on, hundreds, yes, thousands of years. Storms, cyclones and pestilence will, probably, not be known. Crops will be abundant without much work upon them.

They shall build houses and inhabit them, and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not labor in vain. Before they call I will answer. The Lord will make unto the people a feast of fat things. He will destroy the covering (shadow) cast over all people and the veil that is (now) spread over all nations. And He (God) will swallow up death and wipe away the tears from off all faces. And it shall be said in that day, This is our God. We have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice, and Mine Elect shall enjoy the work of their hands (live so long).—Isa. 65:21-25 and Isa. 25:6-10.

This great and wonderful time is approaching so near that every thing is in upheaval on account of it; but the masses of the people do not know what is causing the present agitation. The Gentile period is almost at its end. Therefore, the
Turkish nation (Gentiles) have but a short time yet to hold possession of Jerusalem and Palestine, as the Christ tells us that the city shall be trodden down by them only so long as their period lasts; and we know from history and other things that their time will be out soon. But when I say soon I do not mean that when we come to the dividing line between “Gentile Times” and the New Age the world will be turned up-side down and every man take a new path instantly. On these points the public have such curious and false ideas that it is almost impossible to discuss them without leaving the wrong impression in the minds of the people. If I would say that the 2520-year period of “Gentile Times” will expire tomorrow at 12 o’clock my audience would imagine that the world will take a square turn at that hour and everything change its size, color, appearance and system instantly then. A very little sound reflection on past occurrences would open the people’s minds on these things and disentangle them from their false ideas so that a person could talk on these subjects without being misinterpreted. It is true that God’s works go on exact time and that His dispensations set in at a certain hour of a certain day, and run their full time and expire at a certain hour of a certain day, and a new thing then sets in; but the corners are rounded so evenly and the lines passed over so unnoticeably that the public are never aware of what is going on. It is like a passenger train running from New York City to San Francisco. It starts from New
York at a certain minute of a certain day. But
does it arrive at San Francisco instantly, at that
same minute of that day? No. It passes through
fields of corn, over prairies, through wooded sec-
tions; crosses rivers and State lines and numerous
railroad tracks, and over mountains, and through
deserts, and, finally, arrives at its destination. But
it requires time to make the change. The passen-
gers find themselves in a new location, governed
by new and strange laws, new officers and new
ways generally. But before they came into these
things they passed through several States, each
governed by its own laws and officers so that no
two States are alike in appearance of country or
rules. Some sections of country are low and wet,
while others are high and dry. Some are fertile,
while others are desolate. But it requires a period
of time to pass through each; and all of these
varied sections must be gone over before arriving
at the new place, with its new scenery and new
laws. Just so it is with the dispensations of God.
While we are going through them we come into
wars, famines, pestilence, failure of crops, bounti-
ful crops, wet years, dry years, fertile places,
deserts, changes in nations and a great variety of
things; and we pass over God's set lines, where
one thing ends and another commences, but we
never notice these lines, any more so than the
passengers on the train notice the passing over of
State lines. Each State has its own laws to govern
the running of the train and it must act accord-
ingly, so that in passing over several States it
comes under widely different rules, but the passengers never notice these things nor the crossing of State lines where the new rules set in to govern the train. The passengers imagine that it is one continued trip from New York to San Francisco (which is true), but they never think about the State lines they have crossed and the numerous and different governments they have been under while making the trip. There are definite lines drawn between the States so that the laws at 12 o'clock are a certain way, while two minutes later (when the train has crossed the line, into another State) the laws are entirely different, but the passengers never know when the line is crossed. To them it is all the same trip, without any change, they imagine. Go back and examine into God's methods and ways and you will see that great and important events occur at a certain time and yet the world goes right on and no one notices that any thing important has taken place. For instance: God called Abraham at a certain minute of a certain day and told him to leave his father's house and his kindred and his old home and go off to a new country and the Lord would make of him (Abraham) a great nation, and that all the nations of the earth would be blessed by Abraham's seed. This was a great and highly important event. It affected every nation and every person on earth, and yet not three persons in all the world knew any thing about it, although God called Abraham at a certain minute; and from that moment the great movement to reach all the nations had com-
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menced. Various turns from every section of the world focused towards the one great purpose, set on foot that day, when Abraham packed his grip-sack and left the old homestead. Of course, all his neighbors said, "Abraham has left home. He has moved to Caanan." This was all it amounted to, in their minds. They never realized the astonishing magnitude of that little move. They never even had a hint that the most wonderful person-age (Christ) that ever stepped on the earth would come out of that movement. They did not, of course, foresee that the greatest race of people that have ever lived would grow out of that day when Abraham said good bye to his friends and relatives. They never thought that the British nation and the American nation and a great host of other highly educated people would spring up from that little move of just one man. Nobody took any notice of that one man leaving the country. The world went right on, and yet it had crossed a line that day and a new movement had set in, and it brought onto the earth Christ, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, the Twelve Tribes of Israel and their wonderful kingdom, the golden Temple, the prophets, apostles, the Old Testament and the New Testament, Solomon, David, Daniel with his wonderful visions, and, in fact, all the movements of the nations of earth have been affected by that day when Abraham turned his back to the old homestead and faced towards Caanan. It was a great day—a wonderful day for all the earth. A new plan of God had set in and every thing in the
world was and is yet being bent towards it. It has become a gigantic movement. The great holy nation, called the Millennial Kingdom, is to spring out of it and rule all the world. It is now budding and will be in bloom inside of 50 years, and the bloom will increase gradually and become more and more fragrant until it will fill the whole earth and melt down every government and every church and will sit on top of all and kiss the clouds and send messages of love and peace to all the nations. Sickness and death will flee from before it, and all tears will be wiped away. A great day it was when Abraham "moved out of the neighborhood" as his friends talked it. The world crossed a line, you see; but did any body notice it? No. Neither do people now notice that great events are occuring and that the world is about to cross over a line. The Gentile period of 2520 years is about to expire. The Turkish nation and all other nations are already packing their grip-sacks to leave—never again to appear on this earth. But people do not notice the varied movements. They are like Abraham leaving home. "Only one man leaving his homestead." "It cuts no figure with us." "Let him go," they said. And he did go. And we, all, are here as a consequence of that little move, on that set hour of that set day, when the line was crossed. And we are about to cross another line which will let in on the world an increased pouring out upon us of God's Spirit that will make us see visions and come into communi-
cation, face to face, with the Most High. The present dispensation is about to expire. The period of blindness, called "Gentile Times," is almost at an end. It is so near that the veil is being removed from our eyes, as it was to come off when the fullness of the Gentiles (full time) be come. This is why so many people in England and the United States are now coming into spiritual light. And they see that an Elect Church is to be called together as the Millennial Kingdom, and this knowledge causes many efforts to be made to organize a body of people together to act as this Elect. They seem to forget the fact that no human has any thing to do with the selecting of this wonderful body of people. It is a matter entirely with God. No human being can know, except by inspiration, who the members of that Church will be until it is all put together by God. He says:

I will take one of a city and two of a family and bring them to Zion.—Jer. 3:14.

Therefore, no one can know which member of a family God will select. No one but Christ Himself knew who the twelve apostles would be until He selected them. It was not a man-made organization. They were called together by the Lord and worked under inspiration and not by human rules. They did not know today what they would do or where they would go tomorrow. All their movements were by inspiration from the Holy Ghost, just as this Elect Church or New House of Israel will be.
These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.—Rev. 14:4.

They are designated in the scriptures by various names, such as the Elect, the Holy People, the Remnant whom the Lord shall call, the Sealed Servants of God, the Saints, the Priests of God, Saviors (see Obadiah, verse 21), Judges and Counsellors, Shepherds, Watchmen, Governors, Pastors &c. &c., which go to show that they will be the very head of every thing on this earth. All religious teaching will come from them. All government authority will be vested in them, and all nations must come under their rule, and every difficulty must be referred to them. They will be the divine Supreme Court of the earth.

They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane, and in controversies they shall judge.—Ezek. 44:20-24.

Their headquarters will be in the city of Jerusalem, in Palestine, where a great and magnificent Temple is to be built as the capitol of the world, and all orders will go out from there.

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord and all nations shall be gathered unto it.—Jer. 3:17. In that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces.—Zech. 12:3.

The fact that Gentile times and all the present governments (they are all Gentile) are almost to their end, and the time for the calling together of this great Elect body of people is so near is causing many organizations to start up in various places in England and America and call themselves the "Elect" or some other Bible name to denote that
they are the identical people referred to as the "called" leaders of earth. The general public have no idea of the large number of these "Elect" organizations, as they call themselves. There are several in almost every State in the United States, but I shall mention only a few of the prominent ones. There is one with headquarters in Chicago. They are preparing to build a magnificent city (which they call the New Jerusalem) in Florida. Their plans are very large (on paper). The head man in it claims to be mentioned in the Bible. He is supreme ruler over the organization. They have it divided into degrees, and only certain ones can enter the highest degree. They teach that the earth is a shell and that we live inside the shell—not on the outside, as we have imagined. They date time from the birth of their head man, who rather claims to be a new Messiah to open the New Age, and, therefore, the Jesus Christ birth date and dispensation are closed or dropped out. Their head man claims to have received great revelations.

Another body of people call themselves the "Little Flock"—meaning the Elect. They have headquarters in Pennsylvania and are doing a publishing business. Their members are numerous and are scattered all over the United States and other places. They deny the Trinity and teach various things. Another organization or colony is forming in New Mexico. They have a new book as their bible. They take in little children and teach them the doctrines of the colony—claiming...
that the earth can not be converted, but that the only chance to reform it is to let the old ones die off and get hold of the young and keep teaching the new doctrine into them until all the world will be taught and reformed.

Another colony is located in California. They teach a variety of things, too complicated to mention. Then there are the Mormons of Utah who call themselves the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They have the Book of Mormon which they claim came out of the ground and was handed to Joseph Smith their prophet. They claim, most tenaciously, that they are the Elect Church.

In Kansas there are several organizations claiming to be the special people of God or the Elect; and they openly advocate it in their literature. Some of the organizations are utterly unspiritual and do not believe in visions, healing or any thing belonging to Christ’s gospel except the ordinances of water baptism and a few other outward forms. They pretend to believe it with all their hearts that they are the “little flock” of Elect who are to be the leaders of Gods cause, although they do not believe at all in any thing like a Millennial Kingdom to be set up here on earth to rule all nations 1000 years. They want to die and go off to somewhere to see God. They teach death instead of life.

There is another large body of people who have their headquarters in Michigan. They are sure that they are God’s Elect Church. They are
totally unspiritual and are waiting for the world to come to an end and be burned up with fire. The 1000 years of God's Kingdom on earth when "Thy will be done in earth as in heaven" is not in their doctrine. Their creed is all sky with Israel-Ephraim-Judah uniting left out. The closing of Gentile times and the opening of Israel times are not even thought about by them. Every thing is sky with them.

Many more organizations could be mentioned, but only the leading ones can find place here to show how true the sayings of Christ are, as He mentioned the fact that at the closing of the Christian Age many new things would start up, claiming to be the Christ and His body of people, and that they would be so clever about it that they would deceive His Elect people if it were possible. In some of these organizations the counterfeit is so nearly similar to the genuine that it is most likely to deceive many, just as Christ said they would. In addition to those just enumerated there is an organization now forming in England and calling itself the New and Latter House of Israel. It is the only one that has thought of taking the name laid down in the Bible for the new kingdom. They claim that their head man has received revelations, and that a book which they call the Flying Roll has been handed to him by inspiration, as mentioned in Zechariah 5; that they are the Elect without a doubt in their minds about it. They are going from house to house, in England, selling and giving away their literature, some
of which has reached my desk, and I quote from it to show what they are teaching; but in quoting from the literature of the various new organizations now starting up it is not to be construed to mean that I endorse anybody or any thing, as I fully realize that Christ's warning about the various persons and things that would start up at the close of this Christian Age is coming to pass so that it is a most serious matter for one to steer clear of the breakers and not become entangled in the whirlpool mixture now arising. I regard it as one of the most serious things with which the world has to contend at this time. It almost makes a person dizzy to think about the vast mixture now surrounding every one of the inhabitants of earth. A thousand and one different doctrines and theories are being taught, and all kinds of miracle performers are arising, just as Christ foresaw. The mail brings to me astounding things from different quarters of the earth. The world is passing through the agonies of birth from the Christian Age into the Millennial Age and the pulling and quibbling and upheavals are turning out many new things under new names. Here is the doctrine of the English organization which calls itself the New and Latter House of Israel, as I clip it from their literature:

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"This church was founded in fulfillment of the Almighty's promise to "set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people,
assemble the outcasts of Israel; and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” (Isaiah xi. 11, 12.) Even as it was revealed to Peter by the Lord nearly 1,900 years ago that a dispensation had been opened to the Gentiles, whereby they might obtain an incorruptible inheritance in the resurrection, so a revelation has in these last days (the fulness of the Gentiles) been given by the Comforter, Shiloh, the Spirit of Truth (as promised in Gen. xl ix. 10, Matt. xiii, 35, John xiv. 16, 17 and xvi. 13), revealing the glories of the new covenant to the House of Israel (Heb. viii. 8-10), and this visitation thus brings into being “The New and Latter House of Israel.” They are called by a new name, that the mouth of the Lord hath named. (Isaiah lxii. 2.) “The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former.” (Haggai ii. 9.) “I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in” (until Shiloh come, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be—Gen. xl ix. 10), “and so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.” (Rom. xi. 25-27.)

“This Church’s teaching differs from the doctrines promulgated by Judaism. The Jews reject the Gospel, as they are content with the law, and thus believing in part and lacking the fulness of the
Spirit, they fail to grasp the hope of the immortality of the body promised to the children of Abraham who walk in faith and obedience. (See Job xxxiii. 23-25; Prov. vii. 2.) The Jews pray that their souls may rest in peace, and undoubtedly all of them who die in faith will have a part in the first resurrection.

"The remnant of Israel separate themselves also from Christendom—not on the principle: "Come not near to me, I am holier than thou," for it is not through their worthiness that they are called to the hope of redemption from death, but desiring to obey the command: "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord" (2 Cor. vii. 1), and (we) believing that Christendom (the present church system) has become apostate, (ungodly and ungospel) and that the doctrines taught therein are strongly impregnated with the traditions of men, we heed the appeal: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father to you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. vi. 17.)

"One shall say, I am the Lord's (Christendom) and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob (Judaism,) and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel." (Isaih xliv. 5.) Comparing the promises to Israel, one with another, throws a flood of light on parables and prophecies which have been hereto-
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fore sealed. (See Habakkuk ii. 3; Daniel xii. 4, 9; Matt. xiii. 35.)

"The Israelites' portion is to be joint-heirs with Jesus Christ; bone of His bone, and flesh of His flesh, perfect and entire, wanting nothing. It is not life through death, nor a resurrection glory; not incorruptibility, but immortality. "Your covenant with death shall be disannulled and your agreement with hell shall not stand." (Isaiah xxviii. 18.)

Their food is law and Gospel. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke iv. 3.)

"This is the bread that cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die." (John vi. 50.) They will eat up the little book; it will be sweet to their taste, but bitter in the belly, because of its effect in purging out the evil; for their blood is to be cleansed (Joel iii. 21); that law in their members, which has hitherto brought them into captivity to the law of sin, will be removed, ere they can be presented as a chaste virgin, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, to the Bridegroom, Christ. They must be washed in the fountain now open to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that their sin and uncleanness may be removed. (Zech. xiii. 1.) "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." (Rev. xiv. 12.)

"The members of the immortal Church of God must come to the knowledge of their soul salvation before they can grasp the hope of the redemption
of the body. They accept the principles of the doctrine of Christ, the foundation of repentance from dead works, faith toward God, the doctrine of baptisms, and a belief in the resurrection of the dead; they maintain that Christ is the great foundation of these and of much more; He is a light to lighten the Gentiles, but will also be the glory of His people Israel—hence the latter are not content with the principles of the doctrine, but desire to go on to perfection. Therefore, the necessity of uniting law and Gospel. In their own strength they could not walk through this two-leaved gate; of themselves they are powerless to unite in one the two staves of beauty and bands: but the Deliverer, who comes out of Sion to turn away ungodliness from Jacob, saith, "I will put my laws in their minds, and write them in their hearts." They are destined to fulfill the works that were accomplished in Jesus.

"The New and Latter House of Israel, therefore, strives to observe every jot and tittle of the Mosaic law—save with regard to sacrifice which was done away with by Christ—and render obedience to the Gospel, which polishes and brings out the true beauty of the law and urges us not only to fulfill the command, but to do good against that which the law condemns. The Gentile believer takes comfort in the sacrament of bread and wine, a sacrifice by which he acknowledges his breach of the Gospel, and bears witness to his rememberance of the body and blood of Jesus offered as a propitiation for the sin of the world. The Israelite, when he realizes
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that Christ has come again in Spirit as the Interpreter, will rather seek for the substance of which the sacrament is but a type, believing that if he holds the beginning of his confidence steadfast unto the end, the Word will be made flesh in him; his vile body will be changed and fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body. "The law is not of faith: but the man that doeth them shall live in them." (Gal. iii. 12.)

"The prayer of the Gentile believer is to die and go to Christ's kingdom, the heavenly mansions, wishing to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. The Israelite prays for Christ's kingdom to come; for his body to be prepared and changed from mortal to immortality; that he may escape paying the wages of sin, death; that his body may become the temple of the Holy Ghost. The reunion of spirit and soul in the resurrection is a great blessing to Jew and Gentile, but the Elect of God will receive a far greater reward when their whole body, soul and spirit are preserved blameless. The time is here when the words of Christ will carry their full weight: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Hast thou the living faith? The dead will be raised incorruptible, but this mortal, those who are alive and remain, must put on immortality. We shall not all sleep.

"It is the remnant of the Ten Tribes of Israel scattered among the Gentiles and 12,000 from each of the two tribes, known as Jews (144,000 in all, as foretold in Rev. vii. 1-8) who will form the true
members of Israel's House, the Church against which death shall not prevail. The hope of Israel is described by Jude as the faith once delivered to the saints; it is the old commandment which our forefathers received, believed, and foretold would bear fruit in their descendants, the children of the saints.

**The Principles.**

"Repentance from dead works, faith towards God, the doctrine of baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment (Heb. vi 1, 2), do not constitute the fulness of the Spirit, but give us only a partial view of God's purposes with mankind. The above principles embrace the whole of the faith of Christendom, but are not sufficient for the remnant of Israel who desire to go on to perfection, praying that the mystery of godliness—God manifest in the flesh—may be revealed to them by the Spirit of Truth, who is promised to lead them into all truth. (Matt. v. 48; 1 Cor. xiii. 10.) The Gentiles are called to a covenant of repentance; with that they are content. But as there was a time for the law to be nailed to the cross, and the Gentiles to receive salvation as a free gift of grace, so there is a time for the Scripture to be fulfilled: "In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down and fall." (Isa. xxi. 35) The time is now at our doors when Hosea xiii. 14 will receive its fulfillment: "Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance." (Rom. xi. 29)

THERE ARE THREE CHURCHES spoken of in the Scriptures (Isa. xliv. 5; 1 Cor. x. 32). Two of these have been manifested previous to this time. "One shall say, I am the Lord's:" the Gentile Church, Christendom, claiming merits of our Lord's blood. "And another shall call himself by the name of Jacob:" the Jewish Church, Judaism, claiming God's promises to Jacob. The third Church is now being formed, gathered out from the two former, and is the remnant of Israel who will seek the fulness of the Spirit that they may sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, and by the union of law and Gospel have a right to the tree of life, and become Israelites indeed in whom there will be no guile; &c., "Another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel."
THE BODIES OF ALL WHO GO TO THE GRAVE are consumed, eternally damned, burned to dust. (Job. vii. 9; 2 Sam. xiv. 14.) There is no hope for the resurrection of the body, but all souls which have been sleeping in the dust shall awake: "All that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John v. 28, 29.) All souls are the Lord's (Ezek. xviii. 4), and will be saved in God's appointed time; the soul of the believer entering into the joy of his Lord at the first resurrection, whilst the unbeliever is cast back to the second death, banished from the presence of God for a season: "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." (Rev. xx. 5.) Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished" (Prov. xi. 21), but their punishment is not eternal (2 Sam. xiv. 14; Psalm lxviii. 18; Rom. iv. 5; 1 Peter, iii. 18; Ephes. i. 10; 1 Tim. iv. 10; Rev. v. 13, etc., etc.)

WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, not all will go to the grave or see corruption; the flesh and bone of a remnant must be saved, and that remnant will be the Elect (Isa. xiv. 4), the first-fruits of God, 12,000 of each of the twelve tribes of Israel. (Rev. vii. 4-8; xiv. 1.) They will obtain a reprieve from death (Psalm cii. 18 20) by keeping the word of God's patience, by being cleansed in the fountain now opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness (Zech. xiii. 1; Joel iii. 21), and presenting their bodies "a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God." (Rom. xi. 1). This is the faith once delivered to the saints, as witnessed by Job (xxxiii. 23-25), and a host of others (Rom. vii. 2, 11; John vi. 49, 50; John viii. 51; xi. 26; Rom. viii. 23; Ephes. v. 23; 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54; Hosea xiii. 14; 1 Thess. v. 23; Phil. iii. 21; Isa. xxv. 8; xxviii. 18; 1 Cor. xv. 51; John x. 28; Ezek. xviii. 20, etc., etc.)

MAN HAS THREE COMPONENT PARTS—a spirit, soul, and a body. (1 Thes. v. 23.) That these three parts are distinct from each other, and no two synonyms, is clearly proved by Scripture. "The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow." (Heb. iv. 12.) "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matt. x 28.) David, "seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ,
that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption.” (Acts ii. 31; see also Isa. x. 18.) “A spirit hath not flesh and bones.” (Luke xxiv. 39.) Job said, “I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.” (Job vii. 11.) “Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.” (Luke i. 46; 47, see also Isa. lii. 16; xxvi. 9.)

THE SOUL DOES NOT ASCEND TO HEAVEN at the death of the body. “I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God.” (Rev. vi. 9.) “David is not ascended into the heavens.” (Acts ii. 34.) “No man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, which is in heaven.” (John iii. 13.) “They have been planted in the likeness of His death.” (Rom. vi. 9.) The soul of Jesus was laid in hell—i.e., the grave.” (Psalm xlix. 15.)

JEWS AND GENTILES are on one common platform for the salvation of the soul. “In Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision.” (Gal. v. 6.) “There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek.” (Gal. v. 12.) God “commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” (Acts xvii. 30.) “By one spirit are we all baptised into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles.” (1 Cor. xii. 13.) “Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.” (Rom. ix. 24.) Jude alludes to their glory as “the common salvation,” but this must not be confounded with “the faith once delivered to the saints.” (Jude 3.) Judaism “drank of the spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ.” (1 Cor. vi. 4.) The Gentile also drinks of the same Rock; both, by faith and repentance, receive a free gift of grace, the end of their faith, the salvation of their souls, a resurrection glory.

THE HOPE OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST is not a resurrection glory. “In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.” (Matt. xxii. 30.) Jesus said: “He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” (John xi. 25.) Here we have the resurrection glory, but the glory spoken of in the next verse far outshines this: “Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” The Bride is to be a joint-heir with Jesus Christ, and He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than the angels. (Heb. i. 4.) “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.” (Rev. xx. 6.) But “in the
way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death” (Prov. xii. 28), freedom from the first death, the curse on the body. (John viii. 51; Isa. xxviii. 18; Psalm cii. 18-20; Hosea xiii. 14, etc.) “Unto the angels hath He not put in subjection the world to come.” (Heb. ii. 5.) Jesus Christ, being an Israelite, in fulfillment of the law must take His Bride from among His own people “I heard the number of them which were sealed, and there were sealed 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” (Rev. vii. 4.)

THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES is to witness the ingathering and restoration of Israel. “Blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Rom. xi. 25. “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (Gen. xlix. 10.) Shiloh has now come as the Comforter or Spirit of Truth, to lead the remnant of Israel into all truth and show them things to come, to manifest Christ as the glory of His people Israel, after having been a light to lighten the Gentiles. “Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish. (Isa. xxvii. 12, 13.) (Psalm cii. 18-20; Job xxxiii. 24, 25; xxxix. 12; Jer. xxxi. 10; Numbers xxiii. 9; Rom. xi. 15; Exodus iv. 22; Isa. x. 20-27; Jer. xxxiii. 15, 16; Hosea i. 11; Hosea ii. 21, 22; Rev. xiv. 12.)

GOD CREATED THE EVIL.—“I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.” (Isa. xlv. 7.) “Shall there be evil in a city and the Lord hath not done it?” (Amos iii. 6.) It was placed by God in the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the body of the woman, to prove His creation. Our first parents were warned not to touch it, but they fell into disobedience, or as James says: “When lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” (James i. 15.) By this means the blood of their offspring also became inoculated with evil; from the heart the reservoir of the blood, proceeding all manner of uncleanness. (Matt. xv. 19.) The wages of sin is the death of the body; if we are enabled to overcome sin we shall conquer death. Where the evil is not removed the body must die. We shall not all sleep; 144,000 of Israel must put on immortality and to this end God has promised: “I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed, for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.” (Joel iii. 21.) “He will subdue our iniquities.” (Micah vii. 19.) “In that day there shall
be a fountain opened to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.”

(Zech. xiii. 1; see also Rom. xi. 26, 27; Isa. 1. 25; xiv. 30; xxv. 7; xxxvii 9; lix. 20; Jer. 1. 20.) Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, but the Elect (Isa. xlv. 4), having their blood cleansed, will be changed from mortal to immortality; their blood will be washed away and made flesh, in a moment, the twinkling of an eye, at Christ’s appearing in majesty and glory. Ezek. xvi. 9; 1 Cor. xv. 52.

On the doctrine of eternal punishment this English organization, calling itself the New and Latter House of Israel, teaches the following which I clip from their literature without comment, as each reader of the Bible must form his own conclusions by aid of the Spirit on all these serious subjects.

Reasons for Rejecting the Doctrine of Eternal Punishment.

(Copied from Pioneer of Wisdom.)

“Having recently had many applications for a list of texts proving that although the impenitent will most surely feel the weight of their misdeeds, the mercy of God will afterwards grant their souls and spirits a place in the Kingdom of Heaven, we print the following. The doctrine of universal salvation, when properly understood, most clearly proves that we cannot break any of God’s commands without suffering for the same. The Scripture speaks as follows, and with no uncertain sound concerning the destiny of all souls:

In Thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.—Gen. 22:18 and 26:4.

In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.—Gen. 28:14.

Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty.—Num. 14:18.

Yet doth He devise means that His banished be not expelled from Him.—2 Sam. 14:14.

All that is in heaven and in the earth is Thine. . . Thou reignest over all, . . . to give strength unto all.—1 Chron. 29:11, 12.
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That all people of the earth may know Thy name and fear Thee.—2 Chron. 6:33.

The deceived and the deceiver are His.—Job. 12:16.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nation shall worship before Thee . . . . all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him.—Psa. 22:27-29.

All men shall fear and shall declare the work of God, for they shall wisely consider of His doing.—Psa. 64:9.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.—Psa. 65:2.

Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee. All the earth shall worship Thee and shall sing unto Thee.—Psa. 66:3, 4.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. . . . . Then shall the earth yield her increase.—Psa. 67:2-7.

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, Thou hast received gifts for men, yea for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among THEM.—Psa. 68:18.

All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him . . . . all nations shall call Him blessed.—Psa. 72:11, 17.

Surely the wrath of men shall praise Thee: the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.—Psa. 76:10.

Arise, O God, and judge the earth: for Thou shalt inherit all nations.—Psa. 82:8.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name.—Psa. 86:9.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.—Psa. 88:3.

The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord and all the kings of the earth Thy glory . . . when the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms to serve the Lord.—Psa. 102:15-22.

Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger forever.—Psa. 103:8, 9.

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of Thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord.—Psa. 138:4, 5.

Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord.—Psa. 145:9, 10.

The Lord hath made all things for Himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.—Prov. 16:4.
The poor and the deceitful man meet together; The Lord lighteth both their eyes.—Prov. 29:13.

None shall be alone in His appointed time.—Isa. 14:31.

They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall be visited.—Isa. 24:22.—(They may have to stay in punishment thousands of years, but at some time God will visit them and show to them their way out but they certainly can not occupy the highest mansion in God's house.)

In this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, and He will destroy the face of the covering cast over all people.—Isa. 25:5-6.—(Then they can see their way out of their troubles; and they will see it and become penitent and acknowledge their foolishness and bow before God. For proof of this see next quotation below this.)

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.—Isa. 40:5.

Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear even to Him shall all men come, and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed.—Isa. 45:2-24.—(proof positive.)

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.—Isa. 52:10.

Opening of prison to them that are bound.—Isa. 61:1.

The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.—Isa. 53:6.

I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.—Isa. 57:16.

The Lord will not cast off for ever: but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His tender mercies. For He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.—Lam. 3:31-34.

Thy sisters Sodom and her daughters shall return to their former estate.—Ezek. 16:55.

All souls are Mine. —Ezek. 18:4.

All the trees of Eden shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.—Ezek. 31:16.

Pharoh shall see them and shall be comforted over all his multitude —Ezek. 32:31.

All people, nations, languages should serve Him all dominions shall serve and obey Him.—Dan. 7:14-27.

He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy.—Micah. 7:18.

After seven days the world. that yet awaketh not, shall be raised up the earth shall restore those that are asleep in her, and so shall the dust those that dwell in silence
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... the long suffering shall have an end.—2 Esdras 7: 31-33. (Why not prevent this by seeking the Lord in our lifetime and accept his love which He begs us to take. This is the wise way.)

Least in the kingdom of heaven... Thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.—Matt. 5:19-26. (You will have to meet your punishment and stay with it until every grain of it is paid. It may require thousands of years.)

Go ye and learn what that meaneth: I will have mercy and not sacrifice.—Matt. 9:13.

Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Seventy times seven. Matt. 18:21, 34, 35.

I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.—Luke 2:10-11.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.—Luke 3:6.

He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful.—Luke 6: 27-36.

Creditor and two debtors—frankly forgave both.—Luke 7: 41-43.

Son of man come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

Not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him.—Luke 20:38.

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.—Luke 23:34.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.—John 1:9.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.—John 3:17.

We have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.—John 4:42.

Giveth life unto the world.—John 6:33-51.

One man should die for the people... that He should gather together in one, etc.—John 11:50-52.

I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.—John 12:32-47.

None of them is lost but the son of perdition.—John 17:12.

Whom the heavens must receive until the time of the restitution of all things... In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.—Acts 3:21-25.

He is Lord of all —Acts 10:36.

Him that justifieth the ungodly.—Rom. 4:5.

In due time Christ died for the ungodly... While we were yet sinners Christ died for us... When we were
enemies we were reconciled. . . . The free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. . . . Where sin abounded grace did much more abound?—Rom. 5:6, 7, 8, 20.

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things.—Rom. 8:20-32.

God hath concluded them all in unbelief that he might have mercy upon all.—Rom. 11:32 36.

As I live every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.—Rom. 14:9-11.

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.—1 Cor. 15:22-28.

If one die for all, then were all dead, and that He died for all . . . . God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.—2 Cor. 5:14-19.

That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ.—Ephes. 1:10.

Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.—Ephes. 3:15.

When he ascended up on high He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.—Ephes. 4:8.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.—Phillip. 2:10-11.

By Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth or in heaven.—Col. 1:20.

God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved . . . the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.—1 Tim 2:3-6.

We both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God who is the Saviour of all men specially of those that believe. These things command and teach.—1 Tim. 4:10, 11.

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.—Titus 2:11

He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Heb.—2:9.

Destroy him that hath the power of death, that is the devil—Heb. 2:14.

The offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.—Heb. 10:10.

Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust.—1 Pet. 3:18-20.

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world.—1 John 2:2.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.—1 John 3:8.
The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.—1 John 4:14.

Twice dead, plucked up by the roots.—Jude 12.

Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.—Rev. 4:14.

Every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying: Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.—Rev. 5:13.

All nations shall come and worship before Thee.—Rev. 15:4.

The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.—Rev. 20:5.

There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.—Rev. 21:4.

He will punish the wicked for their transgressions. He will at the day of judgment reveal to those who died impenitent the full weight of their sins, and their remorse during the following one thousand years' banishment from His presence (Matt. v. 26.) Their punishment will indeed be sufficient.

But how is it that so many Christians continue to aim at frightening the ungodly into the belief that they will be cast into a literal lake of fire to writhe therein for ever and ever, to continue burning for eternity? Doubtless one reason is that the different sects are each anxious to gain in numbers, and finding that their articles of faith fail to attract the multitude, they deem it expedient to use other means to make converts. There are numbers in Christendom who lose many blessings through want of a clear discernment; pious beings who would not knowingly pervert the teaching of God's word, but through a private interpretation of certain scriptures have come to think that the justice of God cannot be satisfied otherwise than by eternal revenge on the souls of the impenitent. These anathemas on the ungodly are, say they clearly pronounced in Luke xvi, Jude 7, Isa. lxvi, 24, Psalm ix. 17, Rom. ix. 22, Mal. iv. 3, Isa. xiii. 17 and Matt. xxv. 46.

There is no warranty for supposing that the parable in Luke xvi. has any reference to eternal torture. Our Lord referred to the Jew as the rich man. At His first coming Judaism looked with contemptible scorn on poor Lazarus, the Gentile outside the gate of Judaism, imagining the heathen nations beneath the notice of Jehovah. But Christ caused a revolution: those who were afar off were brought nigh by His blood, brought into Abraham's bosom, died to their unhappy lot, and received a joyous hope of freedom from the second death. The Jew also died to his sumptuous surroundings, and has to this day been a wanderer over the face of the earth,
in outer darkness to the glorious truths of the Gospel. Judaism
had the oracle of God in their possession, which clearly fore-
told Christ’s appearance. The light shone in darkness, but
the darkness comprehended it not, and we find it written: “If
they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be
persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”

It is written that Sodom and Gomorrah are set forth for
an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire; and of
those who have transgressed “their worm shall not die,”
neither shall their fire be quenched.” But does this prove
that the punishment is never-ending because the fire is
eternal? The earth abideth for ever. That the grave is that
fire is certain. Their souls are cast therein; that worm never
dies, their souls are incorruptible, and will in due time be
released from prison. Sodom and her daughters shall return
to their former estate.” (Ezek. xvi. 55.)

The wicked are turned into hell as aforesaid. Their
bodies were vessels of wrath, filled to destruction, ashes under
the soles of your feet, “they shall not rise: they are extinct,
they are quenched as tow,” But not so with their souls. In
order that the spirits should not fail before Him, nor the souls
which He has made, the Lord will not contend for ever,
neither will He be always wroth. (Isa. lvi. 16)

Are you yet perplexed because of Matt. xxv. 46, thinking
the words admit no hope of a reprieve? Men may imagine
that the terms everlasting and eternal are synonymous, but it
is certain that God draws a distinction. Everlasting pertains
to time, which is as a parenthesis inserted in eternity. Time
will end—“There should be time no longer.” (Rev. x. 6.)
Eternity will never end. As evidence that God repeatedly
uses the word everlasting to denote a limited time we have
only to compare Gen. xvii. 10-13 with Joshua v. 5, Exod. xl. 15
with Heb. vii. 14, Lev. xvi. 34 with Psa. li. 18, 17, and Exod.
xxi. 6 with Job iii. 9. The creature was not subjected to
vanity without hope that he would eventually be delivered
from the bondage of corruption. If you proclaim God a hard
master, if you mar His visage and picture Him as a demon
demanding the endless punishment of those who were born
blind, in the face of the decree in Mal. i. 8, to you the Lord
saith: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My
ways your ways. I will have mercy and not sacrifice.”—From

The English organization, calling itself the
New and Latter House of Israel, was started more
than twenty-five years ago by a man named
White who called himself James J. Jezreel. He
claimed to have received great and profound revelations from God, and he put them all together into a book which is called the *Flying Roll* to try to fulfill Zechariah 5. They claim that the book contains "the unspeakable words, not lawful for a man to utter." Therefore, they have published only extracts from it for the public, as it would not do to make the whole book public at this day, they say. They collected money and built a big temple on a high hill in England, twenty-five years ago. They have much to say about the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel and numerous other Bible themes. They are now publishing various kinds of literature. Here is what an English paper says about them.

Visitors to Rochester and Chatham have, for some twenty-five years past, noticed with surprise the appearance of what at a distance looks like some gigantic Norman keep crowning the heights of Chatham Hill. This is the so-called "Jezreel's Temple," begun and never finished by the Jezreelites, a sect of religious maniacs following the teaching of a common soldier named White, who, calling himself "James Jershom Jezreel," set up as a prophet. This man married the daughter of a journeyman wheelwright of Gillingham, and the pair set forth on preaching tours throughout England, gaining many converts to their new faith, and deluding many people into contributing funds towards the building of a temple for the 144,000 of the Lost Tribes of Israel, who were to be gathered on Chatham Hill. Vast sums were poured into the coffers of "Jezreel" and his wife "Queen Esther," as she called herself, and a settlement of fanatics was founded here, who firmly believed in the prophet's immortality. He, however, gave the lie to himself, for he died many years ago. Then "Queen Esther" died, and with her the sect dwindled away. The Jezreel Printing Press ceased its work, and the temple, in whose huge shell $150,000 had been sunk, was left unfinished. Last week it was put up to auction, and withdrawn because no one would give more than $25,500 for it.—From the St. James Budget (England.)
The world is becoming well supplied with "temples," built by people claiming to be the Elect. This English "temple" is in England, while the Chicago people, under the leadership of Dr. T. who calls himself Koresh, are preparing to build their New Jerusalem in Florida, U. S. The Mormons already have their "temple" built at Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S.; and thus it goes, in these days of religious mixture and dizzy confusion.

Another new movement of part of the Israel family (the Jewish branch) is just now being agitated in Europe and elsewhere. As I have before stated that the period of 2520 years of "Gentile Times" is about to expire, the Israel family is bound to arise and come together again and take possession of their old homestead (Palestine) which God gave to Abraham and his seed forever; and as the other branches of Abraham's seed (Turks and others) have held possession of Jerusalem and all Palestine during the Gentile period, their time is now expiring and, therefore, a great stir is being made by the Jewish branch of the Israel family to get possession, as the prophecies positively declare that Israel shall have it after the Gentile period is expired. And the Bible prophecies go further into details of it by declaring that the Jewish branch of the Israel family shall go back first and have the country ready for the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel (who are not Jews) who shall come in later. To understand this correctly you must not forget the fact
that the Israel family had a quarrel about 975 years before Jesus Christ was born and they divided into two factions. The Jews in one faction and the Ten Tribes (not Jews) in another faction. The Jewish faction was called Judah or House of Judah, while the Ten Tribes faction was called Israel or House of Israel. These two factions (Israel and Judah) have never united since their quarrel and separation, 975 B.C. They have been enemies, each to the other, ever since then; and each faction had a separate path mapped out by the Lord for a purpose. On this point, some people attack me for advocating the idea that God had anything to do with the separation of the Israel family for a set purpose of His own. Of course I know nothing about it except what He tells concerning it. He declares that He separated the Israel family into two factions; and He called one faction Israel and the other faction Judah.

Then I cut asunder mine other staff that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.—Zech. 11:14.

Now, who did it? God declares that He “broke the brotherhood” between them. And after they had separated and established two kingdoms so that each faction had its own king they intended to war with each other, but the Lord sent a prophet to them to tell them not to fight each other as “this thing is from Me,” God said.

Rehoboam (king over the Jewish faction) assembled all the House of Judah (Jews) with the tribe of Benjamin 180,000 chosen men which were warriors, to fight against the House of Israel to bring the kingdom (of the Ten Tribes
faction) back (to the Jewish faction). But the word of God came unto Shemiah (the prophet) saying: Speak to the king of Judah (the Jewish faction) saying: Thus saith the Lord, ye shall not go to fight against your brethren, the children of Israel (the Ten Tribe faction) for this thing is from Me. Return, therefore, every man to his own house. They harkened to the word of the Lord and (did not fight each other).—1 Kings 12:21 to 25.

Now, who did it? The Lord says He did it. The Jewish faction had its army of 180,000 men out and ready to march against and fight the Ten Tribe faction and compel them to come back into the Jewish faction and submit to the Jewish king; but God told the Jewish faction to behave and let the Ten Tribe faction alone. And God gave His reasons Why He so ordered them. He said, "This thing is from Me." That is, I am causing this separation for a purpose of My own and I want you Jewish faction to let the Ten Tribe faction (called Israel) alone and not fight them nor try to compel them to come back into one family or kingdom. If God would have let the Jewish faction alone they would have made a desperate effort, with their army of 180,000 chosen soldiers, to force the Ten Tribe faction to come back. But God did not want them back. He had something ahead for them to do, as the tribe of Ephraim was with the Ten Tribe faction, and I have shown in previous chapters of this book that Ephraim was a son of the beloved Joseph, the favorite child of Jacob, and that Joseph got the leadership blessing. Gen. 49:22 to 27 and Deut. 33:13 to 17. And when Joseph died his son Ephraim got the blessing and was to step into the shoes of his father Joseph.
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See Gen. 48:8 to 21. And this being the case, how could the Joseph-Ephraim people (from the beloved wife Rachel) do any leadership work in the world and be under the king of the Jewish faction? Something had to be done, you see. We, the English speaking North Americans and the English and some others are, evidently, of the Ephraim tribe; and it devolved upon us to carry the New Testament and its doctrines to all the earth. But what could we have done had we been kept under the authority of the Jewish king at Jerusalem? The Jewish faction would reject the Christ and His New Testament and then who would take it up and keep the doctrines before the world? The tribe of Benjamin was with the Jewish branch, and it is supposed that they, the Benjaminites, were the apostles; and when they died the Ten Tribe branch, led by the Ephraim people, took up the doctrines and have kept them before the world. But the Ten Tribe branch, led by Ephraim, were sent away 700 years before Christ came. They were scattered among the nations "as a dew from the Lord, as showers upon the grass," the prophecies say. They were the yeast stuck into the various sections of earth to raise the whole lump. Therefore, the doctrines of Christ, when He came, would meet with favor by the scattered Ten Tribe branch. And being stationed in various parts of the world, they would be "dew from the Lord" sure enough to keep the world from drying out for want of hearing about God. It was like a ball game. The players are
scattered over the field so as to be there, ready to catch the ball when it comes and toss it to another. If the players would all stand together at the batting place the ball would go out into the field and fall down among the weeds and be lost. No trained catcher there to catch it, you see. The Ten Tribe faction not only pulled away from the Israel family, but in course of time, they left the country and went to foreign lands. But the Jewish faction was ready, with a powerful army, to make them come back into the family; but God said, "No; you let the Ten Tribe branch alone, "This thing is from Me." So we have the positive statement of God that He had something to do with the separation of the Israel family into two factions for a purpose which He leaves unstated. But people say God had nothing to do with it. This is simply one of the numerous cases in which the people set up a theory or doctrine in direct conflict with the statements of God. So much by way of explanation about the two factions or branches of the Israel family. The subject is so complicated and far-reaching in its effects that this separation of the family must be thoroughly understood in order to get the meaning of the prophecies about the future movements of these two branches of Jacob's children, as the prophecies have much to say about what Israel and Judah shall do in future. You must keep it well in mind that when the prophecies speak of Judah or House of Judah they are talking about the Jews of today. But when the prophecies talk
about Israel or House of Israel they do not mean Jews at all. They are referring to the Ten Tribe branch, which is made up of the white, English-speaking people of the United States and of England, Australia and some others—none of whom are Jews. After you have this thoroughly in mind you will be prepared to understand a great movement which is now being started by the Jews. Nearly every person knows that the Jews are scattered all over the earth and are without a government of their own, and are without friends. Their hardships and tribulations, the last 2520 years, have been terrible—beyond description. They have drank the very dregs of God’s cup of indignation while the Gentile period of 2520 years has been in operation; but now, that the "Gentile Times" are almost to an end there is a great stir throughout all of the Israel family which is composed of the two factions, called Judah (Jews) and Israel (the Ten Tribes) who are not Jews. The stir among these two branches is of a different nature in each branch. In the Ten Tribe branch the movement is all on the spiritual line. Thousands of people here, in the United States and in England, are budding out into spiritual visions and revelations from God. They are dropping their old beliefs and old habits and are seeking the Spiritual God as never before. By this I do not mean that they are joining churches, but just the reverse. They are pulling away from the churches and are turning their faces towards God. While the Jewish branch of the Israel family is
turning its face towards Palestine. It is their longing desire; their great hope to go back to the old homestead which God gave to Abraham and afterwards confirmed it to our father Jacob. O, that old homestead! How dear it is to the heart of every genuine Jew. It is his haven of rest, he thinks. If he could only go back there and wait for the Messiah to come, as the Jew can not yet see that the Messiah has already come and that Jesus Christ was His name. All this longing desire in the hearts of Jews to go back to the old homestead is part of God’s plans. It is budding out in them and forcing them to stir, the same as spiritual desire is budding out in the Ten Tribe branch. It is the preliminary movement, preparing things for the New Age which is to set in when the 2520 years of “Gentile Times” expire. And it is taking such strong hold on the Jewish branch that a general uprising all over the world is now in operation, and a world’s convention is to take place in Switzerland, in September, 1897, when plans will be discussed for getting possession of Palestine so as to throw open the doors of that country to all Jews. The Turkish nation (the Gentile people) now have possession of it and are tramping it under foot as laid out by the prophecies and by Christ.

Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.—Christ, in Luke 21:24.

The great question now with the Jews is how to dislodge the Turks (our cousins) and get possession; and what to do after possession is gained,
The discussion of these points will take place at the Jewish convention in Switzerland this year (1897). Think of it. This great movement is taking place this year—not away off in the far future, as people are always imagining. Whenever I assert it that the Millennial Age is almost ready to open upon the world the people are sure to say with a sneer that “It will not be in our day.” This is their old thread-bare remark. “Not in our day.” It is impossible to make the public see that “Gentile Times” are almost at an end and that Israel times will set in immediately afterward, and that it will bring to a head the great Millennial Kingdom that will, eventually, rule all the world. The preliminary movements for this are already in operation, and yet the people sneer and say “Not in our day.”

The present movements are following closely the line marked out by the prophecies, which declare that both branches of the Israel family (the Ten Tribes and the Jews) would be scattered all over the world a long period of time and be without a kingdom of their own. This part of the prophecies has already come to pass, as we (the Ten Tribes) find ourselves scattered and living under the various nations of earth, while the Jews are in the same predicament. But the prophecies go on to state that when our long period of scattering is ended, a select few of both branches of the Israel family will go back to Palestine and be united again into a special kingdom of their own.

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their God and David their king, and they shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.—Hosea 3:4, 5.

The going back and being united into a kingdom is not yet come to pass, but the preparatory steps for it are being taken now. And the prophecies go on to state that the Jewish faction or branch of the Israel family shall go back first, as the enmity between the two branches of the family (the Ten Tribes and the Jews) will be great so that the Ten Tribe branch will look down upon and sneer at the Jewish faction and may want to domineer over them. This part of the prophecies is already come to pass, as it is well known that the English-speaking Americans (of the United States and the English of all other countries) hate a Jew and will not associate with him. It is carried so far, here, in the United States of America, that the great hotels of all the large cities will not allow Jews to stop with them if it can be avoided. The hotels argue that if Jews put up at the house and eat in the dining room other people refuse to patronize the house, and this breaks up the hotel by giving it the reputation of being a "Jew house." Serious trouble has already arisen, in some of the great hotels, over this question. There is no sympathy existing between the two branches of the Israel family. They have "been at the outs" with each other ever since they had their quarrel and separation, 975 years before Jesus Christ was born. They have carried their hatred 2872 years. When the separation first occurred (2872 years ago) the Jewish faction called out its army of
180,000 men and proposed to settle it, right then and there, by forcing us (the Ten Tribes) to come back into the old kingdom, but God said, "No. You let the Ten Tribes (called the House of Israel) alone; this thing is from Me." So the two factions did not fight on that question, but with sly eyes have they looked at each other ever since then; and now the Ten Tribes do not want to put up at hotels that allow Jews to stop under their roofs. It is easy to pick out a Jew. His face, nose and eyes and general appearance are his sign-board to tell that he is a Jew. The prophecies say that the countenance of the Jews will witness against them.

The Lord doth take away from Judah (the Jews) the stay and the staff, and Jerusalem is ruined and Judah (the Jews) is fallen, because their doings are against the Lord. The show of their countenance doth witness against them. —Isa. 3.

Yes, their looks do witness that they are Jews, and this sets the gall of the Ten Tribes to working so that they murmur and say "We will not put up at this hotel if any Jews stop here." I go over all this, not as a slur on the Jews or any other persons, but to show the fine correctness of the prophecies, and how minutely they laid down the path and put all the points in it, nearly 3000 years ago. The prophecies go on further and state that when the time comes for the Gentiles (Turks) to give up possession of Palestine so that the Israel family can take it, that God will take the Jewish branch first so that the Ten Tribes will not domineer over the Jews. There is a tendency o
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this kind now existing among us Ten Tribes. Not only in the hotel question, but in other ways the ruling spirit shows out in the Ten Tribes against the Jews. Here, in the United States, it is no uncommon thing to see in the political papers pictures of Jewish bondholders put up in a slurring way. And the argument, in some of the papers, is directed against the Jewish bankers of Europe. So that much of the political fight is continually directed against rich Jews. The Ten Tribes say to the Judah people, "Get out of this. What are you over here for—trying to get your hands on our throats, financially." "Stay out of our hotels." "Keep your fingers out of our financial policy." The Congress of the United States had to come in on this hotel and theatre question and pass a law which is known as the "Civil Rights Bill." It provides that any person conducting a public institution, such as a hotel, theatre, railroad train or street cars must not discriminate against any person on account of nationality, race or color. Most people think that this law was put through the Congress of the United States as a protection to the Negro race, but the Jewish question helped to agitate it to a focus, as the great hotels had been discriminating against Jews and it was causing smothered agitation. But, you will say, "What does this hotel-Jewish matter have to do with my subject? Wait until I come to the Bible prophecy and you will see. You must understand that the Ten Tribe branch magnify themselves against the Judah people (called Jews). The Ten
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Tribes look down upon Jews and will not associate with them at hotels or any other place. You must know this before you can understand why the prophecies talk as they do, as the prophecies say that God will take the Judah (Jew) people back to Palestine first so that the Ten Tribes will not "magnify" themselves against Judah (Jews). If the Jews go back first and get possession of the country, there, it is not likely that the Ten Tribes will be so liable to "magnify" themselves over Jews, as a man does not go onto another man's farm and act so bigoted and commanding as he would do if he were on his own land. And, as the Jews will go back first, they will own the country and the Ten Tribes will then go back by invitation from the Jews, and, under such circumstances, they will not magnify themselves against Judah (the Jews). Now read the prophecy and look closely at every word of it.

The Lord will save the tents of Judah (Jews) first, that the glory of the House of David do not magnify themselves against Judah—Zech. 12:7.

Why does it speak of tents? Because at the time the prophecy was written the Jews and the people generally lived in tents; and when the Jews were captured and taken out of Palestine they pulled up their stakes and moved their tents out; and the prophecy means that the Lord will see to it that those tents of Judah (that is their homes) will be saved or brought back to their old homesteads. That is, the Jews shall once more have homes in their native land. But what
does it mean when it speaks of the "House of David," magnifying "themselves" against Judah? "House of David" means a body or company of people ruled over by David as their king. Who is David? He is a man whom God will bring forward to lead the Ten Tribes back to join the Jews who will already be there to welcome the long-lost Ten Tribes. It will be a great family reunion after a separation of about 3000 years; and this man David will be king, then, over the whole family, united. Where do I get this theory? From the prophecy. Hear it.

The day will come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel (Ten Tribes) and Judah (the Jews); and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers and they shall possess it. And they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king whom I will raise up unto them.—Jer. 30:3, 9.

The children of Israel shall abide many days without a king; but afterwards shall they return and seek the Lord and David their king, in the latter days.—Hosea 3:4, 5.

I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them and bring them into their own land, and I will make them one nation and one king shall be king to them all. And they shall no more be two nations (or factions). And David my servant shall be king over them. David shall be their prince forever.—Ezek. 37:21-28.

Now you see why the prophecy calls it the "House of David." It means a whole nation ruled over by David as king. From where will this David come? Will he come down from the skies? No. The prophecy says just the reverse. It says he will come "up," not down. "David, whom I will raise "up" unto them." See Jer. 30:9. Therefore, it certainly will be the resurrected, ancient David who ruled over the whole Twelve Tribes.
of Israel before they quarreled and separated, over 3000 years ago. He was a holy man then, and all the holy people of those days "hath part in the first resurrection," the Testament tells us.

Blessed is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and shall reign with Christ 1000 years. —Rev. 20:6.

David will come onto the earth in the same way that the ancient Saint Peter (Apostle Peter) will come. David will come on to be the king over the Twelve Tribes of Israel united, and Saint Peter will come on with the keys to the mysteries of God to teach all people the spiritual side of the kingdom. Saint Peter will hold the High Priest position and David will be the king.

They shall serve the Lord and David their king whom I will raise up unto them.—Jer. 30:9.

He will come onto the earth in a natural way—born from woman, and will be walking around among men until the Lord calls him to service, like God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. But before David enters into the service God will put him through a careful training and make him come fully to the leadings of God. Where do I get this theory? From the prophecy. Now hear it.

Their nobles shall be of themselves and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them and I will cause him to draw near and he shall approach unto Me.—Jer. 30:21.

This shows that the governor (called David in the same chapter) will come from among the people and draw near to God. I go over all this
to show why the prophecy calls the company of Elect people the "House of David." It is a select nation over which David will be the king. And here I pause to say that there are in the world today two papers advocating the Israel subject. One is in England, and it advocates the idea that the English nation is the Elect nation referred to in the prophecies. It is a false doctrine. The Elect nation or Millennial Kingdom will be composed of spiritually redeemed people; regenerated and holy. Now hear the proof.

They shall call them The Holy People—The Redeemed of The Lord.—Isa. 62:12.

This holy nation is not yet formed; but all the preliminary steps are being taken for it.

The other Israel paper is published here, in the United States of America, and its correspondents advocate the idea that the United States government is the Elect or specially called nation referred to by the prophecies. This, also, is false doctrine, and shows that the writers of such articles are not well informed on the subject, as laid down by the prophecies. It is most absurd to call this wicked, lying and dishonest nation of the United States "The Holy People—The Redeemed of The Lord." The idea that either one of the wicked and unspiritual nations (United States or England) is the kingdom of Elect Israel is so ridiculous that all men should be able to see the falsity of such a theory. Those who advocate such wild doctrines have overlooked the very plain statements of the prophecies, which say that
God will sift the people and take out just one person here and another person there, and so on until the required number is selected; and He will cause them to become trained in spiritual things and be able to receive the inspirations of the Most High so as to be directed by Him. Then He will put them all together, into one company, and “raise up David” to be king over them; and they will start back to Palestine, with their king (David) going before them and the Lord (in a fiery cloud, perhaps) going on ahead, of David. Now hear the proof for this.

I will surely gather the “Remnant” of Israel and put them together as sheep; and they shall make a great noise by reason of the multitude of men; (a big company, you see); and their king (David) shall pass before them and the Lord on the head of them.—Micah 2:12, 13.

They shall serve the Lord and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.—Jer. 30:9.

I will make them one nation, and they shall no more be divided into two kingdoms; and David, my servant, shall be king over them.—Ezek. 37:21-24.

They shall seek the Lord and David their king, and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.—Hos. 3:5.

These and many other prophecies should be sufficient evidence to show what the new nation will be and who the king shall be. The English paper claims that Victoria is a descendant of King David, and, therefore, the English nation must be the Elect Israel people. But the foregoing prophecies, just quoted, do not say that David’s descendant shall be the king but David himself.

They shall serve the Lord their God and David their king whom I will raise up unto them.—Jer. 30:9.

Nothing said in this prophecy about a descen-
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dant of David to be raised up, but David himself shall be the man, according to the plan laid down by several prophecies.

The correspondents for the Israel paper, published in the United States, try to make it appear that inasmuch as one prophet says that the Elect nation shall come together and appoint themselves a leader it certainly fits the United States whose people elect their own president by ballot. But the correspondents overlook the fact that the prophecies declare, several times, that the man selected shall be David; and that he shall be "raised up" by the Lord. "David whom I will raise up unto them." Jer. 30:9. And the same chapter says he shall come out from among the people. And the prophet Hosea says that Israel and Judah shall come together and appoint themselves one head or leader. See Hosea 1:11. But this one head is named out plainly by the other prophets who say that the "one head" referred to shall be David. Therefore, it is foolishness to say that David is now or ever has been president of the United States or king of England. And besides, the people of the United States and England are wicked, devilish, liars, dishonest and unspiritual (as a class) and are proud, haughty and ungodly. Therefore, how can they fit the prophecy which says that the Elect Israel nation (called the "House of David") shall be "The Holy People—The Redeemed of the Lord?" Great Holiness (?) it would be if the present nation of the United States or of England is the Elect, I dwell
on this in order to show how absurd, foolish and false the teaching of the two Israel papers is on this particular point. They see not that the new nation is not yet formed. But it is already incubating. It will be picked by the Lord by taking one here and one there.

I will take you, one of a city and two of a family, and bring you to Zion.—Jer. 3:14.

A-picked nation, you see. They will be "Holy People—The Redeemed of the Lord." They will be known as the "House of David" for the reason that David will be king over them, and will come from among the people, as one of them.

Their governor shall proceed from the midst of them and I will cause him to approach unto Me.—Jer. 30:21.

Now you see what "House of David" means in the prophecy. It means the company of "Holy People—The Redeemed of The Lord" that will be ruled over by David, as king. They will be highly spiritual and will stand before the world in great power and glory. Now your mind can understand the prophecy which says the Jewish branch of Israel shall go back to Palestine first and get possession of the land before the "House of David" comes.

The Lord will save the tents of Judah (Jews) first that the glory of The House of David do not magnify themselves against Judah (Jews).—Zech. 12:7.

The preliminary steps for the Judah people (Jews) to go back are now being taken, as you will see by reading the following extract taken from an article in the Week's Current. In reading the account you must remember that the move-
ment is entirely Jewish. None but Jews have a hand in it. Now notice it closely, as follows:

The "New Zion" Movement.

A London news correspondent says that thousands of Jews in London and in other European cities are looking forward eagerly to the "new Zion" movement, whereby it is believed that the Hebrew race will regain its ancient glory, and that there will be once more "a God in Israel."

It has always been the dream of the patriotic Jew, that some day Israel would recover her place among the nations and that the roof of the temple would once more glitter upon Zion's hill. At last the dream seems to be in a fair way of being realized. The new prophet who will lead the Jews into the promised land is not yet come, but when he does make his appearance he will be in the form of a shrewd financier and a man of business.

The first active step in this scheme will be taken in September, 1897, when a world congress of Jews will be held in Switzerland. When that congress shall have completed its work the truly new Jerusalem will have been laid. The most practical people say that the plan will inevitably be carried out and that within a few decades Palestine will bloom once more with the vine and the fig and the olive, and that gardens will abound in the Holy Land where now is desolation. The details of the plan for the regeneration of Israel are of great interest. They involve the establishment of "the Jewish Company," which is to look after the financial and business doings of the proposed Jewish State, and the "Jewish Society," which is to be composed of patriotic Jews, rich and poor, who are willing to lend their efforts to carry out the scheme. The whole movement is now called "Zionism," and is spreading like wildfire through Europe, which is thickly populated with Jews. It is proposed that English capital will back the scheme at first and that the headquarters of the Jewish Company be located in London, from which the finances of the movement will be directed.

To those who are likely to object to the plan the first question will be: "How are the Jews to wrest the Holy land from the Turk?" Oddly enough, this, apparently the most insuperable difficulty in the way of the new Jerusalem, is the most easily surmounted. It must be remembered, that there is no antipathy between the Turk and the Jew. However much the Christians may hate the Mohammedans, the Mohammedans and the Jews have never quarreled. Then it is well known that Abdul Hamid, the Sul-
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The Sultan of Turkey, is most friendly to the Jews, and counts many of that race among his warmest associates and sympathizers. The promoters of Zionism intend to offer the Sultan such terms as he will gladly accept. It is proposed that the Sultan surrender Palestine to the Jews, holding a suzerainty over the country. In compensation for this the Jewish Company is to guarantee the Sultan a tribute of $500,000, which is to be annually increased to $5,000,000. The financiers say that a tribute, such as this guaranteed, the Sultan could easily negotiate a loan of $100,000,000, which would rehabilitate his state and place his finances upon a sound footing. There are those who believe that the power of the crescent is waxing in Europe rather than waning, and the Porte is more powerful today than it has been at any time during the past quarter century. With such a loan as the one indicated the Sultan would be in a position to hold his own with the powers. He is now considered one of the smartest diplomats in the world, and when, with empty coffers and rotten finances he can outwit the premiers of Europe, it is argued that, independent in the money way, he could be independent politically. The Jewish patriots back of the Zion movement, therefore, believe that nothing stands in their way so far as the political aspect of their plan is concerned. Financially, too, their prospects must be conceded to be very promising. Although some rich Jews are opposed to the plan, there are others who are in sympathy with it. Baron Hirsch spent millions in "reconstructing" the exiled Jews and sent armies of them back to Palestine. There is no doubt that his widow will at once lend her aid to the scheme if that is necessary. But it is not contemplated that charity in any form will be asked. The plan is a purely commercial matter and has already attracted the attention of English capitalists, who care not a whit for Jewish glory, but who are not averse to making interest money. The company would have the commerce of the new country in its own hands, and its guaranty would be the sweat, the toil, the product and very life of the Jewish people themselves. Thus, politically and financially, the movement is almost assured. The Sultan has said he likes it and will entertain the proposition, and English capitalists are favorably disposed towards its commercial side.

The visible leader in the Zionistic movement is an eminent Jewish writer of Vienna, whose tract, "The Jewish State," in which the possibilities before his people are ably presented, has created a great deal of comment throughout Europe.

How is Palestine to be reclaimed, the land to be restored,
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the new Jerusalem to grow again as it grew under Ezra, and the temple of Israel's God to again be reared upon the holy hill? In this way: When the company is ready for business and the political situation adjusted with the Sultan, Jews from all over the world will be invited to go to Palestine and begin the work of restoration. No one will lack for work, and only those who are ready and willing to work will be welcome. It will be much the same as in the days of Joshua. Dr. Herzl and his friends do not expect that rich Jews will take advantage of the invitation. No doubt some of the more patriotic among them will go to live in the land of their fathers, but the largest immigration is looked for from Eastern Europe, where there are the most and poorest Jews. The first work to be done is building and digging. When the land begins to improve and cities begin to rise the immigration will increase accordingly. The promoters of the scheme regard the result of the scheme as mathematically certain. It is claimed that the soil of Palestine, which is generally considered unproductive, is barren because it has been deserted for centuries. There is no reason why, under modern methods of cultivation, it should not once more be the fertile soil it was in ancient times. The finest olives in the world grow in the orchards and gardens of the Holy land, and even to-day wine made from the grapes of Palestine compares favorably with wine grown anywhere upon the face of the earth. In olive growing alone there is an industry possible in Palestine that could in a few years, pay the ransom of a nation. All that is wanted there is an industrious population; a population with its own internal government and an opportunity to draw out of the soil the riches that now lie concealed within its heart.

It will be interesting to glance at this country. Palestine is 150 miles long by 40 wide west of the Jordan, and 40 miles wide east of the Jordan, or about 80 miles wide in all. This was the land which the spies saw and knew it was the land of promise, for it was a "land flowing with milk and honey." The climate is mild. There is a rainy season and a dry season, with an assurance of a sufficient rainfall for the crops. The climate of Palestine is very like that of Southern California, now the El Dorado of the world. As to the rainfall Palestine is even more favorably cared for than California. In the Holy Land the average rainfall is 24 inches, while in California country it is only 20. All that Palestine needs to restore it to its pristine fertility is the work of man’s hands. Let the trees be restored, the wells dug as of old, irrigation established, the hills made once more into terraces as they were in the days
when no man hungered and when abundance was such that government was not needed, and the Holy Land will again flow with milk and honey. Even now, desolate as it is, denuded of its forests, burning in the blazing sun, and left to be the home of the Bedouin and the desert dweller, Palestine produces apricots as sweet as any on earth; oranges and lemons which cultivation would leave without a rival; figs and dates; olives, from which oil as clear as water is pressed; wheat and barley, and beans and peas. With proper cultivation there is no limit to what Palestine could do. The agriculture of today is infinitely in advance of agriculture in the time of the Judges. When it is considered that the centuries of war, devastation, and neglect through which the once proud kingdoms of Israel and Judah have passed have still left it its glorious oaks and its fruits and flowers, it can be imagined what could be done with scientific agricultural care and development. These are the facts which encourage the promoters of the Zionist movement to persevere, and these facts, too, are the powerful arguments that induce London capital to smile on the efforts of patriotic Jews to restore the desolate and forsaken land of their glorious ancestors. Well can they afford to care little for the rich unpatriotic Jew who prefers his adopted country or the country in which accident of birth has cast his lot. The Zionists are not seeking the rich Jews. Their appeal is to the Jew who is down-trodden, persecuted, or discriminated against. In England, America and possibly in France alone has the Jew a fighting chance. In all other governments his way is barred, and it is to the poor Jew that the Zionists give their message. This new movement has gained great strength from whom it might seem to some, no encouragement whatever was to have been looked for. That is Christian millionaires. There are several very rich men in England—one in particular—who have ever dreamed of a restored Israel. These men are certain to lend the help of their immense wealth to the Zionists. The latter, indeed, will take care to make the Holy Land a thousand times more interesting to the Christian pilgrim than ever. It is their intention not only to make their beloved fatherland blossom as it did when Ruth worked in the field of Boaz; to rebuild their temple; to restore Capernaum, Bethsaida, Magdala, Nazareth, and a thousand and one spots that are sacred to the Jew or Christian, and to give the land the color and life it had when Christ drew parables from the flowers of the fields, the birds of the air, the housewife, the husbandman and the shepherd, but it is their purpose to preserve intact every physical reminder of the prophet who the
Christian believes was the Messiah himself, and thus to give the Christian pilgrim a land doubly enhanced in association.

It is no wonder that rich Christians if not rich Jews look with favor to rebuild the temple on Zion's hill and give back to Israel its ancient glory.—From Week's Current.

The following are outlined plans for the repeopling of Palestine by Jews, as presented by Dr. Herzl. “We shall first send an exploring expedition, equipped with all the modern resources of science, which will thoroughly overhaul the land, from one end to the other, before it is colonized, and establish telephonic and telegraphic communication with the base as they advance. Our organization is now established throughout the world. We must obtain the sovereignty over Palestine—our never-to-be-forgotten historical home. At the head of the movement will be two great and powerful agents—the society of the Jews and the Jewish company. The first named will be a political organization and spread the Jewish propaganda. The latter will be a limited liability company, under English laws, having its headquarters in London, and a capital of, say, a milliard of marks. Its task will be to discharge all the financial obligations of retiring Jews and regulate the economic conditions in the new country. At first we shall send only unskilled labor—that is, the very poorest, who will make the land arable. They will lay out streets, build bridges and railroads, regulate rivers and lay down telegraphs according to plans prepared at headquarters. Their work will bring trade, their trade the market, and the market will cause new settlers to flock to the country. Every one will go there voluntarily at his or her own risk, but ever under the watchful eye and protection of the organization. I think we shall find Palestine at our disposal sooner than we expected. Last year I went to Constantinople and had two long conferences with the Grand Vizier, to whom I pointed out that the key to the preservation of Turkey lay in the solution of the Jewish question. That the Sultan has taken no unfavorable view of my proposals is proved by having decorated me. It is to confer over this point that a congress has been arranged for at Basle on August 29, 1897. I am told that among the Bulgaria Jews there is a belief that on that date a Messiah will arise; but whatever may happen, there is no doubt that that Congress will be a redeemer of the Jews. The immediate result of the Zionist movement has been to unite the most antagonistic Jewish elements and to bring into actual life a new school of Jewish literature.”
The railway between Jaffa and Jerusalem is in good working order and the trains run between the two places with great regularity. Last year nearly 17,000 tons of freight was transferred between the two places. The railway has resulted in a considerable number of commercial travelers visiting Jerusalem.”—Ex.

I am not here to say whether the movement described in the foregoing article will or will not be a success. Neither do I know whether this is God’s ordained plan to gain possession of Palestine for the Jews. The prophecies positively declare that God will give possession of all that ancient country back to the Israel family so soon as the Gentile period is expired, but the prophecies do not say just how it will be done. I simply lay the account of this movement before you to show that "Gentile Times" are so nearly expired that the world is all astir and the Israel family is beginning to prepare to take possession of the old homestead, which they lost over 2500 years ago when it was handed over to the other branches of Abraham's seed who were to tramp it under foot and make it desolate while the Israel family was out.

Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.—Christ's words, in Luke 21:24.

And while the Gentiles were treading down that old homestead the Israel family were to go it blind through the world.

Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fulness (full time) of the Gentiles be come.—St. Paul, in Rom. 11:25.

And this is why the favored race who have the New Testament can not understand its doc-
trines. Most people say they can get no sense out of the Bible. Blind, you see, they are, while Gentiles are treading down the old homestead (Palestine.) But now the Gentile period is about out and the veil is being lifted from our eyes (thank God) so we can begin to see the plans of God laid out in the prophecies which were written for our benefit, but our blindness was on us so we could not get any sense out of them until a few years ago. But O, the suffering and tribulation through which I have passed, the last 30 years, while God was lifting the veil from my eyes! It is beyond the power of words to tell it. I am the man who has drank the bitter cup to the very bottom, but the "Lion of the tribe of Judah (Christ) hath prevailed to open the seals of the Book" and lay it open before me; and I declare it to all the world that a new dispensation of God is about to set in. The multitude of facts, all around us, ought to convince any person, and yet the people toss their heads with a sneer and say "It will not be in our day." Exactly so it was in Noah's time. He warned the world that the Flood was coming but they said "It will not be in our day." And it is quite likely that when the water was up to their necks they thought it would soon cease, as "the Flood would not be in our day." The world is all astir, right now, on account of the things coming to earth, and yet people say "It will not be in our day." The "House of David" (the new and Holy Nation) is already being formed. The Jewish branch of the Israel family is already pre-
paring to march homeward, as I have shown by the foregoing article. After they arrive there and put the country in order they will long and wish for the Ten Tribes branch to come back also; and the Jewish branch will begin to sing it and talk it and, finally, they will ask us (the Ten Tribes branch) to come to them. The prophecy so declares it.

In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah (Palestine). Open ye the gates that the righteous nation (the Holy Nation of the Ten Tribes) may enter in. 
—Isa. 26:1, 2.

Then the Holy Nation (called the House of David) will start back with David in the lead as their king.

I will surely gather the Remnant of Israel and put them together as sheep. They shall make a great noise by reason of the multitude of men (so many). And their king shall pass before them and the Lord on the head of them. 
—Micah 2:12, 13.

While this is taking place the Judah people (Jews) will be in Palestine, singing “Open ye the gates that the Holy Nation (House of David) which keepeth the truth may enter in” (to our land with us). Isa. 26:1,2. Then the two branches of the Israel family will be united again, as plainly described in Ezek. 37:21-28.

I will take the children of Israel (both branches) from among the heathen (Gentiles) and will bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation, and one king (David) shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations nor divided into two kingdoms any more. And David, my servant, shall be king over them. And the heathen then shall know that I do sanctify Israel. 

This will be the “New and Latter House of
"Israel" which the prophecies declare shall come upon the earth to teach all the nations the exact truth about God and His spiritual laws. It will be the Elect Church, if you please, or the great Millennial Kingdom of God. The hub in the great wheel of nations. They will all come in to the Israel center to be taught about the Lord.

It shall come to pass in the last days that the Lord's house shall be established and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall say, "Let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob (Israel) and he will teach us of his ways, for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.—Isa. 2:2, 3.

The present churches of earth will go down, as they are all Gentile churches and have only the glory or light of the moon and, therefore, their light is dim and unsatisfactory to the soul of the earnest follower of God. Israel, in the center, will have the glory or brilliancy of the sun and can, therefore, reflect the bright light on all people of earth. This will make the heathen see that God has sanctified Israel, just as the prophecy of Ezek. 37:28 declares.

And the heathen shall know that I, the Lord, do sanctify Israel, for my tabernacle shall be with them and I will be their God and they shall be my people for evermore.—Ezek. 37:27, 28.

No more confused and mixed doctrines then, as the Israel family will be at the head of affairs and will be guided entirely by inspiration from the Spirit. The present Gentile period will then be expired and all the present governments, churches &c., will pack their grip-sacks and leave, as they are all Gentile and are totally unfit to teach or
rule, as is plainly seen today. Their moon-light is too dim. It requires the bright light of the sun which will be possessed by Israel. You remember Saint Paul talks of this by saying that there is one glory of the sun; another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars. And he also tells us that Israel gets the “adoption” and the “promises” and the “service” of God. See Rom. 9:4. The time for all these great things to commence is drawing so near that many counterfeits are starting up with “temples” and various high-sounding names, and the people must be extremely cautious as to what they join. It is becoming a great mixture of a deceiving kind so that human intellect is entirely unable to divide the true from the false. The Holy Ghost only can keep the pilgrim on the right road.

After reading the various doctrines of the numerous colonies and organizations now being formed and calling themselves the “Elect,” your mind will begin to grow skeptical on the whole subject and you will feel like declaring every thing and every doctrine a fraud; and you will want to turn the icy hand to all new things that will arise from now on. But I caution you to be patient and careful and prayerful and be sure to get the leadings of the Spirit on all your movements, as the genuine Elect Church or Millennial Kingdom Governors are bound to arise now soon and take form gradually and overcome death and rule the world, and, eventually, break down and sweep off every government, and every
church now on earth. This must come. It will come. The Bible is full of teaching about it, and the signs of the times now clearly show that it is making things ready for it. Nothing can hold it down. It will rise up gradually and roll all over every thing and squeeze all the present governments and churches into thin air so that they will blow away like chaff. It is the little stone that is now being cut out of the mountain without human hands, as described in Daniel 2:34, 35; and if you resolutely turn your back on every movement you will miss the genuine Elect body of people who surely will come on within the next few years, as Gentile Times are nearly expired. This is intended as a caution both ways. A caution not to become entangled in the Tom, Dick and Harry things now arising, and a caution not to become stiff-necked and turn against every thing. Well, how can you decide which is the genuine and which is the counterfeit, you will ask. Ah! now you begin to see that human intellect can not know good from evil. When I make this statement people regard it as wild; but when they are put in the midst of all these mixtures they are utterly unable to distinguish the false from the true. They are more liable to go wrong than right. Human intellect has no eyes. It goes it blind. Only the Holy Ghost is true wisdom, He never errs. The apostles traveled with Jesus Christ three and a half years and heard Him explain the Gospel, and they thought they knew it, but Jesus knew they did not. It was only human intellect at work;
and Jesus told them to go to Jerusalem and stay there until He would send to them the Holy Ghost who would shew them all things. And when He, as tongues, came upon them, then, and not until then did they know what the doctrine was. Then they could distinguish the false from the true. Before that they could not. Neither can the people of today distinguish the false from the true. If a man or set of men rise up and begin to do wonderful things on the miracle line nearly every person who sees the miracles falls right in with them, with the belief that they are from God. The Bible tells us that in the closing days of this Christian Age men and women will rise up and work astounding miracles and call fire down from heaven, right before your eyes, and by this means many will be deceived and led off from the true path. The people are ignorant of the many unseen laws and forces that can be put to use to do wonderful things. Christ understood all of this and warned the people that there are many ways for persons to climb up into miracle-working power but that there is only one true way. All other ways are false and not in the path of God, and that if persons climb up into miracle-working power by those false ways they are thieves and robbers and the truth is not in them.

I am the door. By me if any man enter in he shall be saved. He that entereth not by the door (Christ) but climbeth up some other way is a thief and a robber.—John 10:1-15.

Just now a great many "ways" are springing up and claiming to be the ladders upon which man-
kind can creep up into great power. They are very enticing and are deceiving thousands of people, for the reason that astonishing things can be performed by persons who understand the hidden laws of the universe. Here, in my own state, and not far from me, was a man (until recently) who could handle the clouds. He would ask you to pick out any particular cloud in the sky and tell him what you desired him to do with it and he would sit down and be quiet a few minutes and the cloud would obey him. If you would ask him to split the cloud and send one part of it east and another part west and another part south he would sit quietly a few minutes and the cloud would pull apart and go just as you had requested. If you desired the whole cloud to go in a certain direction and join another cloud it would soon begin to move and do just as you had asked. He could do many astonishing things like this and yet he had no use for Jesus Christ or the Bible. Anti-Christ, if you please; such as Theosophy, Christian Science and the like. He was climbing up some other “way,” just as Jesus knew they would. Yes, there are many “ways” for men to climb up into miraculous power and do miracles, and Jesus knew this, but there is only one Door through which to pass into the fold of God and be saved. There is no other name under heaven by which men can be saved but by Jesus Christ. He that climbeth up and attempts to get into the sheep fold without going through the Door (Christ) will, eventually, fall down and
break his neck, as there is always a rotten round in these other ladders which will let the climber down with great force on the outside of the sheep-fold, and all he can do, then, is to run around on the outside, weeping and wailing for not having gone in through the Door. Therefore, it is a matter of great seriousness to consider just what the Door is. There are so many things nowadays that look like the true Door and yet they are not, that a person must not be careless as to what he is doing when finding his associates in the New Age. The real Elect Church of God is not yet come to visible appearance before the world, and, therefore, the groupes and bundles of associations and colonies now arising are deceiving many, just as the New Testament declares. As to any of the present churches (Protestant or Catholic) now on the earth, it is positively certain that none of them are God's Elect Church. Therefore, no one need be deceived into any of them. They are all Gentile organizations, and when "Gentile Times" expire, as declared by Jesus and St. Paul, they, all, will go down and disappear from earth, and in their stead will come God’s real Elect Church, built out of the people who can truly step up and “subscribe with their hands unto the Lord and surname themselves Israel.” All others must go down. They will go down. They are already rotten unto death. They are the old bottles that can not stand the new, strong wine of Christ that is now being poured out from on high to quicken the growth of
humanity towards God and His Millennial Age which is pressing closely upon us. They can claim whatever they choose but that does not make it so. The guilty criminal sometimes claims to be innocent. All the forces of the infernal regions are now at work claiming to be thus and so. They claim every thing in sight. But Israel will step up, now soon, and subscribe with their hands unto God and surname themselves the Elect Church of God. Therefore claiming to be so and so cuts no figure, as the blazing wheels of the chariot of God roll right on, over every thing in their way and crush it out.

One shall say, I am the Lord's. Another shall call himself Jacob. Another shall subscribe with his hand unto God and surname himself Israel.—Isa. 44:5. Hear, O, Israel whom I have chosen. Fear not, for I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring, and they shall spring up as among the grass like willows by the water courses. And who as I shall call and set it in order for me since I appointed the ancient people (of Israel); and the things that are coming and shall come let them (the Israel people) shew unto them (the people of earth); for have I not told thee (O, Israel) ye are my witnesses?—Isa. 44:1 to 9.

It is the Elect Church of God springing up out of the grass and back woods where it has been hidden, centuries upon centuries. The above prophecy says it will flourish like willows by the water courses. Rank growth. It will crowd out every other thing that tries to stick its head up. It will be the little stone which Daniel saw cut out of a mountain without human hands, and it grew until it filled the whole earth; and it rolled on the toes of the great image and broke them
into pieces so that the wind blew them away so that they could not be found. The "toes", mentioned there by Daniel, are the numerous governments and churches now on earth. (See my No. 3 book for a full explanation of this point.) They are to be broken to pieces and chewed up into atoms so that the wind will blow them away and out of existence. See Daniel 2:34, 35. And this Elect Church or Millennial Kingdom is so near that the governments and churches of earth are trembling and dissolving. They are rapidly declining. Gentile times are about expired, and all these present things are beginning to pack their grip-sacks to go out also, as they have no business here after Israel step up and subscribe themselves as the Elect Church and Kingdom of God. I am not talking about Jews, remember. You must get this point rightly set in your mind. A glance at the dial of the heavenly clock shows that the time is almost here for a change in the dispensations of God. The Gentile governments and churches shall go down. They have had their day and are now weighed in the balances and are found wanting, and, therefore, must be cut off forever from further leadership.

When the Jewish nation departed from the righteousness of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and went into idolatry and all manner of corruption, so that they made the house of God a den of thieves, instead of the house of prayer for all people, then God overthrew their nation and gave the ruling power, both civil and religious, into the hands of the Gentiles. And it was to this fact that St. Paul called the attention of the Gentiles: "Behold therefore, the goodness and severity of God on them (the Jews) which fell, but toward thee, (Gentiles) goodness, if
thou continue in his goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”—Rom. 11:22.

The question now to be decided is this: Have the Gentiles continued in his goodness? or have they, like the Jews, made the house of God a den of thieves? Matt. 21:12, 13. Was there ever an age of greater corruption and idolatry, fornication and injustice and all manner of fraud, hypocrisy and confusion, both in church and state, than what we have to-day? According to the text, the Gentiles would be cut off “if they continue not in his goodness.” The fleshly seed of Adam’s race, both Jew and gentile, have had the government of the world in their possession for over six thousand years, and instead of continuing in the goodness, and walking in the commandments and laws of God, they have filled the world with human suffering until the whole earth is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit. Rev. 18:2. The fulness of the Gentiles is now come in, which means the end of the Gentile kingdoms of the whole world. See Dan. 2:44. Luke 21:24. Rom. 11:25, 26. Rev. 11:15. The Gentiles must, of necessity, be cut off in order to the establishment of the righteous reign of Christ in the spiritual seed of Abraham, whether they be Jews or Gentiles, “for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal. 3:16, 29.

The fleshly people are now going to be cut off from power, both in church and state; nor will they ever be restored to their former position as the rulers of this world. Rev. 18:21.

The great city (Babylon) of to-day, is the Gentile nations of the world, over whom Satan rules in all lands. But the time has come upon all the world as a thief in the night, in which the above scripture will be fulfilled. “And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great mill-stone, and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city of Babylon be thrown down and shall be found no more at all.” Let no one suppose that this means the literal destruction of any part of the earth, for such is not the case. Num. 14:21. Eccl. 1:4. During the reign of the Gentile nations they have put upon the world such forms of government, both civil and religious, as best suited themselves. Hence, the popular theology of the world though preached in the name of Christ, will all be abandoned by the spiritual seed of Abraham after the Gentiles are cut off. The spiritual condition of all the Gentile churches to-day is that of the Laodiceans, the seventh church in Asia, to whom Christ says, “I know thy works that thou
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art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:15, 16. Hence, the interest and improvement of the world require that they shall be cut off.—From a tract by S. B. Needham.

The dial of the heavenly clock shows that the time is now here for the cutting off of all Gentile rule, both religious and political, as their full time is come, as declared by St. Paul.

Blindness has happened to Israel until the fulness of the gentiles be come in.—Rom 11:25.

Their full time was to be a period which the Bible calls "seven times." I have, in other chapters, shown that a "time" is 360 years. That is, it requires 360 years for the planets in the heavens (which I call the heavenly clock) to make one cycle or race; and seven cycles would be seven times 360 which makes 2520 years that the Gentiles were to rule the world religiously and politically. And according to Prof. Dimbleby's calculations in astronomy the 2520 years will expire soon. Our human-made calendars bring the time out with a difference of nearly two years between our man-made calendars and the time marked by the heavenly clock, for the reason that the English Parliament (away back) changed our calendars and set them ahead one year and nine months. There have been several changes made in our time by various rulers, so that it is utterly out of order when compared with the steady movements of the clock in the heavens which measures off time correctly, without variations. And it is the
only reliable time-piece from which all calculations must be made.

The Roman Popes corrupted the calendar rolls. At last the seasons fell months out of time, so that the festival of spring was celebrated in July. Julius Caesar unmade this confusion, decreeing that the year 46 B.C., should contain 445 days, and instituting leap years. Caesar's orders were misread and for the next thirty-seven years every third instead of every fourth year was made a leap year; and this mistake being discovered, the next four leap years were suppressed. Years were reckoned by the names of the consuls. The Nicene council was dated at the time according to the Roman indication, a cycle of fifteen years introduced by Constantine the Great. About the same time Abbott Dionysius the Little suggested the Christian reckoning, though mistaking his starting point by some five years. This system spread slowly westward. Yet for centuries English statutes were dated by the year of the king's reign, and it was not until 1549 that our coinage bore the Anno Domini date. In 1582 the Roman church authorities found a difference of ten days between the civil and the solar years. Pope Gregory XIII. made the correction by which 1800 is not to be a leap year. The Gregorian calendar was not adopted in England until 1752. Eleven days had been omitted in September of the previous year, which ended on December 31, thus making the new year begin in January. The old style, now twelve days out, is still in use in Russia, but it is proposed to adopt our Western reckoning with the new century. Another proposal is to come up at the Paris exhibition of 1900. It is an American suggestion to keep the dates of the month on the same days of the week by having twelve months of the twenty-eight days each and one month of twenty-nine days, except in leap year, when the thirteenth month would have thirty days.—The Academy.

Prof. Dimbleby is the chief astronomer of the British Astronomical Association, and he shows, from several different calculations, in different ways, that we will soon be to the line dividing Gentile times from the New Order of things. That is, the heavenly clock will strike the end of Gentile times. It is the end of a cycle where a new thing starts in on the earth. This is why
Jesus Christ arose from the dead on Easter day. It had to be just that day and no other day, as every important event takes place when the clock in the heavens strikes. When the cycle is ended a line is crossed and something new starts in; hence the resurrected Savior broke the chains of death and came forth a new creature into the power and exalted glory of God. A new dispensation of God set in. The old Mosaic Law dispensation, with its numerous rules, went out and the new age came in, but not ten persons in the whole world knew that anything great had taken place; and there are millions of persons on earth today who yet know nothing about it. They never heard of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when I say that the world will pass over a line soon, I do not mean that the lightning will play zigzag through the heavens, nor that the thunders will roll and the earth heave and great demonstrations take place. No; there may not be any noticeable occurrence to the general public. The downfall of the Turkish nation will hover around the point in some way or some where, as they are the Gentiles who are treading down Jerusalem during Gentile times, and, of course, when the Gentile period ends they must cease their operations on Palestine. They will be forced to let go.

Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.—Jesus, in Luke 21:24.

The ending of this Gentile period is so near that numerous organizations are being formed and claiming to be the Elect of God, and they
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are deceiving many people. "Temples" are being built at various places, and high-sounding names taken and great operations planned. But let me tell you that there is nothing in the Bible to even hint that any "temples" are to be built anywhere but in the old city of Jerusalem. There is the place where the prophecies declare shall be built a magnificent palace as the capitol of the world. The exact spot of ground is laid out and the measurement thereof carefully stated in the last nine chapters of Ezekiel. Commence at chapter 40 and read the remainder of the book of Ezekiel. A great many other statements are made by the prophets, showing that the old city shall be built up again and the house of God located there, and that all orders shall go out from there. It will be the center of the Elect Church which will rule over all nations and break down all other governments and all other churches.

The city shall be builded upon her own heap (upon the ruins of ancient Jerusalem) and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.—Jer. 30:18.

The Lord shall yet comfort Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem. Mine house shall be built in it.—Zech. 1:16, 17. It shall come to pass in the last days (of the Christian Age) that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established and all nations shall flow unto it, and many people shall say, Come, let us go to the house of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways, for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem; and he shall judge among the nations and rebuke many people.—Isa. 2:1-4. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall be gathered unto it.—Jer. 3:17.

There are many other Bible statements on this point but these are enough to show where the
hub in the divine wheel will be located; and the Elect Church (called the Priests of God) will be there to teach the nations about the mysteries of the Most High. This is why the above prophecies declare that many people will say, "Let us go to the house of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways," for the word of the Lord will go out from Jerusalem. Yes, Jacob or Elect Israel will be there as teachers and rulers.

Hear, O, Israel whom I have chosen, for I will pour my spirit upon thy seed; for have I not told thee (O, Israel) ye are my witnesses?—Isa. 44:1 to 9.

This shows the foolishness of the Tom, Dick and Harry colonies that are now building "temples" in various parts of earth and calling themselves the Elect Church of God. People who know nothing of the Bible prophecies are easily deceived by these deceptive crowds now arising, and this is why I have so much to say on this point. I know, by the mail coming to me, what is going on over the earth, and the various colonies now being established and the doctrines they teach; and I see the complicated net-work of error that is being woven around the inhabitants of all the world and hundreds of people becoming entangled therein; therefore, too much can not be said on the point. Christ foresaw all this and warned the world about it.

Many shall come in my name and say, I am Christ, and shall deceive many. If any man shall say unto you Here is Christ or over there (in that colony) is Christ, believe it not, for there shall arise false christs, and they will shew great signs and wonders (do wonderful miracles) so that if it were possible they would deceive the very Elect. —Matt. 24:5, 23, 24.
We are, right now, entering into the deceptive period described by the above words of Jesus. All kinds of persons and colonies are springing up and doing wonderful things. We are already in the *Naronic Cycle* which makes things favorable for producing astounding men and women. Therefore, if you see any one calling fire down from heaven, right before your eyes, do not be surprised, as such people are sure to come on and work miracles and claim to be Christ or some other wonderful personage. I know of a man, here in the United States, who claims to be Saint Peter—the identical Apostle Peter who traveled over Palestine with Jesus; and this man has written a great many pamphlets and calls them St. Peter's Library. He announces it boldly that he is the identical St. Peter, and he strongly intimates that he can turn the world around and catch it by the throat and jerk it about as though it were a rat. I admit that it is quite probable that the Apostle Peter will come back to this earth and be born through a woman like any other child and come on under a new name and yet have the keys to the Kingdom of God. That is, he will be endowed with great wisdom on spiritual things so that he can teach us the mysteries of God and distinguish the false miracles from the genuine, and be a rock of defense to stand against the numerous deceptive things now arising to fool the chosen Elect. But Christ tells us that deception will fail. He made preparations against that when He was on earth, so that those who are called to stand with St.
Peter, nowadays, as the Elect Church, will have a preceptor and defender, so that the wily and cunning things and false miracle performers can not slip in and destroy the members or doctrine of the Elect Church of God that is to be the ruler of all nations during the 1000 years of the Millennial Age.

I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock (God in the flesh) I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever thou bindest on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.—Matt. 16:18, 19.

By this we see that somebody (the Apostle Peter) is to arise and build the Elect Church out of human bodies. That is, he is to be the instructor on all spiritual things and a defense against the wily things that will try to run in and devour the Elect Church. But Christ declares that the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Holy Ghost in St. Peter and the other members of the Elect Body of Christ will warn them when a wolf in sheep's clothing is trying to get into the fold. It is positively beyond human wisdom to know good from evil. Nothing but the Holy Ghost is able to detect the one from the other. Some time ago I was talking to an audience and I made the statement that not a person in the audience could tell good from evil. It struck them in a surprising way and some of them (after the lecture) disputed it; but I never argue the case or dispute with any one about these spiritual things, as the New Testament tells us that the human or carnal
mind can not understand them, and, therefore, it is like talking to the winds. Make the statement of truth and let it go. It is not until after one has had a long and varied experience in the school of God that he can begin to see the point that he knows nothing. He is just as liable (more so) to call good evil and evil good as any other way. Nothing but the Holy Ghost can help him out of his muddled condition. The human family (at this time) is all tied up and veiled and entangled in the net of delusion so that the flesh man, with his present mind, is sure to have everything wrong. His ideas are all wrong. Wrong every way, but he can not be made believe it. He will jump up and fight a thing that is from God, and yet, at the same time, he will think that he is doing God great and noble service. While on the other side of the case he will extend the hand of fellowship to some rank evil and uphold it and imagine that he is a noble defender of God's cause. This was Saint Paul's case before the baptism of the Spirit struck him. He was a strict follower of the Pharisee church and he thought that Jesus Christ and His doctrine were terrible evils that should not be tolerated, and so Paul started out to kill everybody that would dare to utter a favorable word for Jesus. Paul could not distinguish good from evil. Do you see? He wanted to kill the Lord and hang to the evil Pharisee church. In this he thought he was doing good service to God's cause. But when the Spirit struck him his eyes and understanding came open and he threw away his old
evil church and joined hands with Christ. He could (then) distinguish good from evil. Before that spiritual baptism he was siding in with a false church organization and trying to make all people believe in it. The people of today are doing the same thing. They are blind and are siding in with evil things and imagining them to be from God. As an illustration of this I will mention a case. Here, in the United States, two years ago, a man sprang up into a wide-world fame. His name was heralded from house to house as the wonder of these wonderful days. It is estimated that 200,000 people visited him for healing. He was quiet, unassuming and thoroughly honest. Money was almost *thrown* at him. He refused every thing except a little food and a few necessary clothes. He frowned on every thing of a dishonest nature. People began to worship him and *almost* believe that he was, indeed, the Messiah. A man in the Southern States commenced to publish a paper—having as his sole purpose the advocating of the idea that the healer was, indeed, a direct messenger sent by the Lord to usher in a new age &c., &c., and calling all the people to the half-believed messiah. The editor was highly enthusiastic and proclaimed the great things the new messiah would do after a while. Money was asked for by the editor to aid the paper so as to reach the nations of earth. A man who had been solicited to aid the cause refused to give any thing towards establishing the new paper, and he stated his reasons for
refusing, as he understood this Naronic Cycle period and the results it will bring; and, as his reasons are on the line of truth I here quote a part of them only in order that all may see that we are now living in the time described by Christ as the period when every conceivable thing will arise that would deceive the Elect if it were possible. Here are extracts from the gentleman’s letter in which he states his reasons why he would not aid the paper.

“I cannot aid you in your spread of sensational reports of Schlatter, as you should know that he is only a Medium in charge of the Catholic Forces to keep alive their ideas and prolong their cult or creed, at the expense of truth. The ‘Naronic Cycle’ produces the conditions, hence the results. I could tell you much about this present time and those individuals, but desire to wait until the times are more favorable to expose delusions on these Occult Laws. A Medium is totally irresponsible when he is an unconscious tool in the hands of designing knaves, and you make a great mistake in trying to fasten upon history the fraud as a reality. I thought you were an Esoteric Initiate of Nature’s Forces, and familiar with the ‘Naronic Cycles’ of Hermetic Law. You certainly have the wrong idea of poor Schlatter, and will do infinitely more harm than you are aware of by publishing the little book proposed in your circular. I bid you pause and reflect as to the results of aiding and keeping alive the old Cult or Creed that Natural Law pronounces dead and no longer suited to the requirements of the race.

Francis Schlatter will go down in history as a poor, unconscious Medium, guided and controlled by the Inversive Brethren of the Catholic Creed. Throw off this yoke of slavery and come out into the light.”—From a Denver man’s letter, published in Morning Star.

The enthusiasts refused to believe that the above letter stated any truth. They were determined to have it that the new “messiah” would come forth from his hiding place with great power
and glory, and, therefore, they continued to cut and slash away in their papers about the wonderful things that would be done by him in future. And during all the time they were bombarding the public to make ready to receive the hidden man his skeleton was lying under a tree, out in a lonely mountain place in Mexico, as is shown by the following press dispatch:

EL PASO, TEXAS, June 5, 1897.—A week ago last Friday two American prospectors found in the foot hills of the Sierra Madre, thirty-five miles southwest of Casa Grande, Mexico, all that remains of Francis Schlatter who, a year ago, was the subject of much wonderment. The prospectors' attention was attracted to this his camp by their espying a saddle astride a limb in a dead tree, high up in a gorge through which the river runs. His skeleton was found stretched out on a blanket close up to the tree. The bones were bleached white, and alongside lay the copper rod, weighing about forty pounds. Piled up alongside the trunk of the tree were saddle bags, a large memorandum book, a package of letters bound by a rotten rubber band, some blankets and six suits of underwear. A Bible and canteen of water were alongside the pile, and the canteen was half full of water. His saddle ropes and some extra clothing were directly over the skeleton on a limb of a tree. In a knot hole in the tree were found needles, thread, buttons, etc. On the inside cover of the Bible was inscribed the name Francis Schlatter.

There were no signs of violence, and the prospectors believe Schlatter died of self-imposed starvation, as there were no cooking utensils of any kind in camp. The jefe politico at Casa Grande was notified May 30, 1897, and on June 2 the skeleton and effects were brought to that village, where the authorities hold them awaiting a claimant. Americans at Casa Grande examined the letters and other effects and pronounce them undoubtedly those of Schlatter. An Indian informed the authorities that some months ago he came upon a gray horse in the neighborhood where the camp was found. The horse was hobbled. A Mormon cowboy stated that during the month of November, 1896, Schlatter rode up to his camp, fifty miles west of Casa Grande, on a gray horse. He was unarmed, carried no provisions or cooking utensils, and refused to eat anything and said he was fasting.
The following communications from Francis Schlatter himself I quote from a pamphlet entitled "Life of Francis Schlatter." He says:

"I was not very strong, and Father was preparing me for what was to come. . . . One day whilst sitting listlessly at my shoemaker's bench a voice commanded me to write to a friend who lived on the north end of Long Island, and he would be cured of paralysis; but I doubted and did not write. A few days later the command was repeated. I wrote, and later learned that my friend had been cured. For eight months I continued at my trade (shoemaking), when again I heard the voice, which I knew was Father, commanding me to fast, and for seventy-five days I did not taste food. . . . I never begged during the two years of my wanderings. . . . I asked for no food, but accepted it when offered. . . . I reached Talequah (Indian Territory), where I was taken very ill, by reason of exposure, irregularity of meals, and also loss of power of locomotion in one leg, and was prostrated for two days. During these two days I healed several of the Indians who had treated me kindly. The night of the second day I saw a vision, in which I was told to resume my journey in the morning. I arose refreshed, and with no symptoms of illness I bade my Indian friends good bye and resumed my southern course. . . . I started immediately over what is known as the Staked Plains, the northern desert of Texas, arriving at El Paso, Texas, after great suffering and privation, about July 1st, 1894. My way then lay over the sterile Yuma desert, through the extreme southern section of New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. The heat was intense, but I did not suffer for several days. By keeping along the line of the Southern Pacific, from El Paso, I was enabled to follow a chain of habitations, where sometimes I was given food, but more often went without. Though often fainting from weakness, Father supported me. At Mojave, California, I purchased a forty-pound bag of flour, and carrying some water, started into the Mojave desert. I had been making a paste with the flour and water, but at the Needles, Arizona, my flour had given out, and I got a bag of wheat and ate that. Now my real sufferings commenced, and Satan pressed me more than ever before. No man can ever know what I suffered. It was every day, every hour and every moment, without rest, my body was racked with pain. I did not suffer mentally, because the worse the pains the happier I grew; but sometimes my suffering was terrible. No one ever suffered like that. . . . But the Visions! Oh! the beautiful, magnificent Visions I saw during those dark hours. One
bright moonlight night, when it was as bright as day, I saw the grandest Vision ever seen by mortal man. Sometimes all of the Prophets would appear before me. Then Father told me I was ready to begin healing in the cities. . . . I was happy. At that time only the uppers of my shoes were left; my feet were on the ground; but I procured strips of rubber and bound them on the soles of my feet to protect them from the rocks. In this condition I walked into Flagstaff, Arizona. Here I spent some time herding sheep. July 7, 1895, I arrived at Peralta, then I came to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where hundreds were treated. I stopped healing and entered upon a fast of forty days, at the conclusion of which I came to Denver, arriving August 30, 1895.”—From pamphlet.

“Early in July, 1895, Francis Schlatter began his labors in the healing art in New Mexico. How long he had been engaged in doing good among the poor is not known, but a correspondent of the News saw him on July 16. At that time whenever he ventured from his stopping place he was besieged by crowds clamorous to have him but touch them to heal. The News of July 17 contained the first intimation that was given the general public of the existence of this remarkable man. He told a reporter for this paper that he had left Denver some two years before, and had worked in this city at the trade of making shoes. Investigation on the 17th proved the correctness of every bit of his past history that he felt free to give. He arrived in Denver some time during 1889. When he arrived in Denver he had a slight stoop to his shoulders, and complained that his lungs were weak, but after a few months his shoulders squared again and he walked erect. He was a close student of books of a mysterious sort, and frequently spoke of a wonderful power he expected to be some time able to use. He became very well known to many Spiritualists and believers in the occult in this city, but was never very “chummy” with any. He held himself aloof, and dreamily held communion with other souls.

The reported wonderful cures of Schlatter and the devoted followers who clung to him in New Mexico created great interest. In the News of August 4, 1895, was the first complete story, as far as he would allow it to be known, of his work in New Mexico and of his travels. A description was given of accredited cures and of what had become of greater interest—his personality. At that time he wore a cheap shirt, a pair of overalls and jumper of the same overall material. Socks were on his feet, but no shoes. His long hair fell over his shoulders, with no hat to protect it from the sun’s rays.

A blind plasterer of North Denver heard of Schlatter
and his wonderful cures, and became convinced that the healer could give sight to his ruined eyes. Neighbors, hearing of "Blind Harry's" wish, sent a committee to New Mexico to bring the healer to Denver. At first he resisted, but finally yielded. He reached Denver on the evening of Thursday, August 22, going to a cheap hotel for the night. The next day fully 500 afflicted people besieged the house. Schlatter denied himself to all for some time, doing only a little private healing until he could secure a long rest. On the 16th of September he first appeared publicly in Denver to heal the sick. At that time he stated he would disappear on the 16th of November, giving his destination as Chicago. The first day he treated fully 1,000 people, and from that time until he left the city the little home was the Mecca for all the afflicted of the West.

The intelligence of the death of Francis Schlatter will shock thousands of believers in the divine mission of the "silent man." Although eighteen months have elapsed since he was last seen in Denver, those who were especially friendly towards him during his stay of three months in the city have been the recipients of numberless inquiries concerning his disappearance and the time when he would again come before the public. Hundreds received tangible evidence of the healing powers of Schlatter, and will never doubt the exalted claims of the remarkable man and will look upon his death in the solitude of the mountains as one of those inexplicable tragedies in the history of men which no human being can hope to solve.

Francis Schlatter completed his work in this city on the night of the 13th of November, 1895. Upon starting on his self-imposed undertaking of healing, three months before, he announced that he would continue until 5 o'clock of November 14. This intelligence was spread broadcast by the press, and before daylight of the last day which Schlatter had designated several thousand persons had gathered in front of the Fox residence, in whose front yard the healer had been dispensing his favors without money and without price. The scene which ensued when it was discovered that the healer had departed was beyond description. Men and women wrung their hands and wept, and cries of disappointment filled the air. Thousands visited the vicinity during the day, and the spot on which Schlatter had stood for twelve long weeks was touched with hundreds of handkerchiefs which the owners believed would be efficacious in healing disease. For days the region was visited by disappointed crowds, and even up to the present
time the place occupied by Schlatter is visited by strangers and regarded by many as holy ground.

It was estimated at the time of his departure that Schlatter had treated 200,000 people in Denver. For several weeks, as his mission drew to a close, he treated 3,000 to 5,000 people daily. Astonishing stories were told of the effect of the touch of the healer, and even such authority as Mr. F. M. Foote, Grand Commander of the Masonic bodies of the State of Wyoming, testified in writing that Schlatter had instantly cured his 12-year-old daughter of total blindness which had afflicted her from birth. General Manager E. Dickinson, of the Union Pacific Railway, visited the healer, and was so deeply impressed by the man that he issued an order authorizing employes over the entire system to apply for free transportation to Denver if they desired treatment for themselves or members of their families. Mrs. Dickinson came to Denver and was treated by the healer with satisfactory results, and hundreds of wealthy and influential men from the East as far as Boston, and the West, as far as San Francisco, came to Denver and stood in line with the great throng of afflicted humanity which sought the touch of the healer. Special trains were necessary in order to bring the crowds that wanted to feel the grasp of the strange man and who stood regardless of weather looking into the sad face of the healer. Of the preachers Schlatter said:

"They live in mansions and preach from pulpits to tickle the people instead of helping the poor."

Schlatter himself received no money, and, attired in the coarse but cleanly raiment of the mountains, was in striking contrast with the well-dressed men and women who filled the roadway in front of the little home which Schlatter had chosen as his temporary abode. So great was the crush to meet the healer that a long line of applicants for relief was usually in place before daylight, and the sympathies of Schlatter were so aroused that he frequently appeared and treated the more heavily afflicted before breakfast. At 9 o’clock in the morning he invariably began his treatments, continuing, with a brief intermission, until four P. M. In the evening he usually visited some sufferer in a distant part of the city and gave private treatments, all without cost to the patient or his friends. There was no doubt of the perfect sincerity of Schlatter and the tremendous interest his work aroused in all parts of the United States and even in distant parts of the world. The Denver postoffice is yet in receipt of letters from far away countries addressed to Schlatter.

Before coming to Denver, Schlatter underwent a fast of
40 days. While in this city he ate very little at meals, his refreshment at the close of a hard day's work often being a slice of dry bread and a glass of wine. He was a daily reader of the Bible, and in company with those whom he trusted was as playful as a child. His resemblance to the pictures of the Savior is well known. His simple mode of life and the absolute sincerity of the man made a profound impression on many religious people of the various churches. Schlatter was reared in a Roman Catholic church, and attended Sunday morning services in one of the Catholic churches of the city.—From Denver News.

I introduce this and the other unusual things now occurring to show that we are in the very days referred to by Jesus as the deceiving period when the gates of hell are resorting to every conceivable scheme to creep into the Elect Church now being formed. By this I do not mean that Mr. Schlatter was dishonest or attempted to deceive anybody. He was honest, plain and unassuming, but he himself may have been deceived as to the power operating over him. He thought it was God the Father. He thoroughly believed it. But was it? The New Testament tells us that we wrestle not with flesh and blood, but with "powers" and principalities in the air—meaning unseen spirits. See Eph. 6:12. This is a subject about which the world is entirely ignorant, and this is why I introduce the Denver gentleman's letter about refusing to give any help towards establishing a new paper to advocate Mr. Schlatter's work, &c. He thought it out of order. Mr Schlatter had nothing to do with the plan. It was started without his knowledge or consent. It is not probable that he ever heard of it, up to the day of his death. It was
all the plan and work of others who fell in with the idea that whosoever could do great miracles certainly was a sent messenger of the Lord and should be introduced as such to all the world. They overlooked the fact that the New Testament warns us that in the closing days of this Christian Age wonderful persons shall arise and do such astounding miracles that if it were possible it would deceive the very Elect of God. Deception, you see. And yet the persons doing the miracles will be totally ignorant of the fact that they are being used as tools for the unseen spirits which are trying to hold control of the world and not let it pass into the hands of the Elect Church which is now being formed by the Lord. It is the gates of hell now playing over the people and trying to rift open the Elect Church by slipping up behind it and working wonderful miracles and acting godly and mild and pretty in every way so as to be an exact counterfeit of the genuine. Here is where the Apostle Peter uses his keys to the Kingdom, “and whatsoever thou bindest on earth shalt be bound in heaven,” &c., &c. He becomes a necessity to protect the Elect, as he will be specially prepared by the Lord so that none of these wiley things can deceive him. Christ says they will make a desperate effort to run in by deception, but He also says “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” The gates of hell run in and out of the present church system at will. The doors stand wide open and the “powers and principalities of the air”—unseen
spirits—use them as *mediums* to teach all kinds of stuff and act up in all kinds of ways so that there are a thousand and one doctrines—some exactly the reverse of the others. And whosoever joins one of the present churches becomes so completely entangled in the network of spirits that he is, indeed, lucky if he can ever pull loose and run away from them. The gates of hell have free passes to go in and out of the present churches, to their hearts’ content, as there is no one in any church now on earth who can discern good from evil. Do not be astonished at this statement. I am not dreaming. Discerning good from evil is a special gift bestowed on a person by the Lord; and until a person *has* this gift of discerning spirits it is utterly impossible for the person to know whether a thing is from God or from spirits pretending to be God. See 1 Cor. 12:10. This is what fools so many people; and this is the reason the Apostle Peter with his keys comes back to earth in (the flesh) and locks them out, as they will not be able to slip in past him, as the Holy Ghost in him has eyes on all sides, and deception is impossible, as Christ declares. This protects the Elect Church from running off into doctrines of devils. There will be only one doctrine, one Lord and His name one. There will be no Methodist Lord, Baptist Lord, Campbellite Lord, Presbyterian Lord, &c., &c. Here is where the gates of hell have run in and riddled the doctrine of Christ. The Elect Church will drive all of these false things from the field and
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will take possession and rule supreme. This is why the unseen spirits are so very active now and are resorting to the finest kind of counterfeit works to hold the people with them by showing to them wonderful miracles and enticing the people in this way, as the spirits well know that when the Elect Church is established and begins to rule they (the unclean spirits) must leave and lose the rulership of the world. It will pass over to the Elect.

The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And I heard a loud voice saying, Now is come salvation and the kingdom of our God. Rev. 12:10, 12.

The unclean spirits will then be swept out and their network of rulership over the affairs of men destroyed. They have had a long period of evil-working, but their time is almost expired; but before they are put down they will come to a climax or crisis point, when the world will come into the greatest tribulation ever before known, but the authority of Christ will prevail, and, finally, sweep down all antagonistic forces.

This kind of talk about evil spirits and their wiley ways operating over the affairs of men by using the people as mediums will sound queer to most people, as not many persons are aware of the fact that nearly every body is a medium, controlled and operated over by just such forces, although the person is not aware of it. This is the way such forces work their doctrines and rulership into the governments and churches of earth. A man or set of men will rise up and
engage in a certain movement, but never even suspicion what is causing them to do so. The movement may have the appearance of good, and this attracts the people to it and winds them into the net, and only the Holy Ghost is a protector to keep people out of it. In the sixteenth chapter of Acts is a case that will show how these things go. There, a woman sprang up and began to prophesy or foretell future events. She was the wonder of all the country, round about. She could hit it correctly every time. She became so perfect in her prophesying that some men hired her to travel and foretell events. They charged a set price for her to tell "fortunes" to people. They were making money out of her prophecy business. She was so mild and god-like in her nature that when she saw Saint Paul and heard him preach she took right in with him and become, apparently, very greatly interested in his sermons and doctrines—so much so that she followed him from place to place and seemed very anxious to get into the knowledge of God's gospel, as preached by St. Paul. Every preacher and every churchman on the face of the earth, today, would have taken that woman by the hand and introduced her into the congregation as sister Soandso. All the people would have been glad to get such a very highly spiritual person into their congregations. Every one would have said "God bless sister Soandso, a great servant of the Lord." She would have led the whole congregation, as every one would have regarded her as more advanced
in spiritual things than others, and, therefore, she would have been put forward as the leader. But did Saint Paul do so? No. He never even regarded her or gave her any sign of recognition as a godly woman. He frowned upon her, and, finally, turned towards her, and, in the name of Jesus Christ, commanded the controlling spirit to come out of her, and the spirit came out instantly and then she had no more power to prophesy, for the reason that the spirit which St. Paul drove out of her was controlling her and giving her great light about future events. It was not the Lord showing her things to come to pass. This is why the Holy Ghost told Paul about it and put him on his guard so that he would not extend the hand of fellowship to the woman and let her into the congregation. If Paul would not have had the Holy Ghost to warn him he, undoubtedly, would have greeted the woman as a sister in the Lord and in the church and then the prophesying spirit in and controlling the woman would have worked false doctrines into the congregation by using the woman as a medium to do the teaching. And the woman being able to prophesy correctly and work miracles, would have pinned the faith of every body to her so that her doctrines and teachings would have been accepted by all as coming from the Lord. This is why Christ says that "On this rock (God in the flesh) I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The gates of hell (unseen spirits by the million) will not be able to deceive the Elect Church members,
for the reason that the same Holy Ghost who warned Paul will warn the Elect of today. Therefore, these fraudulent miracle performers, now arising, will not be able to slip up and get into fellowship with the Elect and rift open the Chosen Church of God that is to lead all the world 1000 years. It is the Church of Elect Israel; and it will crush out and totally obliterate the present Gentile churches going under the name of Protestant and Catholic. They are all Gentile churches and have not the Holy Ghost to show to them what spirits are evil or not sent by the Lord and what are sent messengers from God. Here we are again to the point which I have stated many times, viz: that no person outside of the chosen members of the Elect can distinguish good from evil. This is why Saint Peter must come onto the earth with the keys of the kingdom and stand against the wily ways of deceiving spirits that will operate (are now operating) over and in persons to do great miracles in order to entrap the world into their nets. This is why St. Paul says that we must put on the whole armour of God in order that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. This is why this St. Peter point is a vital one in the gospel of today. It has much to do with the building of the Temple out of human bodies, and spirits know this fact and this is why counterfeits are on the earth. Every important point in God's plan is counterfeited by spirits. This is what started the Roman Catholic Church, over thirteen hundred years ago. Those words
of Christ stood in the New Testament (see Matt. 16:18, 19) where Christ said to Peter, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This was a rich point to be picked up and used for all there was in it as a cunning deception; and all the unseen forces needed was a man to act as St. Peter. They found him and put him forward and gave to him a brassy face so that he had no hesitancy in claiming for himself every thing in sight. They gave to him many high-sounding titles as follows: "Christ by Unction," "Holy Father," "Keybearer of the Kingdom of Heaven," "Apostolic Lord," "Prince of the Universe," "Head of all the Holy Priests of God" and many other great swelling titles, such as "Representative or Successor to St. Peter," "The Vicar of Christ," &c., &c. He is known to the general world as the Pope at Rome. He issues his decrees in great swelling words and claims boldly to be the successor of St. Peter, and, therefore, to have the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and that he can excommunicate or cut off people at his own sweet will and do all things that God can do. Great is the Pope, to hear him tell it. Here is the way he puts it in one of his written decrees.

A Roman Catholic Pope's Decree.

Wherefore, seeing such power is given to Peter, and to me in Peter, being his successor, who is he, then, in all the
world that ought not to be subject to my decree, which have such power in heaven, in hell, in earth, with the quick and also the dead? By the jurisdiction of which key the fullness of my power is so great that, whereas all others are subjects—yea, and emperors themselves ought to subdue their executions to me—only I am subject to no creature, no, not to myself; so my Papal majesty ever remaineth undiminished; superior to all men, whom all persons ought to obey and follow, whom no man must judge or accuse of any crime, no man depose but I myself. No man can excommunicate me, yea, though I commune with the excommunicated; for no man bindeth me: whom no man must lie to, for he that lieth to me is a heretic, and an excommunicated person. Thus, then, it appeareth that the greatness of priesthood began in Melchisedec, was solemnized in Aaron, perfectionated in Christ, represented in Peter, exalted in the universal jurisdiction and manifested in the Pope. So that through this pre-eminence of my priesthood having all things subject to me, it may seem well verified in me, that was spoken of Christ, Thou hast subdued all things under his feet.

And likewise, it is to be presumed that the bishop of that church is always good and holy. Yea, though he fall into homicide or adultery, he may sin, but yet he cannot be accused, but rather excused by the murders of Samson, the thefts of the Hebrews, etc. All the earth is my diocese, and I have the authority of the King of all kings upon subjects. I am all in all, and above all, so that God himself, and I, the vicar of God, have both one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. In all things that I list my will is to stand for reason, for I am able by the law to dispense above the law, and of wrong to make justice in correcting laws and changing them. Wherefore, if those things that I do be said not to be done of man, but of God—What can you make me but God? Again, if prelates of the church be called and counted of Constantine for God, I then, being above all prelates, seem by this reason to be above all Gods. Wherefore, no marvel if it be in my power to change time, to alter and abrogate laws, to dispense with all things, yea, with the precepts of Christ; (Yes, the Roman Church sets aside Christ’s teaching) for where Christ bideth Peter put up his sword, and admonishes His disciples not to use any outward force in revenging themselves, do not I, Pope Nicholas writing to the bishops of France, exhort them to draw out their material swords? * * * And, whereas Christ was present himself at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, do not I, Pope Martin, in my distinction, inhabit the spiritual clergy to be present at marriage-feasts, and also
to marry? Moreover, where Christ biddeth us lend without hope of gain, do not I, Pope Martin, give dispensation for the same? What should I speak of murder, making it to be no murder or homicide to slay them that be excommunicated? Likewise, against the law of nature, item against the apostles, I can and do dispense; for where they command a priest for fornication to be deposed, I, through the authority of Sylvester, do alter the rigor of that constitution, considering the minds and bodies also of men now to be weaker than they were then. If ye list briefly to hear the whole number of all such cases as properly do appertain to my Papal dispensation, which come to the number of one-and-fifty points, that no man may meddle with but only I myself alone, I will recite them. (Here follows the list.) After that I have now sufficiently declared my power in earth, in heaven, in purgatory, how great it is, and what is the fulness thereof in binding, loosing, commanding, permitting, electing, confirming, dispensing, doing and undoing, etc. I will speak now a little of my riches and of my great possessions, that every man may see my wealth and abundance of all things—rents, tithes, tributes; my silks, my purple mitres, crowns, gold, silver, pearls and gems, lands and lordships. The whole world is my diocese, and all men are bound to believe. Wherefore, as I began, so I conclude, commanding, declaring, and pronouncing, to stand upon necessity of salvation, for every human creature to be subject to me.

So you see by this that the words of Christ about St. Peter and the keys were seized upon by unseen forces to entrap the world by setting up the greatest net-work of evil that ever existed. It has reached to the ends of the earth and corrupted every thing. It has been like a withering blast striking the world. It is the very essence of the infernal regions that rose up and cunningly devised a scheme to palm off a "Hobo" man as St. Peter to pretend to have the keys of heaven, earth and hell and lock in or out any one who refuses to obey the pretended Saint Peter, commonly called the Pope. It has been worked so cunningly that millions upon millions of people believe the scheme
to be a genuine thing, and they tremble before the Pope and kiss his feet with great reverence, as they believe that he can shut them out of heaven or put them through hell without having their hair scorched. It has been a wonderful game of sleight-of-hand that has bewitched the nations of earth, just as St. John, in his great visions, foresaw.

By thy sorceries were all the nations deceived.—Rev. 18:23, 24.

The Roman Catholic Church claims that it is the kingdom of God or Millennial Kingdom that was to stand 1000 years and reign with Christ. It puts the Pope up as the Vicar (which means a substitute) of Christ, and that the Pope sits in St. Peter’s seat and has the keys and acts as the great high king of all the earth. And to show off in kingdom style and make their counterfeit look more like genuine the Pope has in Rome a very large palace, containing eleven thousand rooms. He keeps one thousand servants to wait on him. Sixty door-keepers are employed. Hundreds of people are kept as working servants to the Pope. Millions and billions of dollars flow to him; and his word is law. It is a wonderful scheme that reaches all over the earth and teaches the doctrines of the unseen devils that are behind it. It commits murder, theft and cunning deception in every way and yet has the audacity to claim to be the great Millennial Kingdom of perfection. This shows how extremely cunning the spirits are that are behind it.

“What they hate they want to destroy. They destroyed one of their own Popes (the only good Pope Rome ever had),
because he would not serve their despotic purposes. The Jesuits were so corrupt he issued an order for their suppression. He was soon poisoned by a Jesuit Priest. Several days before his death, "His bones were exfoliated and withered. * * * After death, the features were livid, the lips black, the abdomen inflated, the limbs emaciated, and covered with violet spots. When his pontifical robes were taken from his body a great portion of the skin adhered to them. The hair of his head remained entire upon the velvet pillows on which he rested, and with the slightest friction his nails fell off.

Henry IV of England, was stabbed by a Jesuit, May 14, 1610. Prince William of Orange was shot by a Spanish Papist. The Jesuits worked up a bloody rebellion against Henry IV of France, because he would not be ruled by them. The massacre of the Hugenots, and of St. Bartholomew's day was their work. They attempted to blow up the English Parliament with gunpowder in 1605. The Spanish Armada for the crushing of England was of their getting up. The Slaveholders' war against the United States was in part their doing. Their tools it was who shot Lincoln also James A. Garfield, Carter Harrison, and attempted the murder of Wm. H. Seward. As they have an army of 100,000 soldiers in the United States and hundreds of thousands more in preparation for some future designs of murderous work and strife and discord in this Republic let laws be made as early as possible to suppress their army and expel these conspirators from the United States. They have already been expelled from the following countries for their murderous treasonable conduct.

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The Papal church's record of slaughter since it began the work of exterminating heretics is as follows:

Killed under Pope Julian ........................................................ 200,000
By the French massacre ...................................................... 100,000
By wars on the Waldenses .................................................... 150,000
By wars on the Albigenses .................................................... 150,000
By Jesuits mobs and torture .............................................. 900,000
By the Duke of Alva's Massacre ........................................... 136,000
By tortures of the Inquisition ............................................ 150,000
By the Irish massacre ....................................................... 150,000
By the wars on the Moors of Spain ..................................... 1,500,000
By wars on Jews in Europe ................................................. 1,100,000
By Mexico, S. America and Cuba ......................................... 15,000,000
Under Bloody Queen Mary .................................................. 23,000
In East Indies, Europe and America ..................................... 50,000,000

Total loss of human lives, as found on authentic history, by papal tyranny ........................................... 70,559,000

Seventy million five hundred and fifty-nine thousand persons murdered by this great pretended kingdom of God is a good record of slaughter by an institution which all the Bible declares must be perfectly righteous. That is, it says that the
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Elect Church or Millennial Kingdom must be very pure, and, as the Roman Church claims to be the Elect, I bring up its record to compare it with the Bible statement to see whether it fills the description.

A recent issue of the Catholic World, says: "The Catholic church numbers one-third of the American population, and if its membership shall increase, as it has for the past thirty years, in 1900 Rome will have a majority. * * * The state religion is to be Roman Catholic. The Catholic is to wield his vote to secure Roman Catholic ascendancy, in this country. All legislation must be governed by the will of God, unerringly dictated by the Pope. Education must be controlled by Catholics."

"The Young Men's Institute" is the name of a recently organized body to help on the designs of the Roman Pope, in America. It is said there are 500,000 already enrolled to help the Pope have supreme possession of the United States before the year 1900. How shall it be, freemen of America? Shall the armies of the Roman Pontiff be allowed to exist in our midst in America, bold defiance of Municipal, State and United States laws. See here, what is said of this new Roman Catholic organization, by the Review and Record, of October 26th, 1895.—the Regular organ of the Y. M. I. "The Y. M. I. is bound to be the great Catholic organization of the Twentieth Century. The Catholic church no longer fears Protestantism. That parasite is dead, but its fruit, infidelity, remains. It will be our duty to stand firmly by the teachings of the church. We will have to enter into the spirit of the church, which consists in aiding her in all these undertakings which do NOT directly relate to faith or morals."

"According to the Lincoln State Journal, which in its issue of Dec. 17th, publishes nearly a column of news from Boston, Mass., relative to the formation of the Roman Catholic army which is to organize at Bridgeport, Conn., next summer; the dispatch states that the news was shown to Col. F. Scannell, one of the oldest members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in this section of the country, and who is also prominently identified with the Clan-na-Gael and other Irish organizations. "You can say for me" said Colonel Scannell, that there are already in this city several companies formed. * * * They have been drilling regularly in their respective halls, and most of the members are good shooters. The companies are located in the city proper,
South Boston, East Boston, Charleston and Roxbury, and all told there are 1,300 men enrolled in the new organization. In addition to drilling in their respective halls, the members of the order take advantage of their holidays to go out into the woods where they practice with their rifles. * * * At present there is a difference of opinion among the leaders of the movement on the question of religion entering into it, (namely that Political Roman Catholic Army.) * * * In the ranks of the Clan-na-Gael are many Protestant Irishmen, including ministers and others. * * * Among Clan-na-Gael Scots, the question they are now discussing is whether in their new movement, it is safe to trust so important a matter to the Protestant Irishmen. * * * Some idea of the strength of the Clan-na-Gael in this country can be gained from the statement that there are fully 700,000 men enrolled in the organization. Councils of the Clan-na-Gael are established in every state in the Union. The union is strongest in Chicago and Philadelphia, while New York and Boston come next in order.”

“According to the New York World of Nov. 5th, 1895, additional details were received of the burning to death of ten “Heretics,” who were declared enemies of the Roman Catholic church, by the judge of the town of Texacapa, Mexico. They were ordered out from their beds in the middle of the night, weeping and wailing, and driven by constables to the place of execution, to please their priests.

The schemes of this Roman Catholic St. Peter fraud are beyond human imagination. They will resort to any thing to carry their points.

The Mohawk Indian maiden that Rome is now seeking to beatify, no doubt became a Christian, but there is absolutely no evidence that she became a Romanist. But Rome wants a red saint to help her in her work of capturing the remainder of the redmen in the forest. In Africa, wherever the black race predominates, God is presented by Rome as a colored man. Statutes of Christ stand in their churches as black as the ace of spades, with big, thick, pouting lips and crisp, curly hair. To the Indian, Christ is presented as a red man with feathers and tomahawk and all the implements of Indian warfare. To the Chinaman, Rome presents a Christ with yellow skin, cross eyes and a pigtail. Surely Rome is all things to all men, devil and all. Rome is anxious that New York shall be able to boast of a saint born in the State. Great Guns! Fancy a saint born in New York! New
York, the Rome of the United States, the seat of papal power and the home of all the devilish tools of the papacy! The rendezvous of Irish dynamiters, Clan-na-Gael assassins, Hibernian renegades and Fenian blood-hounds, must have a saint to superintend the stupendous work of Rome and keep tally for Tammany Hall.—Extract from the Red School House paper.

To show the real doctrine and inside workings of this monstrous net-work of unseen spirit forces I now introduce the oaths of the various branches of the Roman Catholic Church which is simply the tool or medium through which the spirit forces (not from God) act.

**Oath of the Cardinal.**

"I, ....... , cardinal of the holy Roman church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient unto Saint Peter, the holy apostolic Roman church, and our most holy lord, the Pope of Rome, and his successors. That I will give no advice, consent or assistance against the pontifical majesty and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the councils entrusted to me by themselves, or by messengers or letters; also that I will give them my assistance in retaining, defending and recovering the Roman papacy and the regalia of Peter, with all my might; and that I will resist, unto blood, all persons whatsoever who shall attempt anything against them. That I will, by every way and by every means, strive to preserve, augment and advance the rights, honors, privileges, the authority of our lord the pope. That I will seek out and oppose, persecute and fight against heretics who oppose our lord the Pope of Rome."

**Oath of the Priest.**

I do declare, from my heart, without mental reservation, that the Pope is Christ's vicar-general, and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth; and that, by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to His Holiness (the Pope) by Jesus Christ, he has power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may be destroyed; therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and
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His Holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and Church of England and all adherents, in regard that they may be usurpal and heretical, opposing the sacred mother of the Church of Rome. I do denounce and disown allegiance as due to any Protestant king, prince, or state or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the Church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants to be damnable, and those to be damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the Protestant doctrine, and to destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise.

Oath of the Jesuit.

I declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vicegerent, and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness (the Pope) by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he (the Pope) hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and on the continent of America, and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred church of Rome.

I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state named Protestant or Liberal or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers.

I do further declare the doctrine of the churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestant or Liberal, to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

I do further promise that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Iceland or America, or in any other kingdom or territory, I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doc-
trines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent—to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever communicated to me.

I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and liberals, as I am directed to do; to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age sex nor condition; and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip open the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against walls, in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by the agent of the pope, or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father of the Society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which, I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all my corporal powers; and with this dagger, which I now receive, I will subscribe my name, written in my own blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false, or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow-soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth, and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of the dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of this holy convent.

[He here receives the wafer from the superior and writes his name with the point of his dagger, dipped in his own blood, taken from over the heart.]
Oath of the Bishop.

"I, ......................................, will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter the Apostle, and to the Holy Roman Church, and to our lord the holy Pope of Rome I will help them to defend and keep the Roman Papacy and the royalties of St. Peter against all men. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman Church of our lord the Pope. I will endeavor to preserve, defend, increase and advance. I will not be in any counsel, action or treaty, in which shall be plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and if I shall know any such thing to be treated or agitated by any whatsoever, I will hinder it to my utmost, and as soon as I can, I will signify it to our said lord. The ordinance and mandate of the Pope, I will observe with all my might, and cause to be observed by others. Heretics, and rebels to our said lord or his successors, I will to my uttermost persecute and oppose.

Fenian Oath.

"I swear by Almighty God, by all in heaven and earth, by the holy church, by the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, by her sorrow and grief at the cross, by her tears and wailings, by the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, by the glorious apostle of Ireland, St. Patrick, by the blessed and holy church of all ages, by the holy national martyrs, to fight upon Irish soil, to fight for the independence of Ireland,—to fight until I die, wading in the red gore of the Sassenach (Protestant) for the glorious cause of nationality; to fight until not a single vestige, track or footstep is left to tell that the holy soil of Ireland was ever trodden by the Sassenach (Protestant) tyrants and murderers; and, moreover, when the Protestant robbers and brutes in Ireland shall be murdered and driven into the sea, like the swine our Lord Jesus Christ caused to be drowned,—then we shall embark for and take England, and root out every vestige of the accursed blood of the heretic adulterer Henry VIII. and possess ourselves of the beasts who have so long kept our island of saints—Old Ireland—in the chains of bondage, driven us from her shores, as exiles, into foreign lands. I will wade in the blood of Orangemen and heretics (Protestants) who do not join us and become ourselves. Scotland, too, having given aid and succor to the beast, we shall live in her gore, and we shall not give up until we have restored our holy faith all over the British isles. To all this I sincerely and conscientiously swear, with my eyes blinded, not knowing who to me administers this oath."
I introduce all this to show what monstrous schemes unseen forces manufacture and work onto the world by using a man or a set of men as a medium through which the forces act. This explains why St. Paul said "We wrestle not with flesh and blood but with powers (spirits) and principalities." They (the spirits) have their kingdoms and rulers and they swoop down on a man or a neighborhood and set every thing to going. Whole kingdoms of them come at once. St. Paul calls them "principalities." Their action is not always vicious. Oh, no. They start up a revival meeting and have the church people dancing and yelling and howling and pounding the benches and falling over into a trance and cutting up great freaks. The people who go through such experiences imagine that they are "getting religion." They never even suspicion what forces are working over them. A man will start up and begin to heal people, right and left. The whole neighborhood will be excited about it. The "healer" may be very mild, gentle, honest and refuse money or help from any one and yet he may be a medium for a spirit that is not sent as a messenger of God. This is why St. John tells us to "try the spirits" to see whether they be of God. See 1 John 4:1. The language and conduct of the healer may be godlike and yet he will be controlled by an evil force; and to fellowship with the healer contaminates us. But how are you going to tell whether the "healer" is acting under the Holy Ghost or under a spirit not authorized by the Lord? You can not distin-
guish good from evil. Do you see? This is why St. Paul says, "I will not hear your speech but your power." See 1 Cor. 4:19, 20. By this he meant that he would pay no attention to what a man said or to how he acted but that Paul would judge him by his power. The man might be mild and meek and talk beautifully about the goodness of God &c., and be able to heal the sick, call fire down from heaven and do other astonishing miracles that would lead people to think that he had great power; but the Holy Ghost in Paul would tell him that the man's power came from the wrong source. It was not from God. Therefore, Paul would not judge the man by his miracles or his good actions or his speech but by the revelations given to Paul by the Holy Ghost about the man. There is no other way for a person to distinguish good from evil, as spirits will act good and nice like God and talk beautiful things in favor of God and yet be a rank counterfeit. To illustrate this I will state a case. Some time ago I became acquainted with an elderly woman of good education and good sense. She was giving all her attention to Bible subjects and books about God. She devoured every thing that would teach her any thing about the Lord and His goodness. She was mild and very anxious to be God's servant. She talked and wrote beautiful things about God. She wrote to me a long letter in which she held up to me the goodness of God. It was, indeed, a beautiful letter. I forwarded it to one of the members of God's Elect Church, now being formed, but I said noth-
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The woman who wrote it. The very instant the Elect man took the letter into his hands and began to read it he looked up and said to another Elect man who was standing by him, "The woman who wrote this letter is surrounded by spirits." And they immediately wrote me to have no fellowship with her. There was not a word in her letter about spiritism, as it was about the goodness of God, yet the Elect man detected it instantly that the woman was a medium for spirits. The Holy Ghost in him revealed it to him that the letter was really dictated by spirits. He had never heard of the woman but the Holy Ghost told him all about her "power," as Paul calls it. The Elect man would not hear her speech but her power. Her speech in the letter was all right but her power was all wrong. It was coming from spirits not authorized as messengers of God; and there is no way of detecting this except by revelations from the Holy Ghost.

Did the Elect man judge her correctly when he said she was surrounded by spirits? Yes. I became well acquainted with her, and I found that she was surrounded by spirits, and that she herself knew it, and she related to me many of her experiences with spirits. They were curious and astonishing. How many people on earth, today, could have held her letter in hand and detected that unseen forces, not from God, were controlling her? Not a person outside of the Elect Church, now being formed by the Lord. You remember that Christ says in Matt. 24:24 that the wily
schemes of spirits, and the people controlled by them, will not be able to deceive the *Elect*. I found it so in this case and others that have come under my notice. While Mr. Francis Schlatter was performing his wonderful miracles in Denver, in bringing sight to the blind and curing life-long cripples the Elect Church was watching his proceedings carefully, as he had all the characteristics of a genuine godly man, but the Elect were given a hint that he was not performing his wonders by the spirit of God but by some other spirit not authorized by the Lord. Therefore, the Elect people did not make themselves known to him or have any fellowship with him, as it is entirely out of order to fellowship with any spirits not authorized by God as His sent messengers. To do so would let the wolves into the sheepfold, and destruction would be the result. They would rift open and destroy the Elect Church by pouring into it their wily doctrines and schemes—just as they have already done with the *present* churches of earth. They are all *Gentile* churches and know not the fine and high mysteries of God, as these belong to Elect Israel who get the "*adoption*" and the "*service*" of God, Paul says. See Romans 9:4. The glory of the sun belongs to the Elect Israel Church; while the glory of the moon satisfies the Gentiles; and the glory of the stars belongs to another class of people. St. Paul mentions these three different grades of glory. He also speaks of the *third* heaven, which shows that there are at least two other heavens, but that the *third* one
is the most brilliant. This agrees well with the glory of the sun and of the moon and of the stars. The Gentiles are satisfied with what Jude calls the *common* salvation, but Elect Israel must go higher and come into the faith once delivered to the saints and get the *high* calling which enables them to overcome death and live on and on like a tree. See Isa. 65:22. And to do this they must not become corrupted with spirits and their wily ways. Therefore, the Elect Church must be closely put together so as not to leave any doors open for wily spirits to slip in and deceive. They are already active and are deceiving many. Take the Schlatter case for instance. It was the finest counterfeit of the genuine I have ever seen. He seemed to have the characteristics of Christ and the apostles. He was thoroughly honest. Would accept no pay. Lived quietly and plainly and desired to do only good. A whole army of persons were already preparing to be his followers; and they were starting a paper to call the world’s attention to him. They were *sure* that he would come out from his hiding place and lead the world; but while they were thus living in hope for his brilliant coming forth the spirits that were controlling him were leading him down to Mexico; and when they had him there they took him out in the lonely mountains and laid him under a tree and killed him. You must remember that he followed the dictates of the spirit that was operating over him, but *he* thought it was God the Father. Therefore, he kept step with his revelations; and
when the spirit told him to leave Denver he arose from bed, in the night, and pinned to his pillow a written note of good bye to his friends and started to wherever the spirit took him. Therefore, it is proper to say that the controlling spirit over him took him to Mexico and also under the tree; and his skeleton was afterwards found there, stretched out on a blanket. Thus ended the opening chapter of the great deceptions now being played by spirits, just as Christ forewarned us. Therefore, we see that Paul was right when he said that "We wrestle not with flesh people but with "powers" (unseen). By this he means to tell us that people in the flesh will rise up and come against us with great viciousness and yet it is not those people who are fighting us but unseen spirits that are cutting at us by using the people as mediums to do the work for the spirits. Therefore, it is not the people against whom we have to wrestle but the spirits that are back of it all. This is why Jesus said of His persecutors, "Father forgive them as they know not what they do." Jesus recognized the fact that it was unseen forces trying to cut off His head by using the people as mediums to do the mean work. And the old Pharisee church was simply a medium or tool controlled by spirits; and this is why the Pharisees were so bitterly against Jesus. You see the Pharisees were controlled by unseen forces that were working schemes to kill the Redeemer and great High King. Spirits well know that when Christ begins to rule the earth they must give up the rulership of the world
and leave, and, therefore, if they can murder Him or His followers and put them all out of the way then the spirits can hold on to their rulership. This is where the desperate fight comes in. This is why the Bible tells us that "They who overcometh shall inherit all things." The promise is to those who overcome; and you can not overcome the spirits unless you lie right down on Christ and trust Him to do the fighting for you, as He passed through their hands and they cut him off and He rose up in their face by resurrection and overcome them at last so that He has complete authority and power over them, and He builds a fence around those who trust Him, as His spiritual fire burns the unseen forces if they come near. Therefore, you are shielded by the Christ; and there is no other name under heaven by which mankind can be redeemed or saved but by Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus says "I came to destroy him that hath the power of death, that is the devil." By this we see that some unseen force or forces ("principalities") have power to kill people. This is further proven, all through the New Testament, where it tells us that spirits would go into persons and make the persons sick or crazy or blind or deaf or dumb; and when Christ would come along He would command the spirits to come out of the sick persons and out they had to come, and then the persons would be well. Spirits would be causing it all, you see. A whole legion (meaning many) of such forces were in a man (See Mark 5) and they set him crazy and wild so that nothing could hold
him. But when Christ came along the spirits began to beg of Him not to destroy them or send them away. They said, "Please let us go into those swine over there in the pasture." Jesus consented, and out of the crazy man the many spirits went and entered into the hogs. Just so soon as the spirits left the man he came into his right mind and was no longer crazy. So you see what was making the man insane and wild. The spirits were using the man as a medium to cut up according to their notion of things. At times the spirits enter into a man and make him seem very religious and Christ-like. They do not set him crazy like they did the man just mentioned. No. They have another purpose in view. And it is this mild, Christ-like side of their actions that deceives the world, for the reason that people regard him as a most holy person. His speech and his actions lead them to think so. But Paul says, "I will not hear your speech but your power." That is, I will sense your "power" as to whether it comes from God or from spirits. If it comes from spirits it is all wrong and I will have no brotherly fellowship with you because you do not belong to God. You are poisonous and you will taint all those around you. Therefore, if you have not this fine perception (given only by the Holy Ghost) you can not distinguish the poisonous power from God's life-giving power; and, as a consequence, you can not tell whether the man is evil or good. You must have the very fine sensing perception of the Holy Ghost to tell you as to what kind of a
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The Holy Ghost would give Paul a sense or revelation about what kind of a power was doing the talking or acting in man. Therefore, it will be seen by this and many other things in the New Testament that spirits enter into a man and make him sick or kill him or give him light or make him a leader of men or a miracle performer, or insane or some other way. In other words, nearly the whole world, at this time, are simply mediums or tools in the hands of unseen spirits, and the people do as they are inspired by the spirits, but the people are not aware of it that their ideas and actions are coming from spirits. This is why the Bible talks about the god of this world or the prince of darkness working through or over the people. And if a person has the Holy Ghost he can detect what is making a man take a certain step or action; and if spirits are causing it the Holy Ghost man must stand against the actions of the person in order to overcome the spirits and defeat them. “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” You must not allow yourself to become a medium for spirits. You must not be controlled by them in any way, as God is the Supreme Ruler, and if you desire to have Him as your King you must not have other kings. Spirits will make a desperate effort to get control and teach you when
you give up to God and His work, and right then is the dangerous period for you, as you will get many revelations and hints about your affairs and, as you are new in the godly path you are liable to think that every thing is from the Lord. You can not distinguish the unauthorized messengers from the true agents of God. Spirits seem to hover close to this earth like clouds; and it seems to be the case that every person who starts out to find the Lord and come into the high spiritual light and life of God must first pass through the clouds of spirits hanging over us; and while going through their net-work, surrounding this earth, the traveler will meet with many and curious experiences and receive many heavy lashes and bruises that will cause sorrow and heart-aches of the most desperate kind; but he must keep right on, as the New Testament tells us that "we must, through much tribulation, come into the kingdom of God." These are they who have come through great tribulation. Rev. 7:14. It almost drives a person crazy at times. He is in a mixture of unseen forces. He must go on through them all, before he can see the bright sun-light of God and become sufficiently perfect to detect good from evil—the false messengers from the true. I have watched these things several years and had (long ago) settled down on the basis that every person who starts out on God's path will first pass through the clouds of spirits and will have many encounters with them in a variety of ways, and just recently I noticed in a paper a paragraph by the editor that states this same idea in a little different way, as follows:
As a general thing those who are illuminated pass through mediumship first. Because the moon, or psychic atmosphere surrounds the earth; and in your efforts to come into the Truth you must pass through this atmosphere into the clear light of the sun. Mediumship is under the control of the moon. Eating, drinking, sleeping and the sexual life belong to the sphere of the moon. Hence most people go crazy before they become sane.—From* Shelton's writings.

While Mr. Shelton's way of stating the case is unusual, it is, really, on the line of fact. A person must pass through and rise above psychic, mental and spirit forces surrounding this earth before he can come into the clear sun-light of God's truth. When I say you must rise above all these influences I do not mean that you must die and go off to somewhere to see God. You stay on this earth and overcome all of them and ride over them. Christ says, "I have overcome the world." "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me." That is, none of these forces could control Him, but He could control them. As to the moon having something to do with lunatics most people never stop to think. They seem not to notice that the word "luna" is a Latin word meaning moon, and the three letters tic are added to it to make it apply to a person so that a "luna"-tic is a person influenced by the moon. It is the same as saying that he is a moon-ic. There is a curious mystery about the planets and their influence over every thing on this earth but, at the present time, no one is able to give the inside workings of it. Sometimes we find a horse that is moon-eyed. That is, he becomes blind at a certain time of the moon and regains his sight when the moon changes.
This fact is well-known by horse-men. A moon-eyed horse, then, might be called a "luna"-tic or moon-tic because he is supposed to be influenced by the moon. At least he becomes blind when the moon is in a certain condition or position; and he always regains his sight, in a few days, when the moon passes out of that condition. So we see that some kind of an unseen influence strikes the horse at a certain time of the moon, and disappears at another time of the moon. It seems to work on the same principle as does the Naronic Cycle. When the Naronic Cycle period comes around every thing goes into a spiritual upheaval and the thick darkness passes off of the people, more or less. That is, they partially regain their spiritual insight. This is something similar to the moon-eyed horse which gains his sight at certain periods of the moon. I go over all this to show that Mr. Shelton's statements about the moon and its influence over the people are not so silly as most people imagine. In this connection I might mention that the London Lancet, the leading medical journal of England, has recently declared that the same diseased condition exists in a drunkard as exists in a person who is madly in love. Both are diseased. Something is working over them and in them to set them going; and the medical journal declares that to cure them from their disease they must be separated from their loves. The drunkard must be kept away from liquor and the love-sick person must be kept out of sight and hearing of his or her "darling." On this point Mr. Shelton
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agrees with the medical journal's statement about separation being a cure, and he goes on further in the subject as follows:

The London Lancet says there is an absolute pathological identity in the symptoms of drunkenness and the condition of one madly in love. In both cases separation is a cure. This is a true statement, but the separation must be long enough to pass over several moon periods. The cure will be more certain if the separation covers the entire Zodiac. Mad love is insanity, and so is intoxication. True love comes from the sun, and does not disturb the nervous system; but sex love is from the moon, and causes an ebb and flow in the tide of feeling. All mortals, in reaching the sunshine, must pass through the darkness and the moonlight.—Shelton.

True love comes from God and is therefore, life; while sex-love is death. In this the world is terribly deceived. People mistake the sex-love for God-love and, therefore, they meet with death; and the more the sex-love is used the more terrible is the death. But the more the God-love is used, the higher and stronger is the life. All these things must and will come up before the pilgrim who is facing Godward. The deceptions are numerous and extremely fine. Unseen forces are on every side; and the more sacrificing and determined the pilgrim is the greater is the conflict, as "we must, through much tribulation, come into the kingdom of God." The unseen forces hover around and attack the called man of God. They know just how great or how little his work is to be and they stay with him to devour him or control him if possible. "Where the carcass is there will the eagles be gathered also" to pick it to pieces. See Matt. 24:28. Nothing but the Holy Ghost can guide us through all this, as the deception is so
fine that human intellect is utterly powerless to know any thing; but the Elect Church understands all this by special calling of the Lord and they do not do the bidding of spirits but just the reverse. They have the power to know when a scheme is managed by spirits and the Elect people set themselves squarely against it and positively refuse to be controlled or ordered by the unseen forces. I will state a case.

Some years ago unseen forces undertook to get control of God's Elect Church (now being formed by the Lord) by attacking one of the children belonging to the company. Spirits sometimes do this for the purpose of forcing the sick person to use a certain kind of medicine or employ a certain doctor in whom the spirits are interested. Then if you use that medicine or employ that doctor the spirits have gained their point over you and leaves them the rulers over you. Well, the Elect people's child died. Thus far the spirits had beat the company (seemingly), just as they thought they had beat Jesus by killing Him. But He afterwards rose up with more power than ever. After the Elect child died the spirits were determined to carry their point further by saying, "Now you must bury that child immediately and we will make you do it." So up came the whole neighborhood—for miles around—all mad and threatening vengeance on the Elect company if the child was not buried, then and there. Mob action was talked all over the country, round about. It looked as though a serious trouble would be commenced by all the
people, against the Elect. The Holy Ghost revealed it to the Elect that spirits were at the back of it all by using the people as mediums or tools to cut at the Elect. This is why the people all became mad at once. The same influence was working over all of them. They all harped on the same string—"We will make you bury that child." The Elect company said "We will not bury the child until we please to do so." So they dressed it and laid it away in an unused room of the house and waited for the spirits to quit ordering the Elect about it. It so happened that the child died in the fall of the year, when cold weather was coming on, and, being in a cold room, the child did not decay. The people raved and foamed, of course, as they were simply mediums under the foaming power of the spirits that were knifing the Elect. The dead child was kept in the unused room all winter. The Elect people were just as anxious as any body else to bury it but they would not do it until every man and woman in the neighborhood would quit talking about it. So long as any person said "You must bury that dead child" it showed that the spirits were still at work, hoping to control the Elect; but when every body quit and became in good humor then it showed that the spirits had given it up and removed their influence from off the neighborhood, and left God's Elect Church the winner. This is why the New Testament says, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." Overcome what? Well, go on through the Bible and see. Jesus says, "I have overcome the
world, the devil and every thing, and all power in
heaven and in earth is given unto Me.’” Go on
further and see how spirits entered into people
and made them sick, blind, deaf, insane, &c., and
how Jesus would come along and say, “I com-
mand you (spirits) to come out of the man” and
immediately the man would be well. Read the first
and second chapters of Job and notice how the
Sabeans rose up and stole Job’s oxen and mules;
and how fire burned up his sheep; and how the
Sabeans formed into bands and stole Job’s camels;
and how the wind blew down the house and killed
Job’s children; and how sores came out on Job’s
body. Who was doing all this? Who was mak-
ing the Sabeans foam and steal? Who was blow-
ing the house down in order to kill Job’s children?
Read the chapters and see that evil spirits were
given control over all of Job’s possessions and they
were knifing him by using all these tools as their
mediums. Go further and see where Paul says in
Ephesians 6:12 “We wrestle not against flesh and blood
(people) but with powers and principalities (unseen
forces not having flesh and blood bodies). They
are led by a great prince or leader called the prince
of darkness. This is why Paul calls their army a
“principality.” Spiritism is a fact. A desperate
and terrible fact. And redemption means to get
clear out from under the influence of all spirit
forces except God and His authorized messengers.
You must pay no attention to unauthorized spirits.
If you do, you will meet with the same kind of an
outcome as did Schlatter. They will use you as
their tool until they become tired of you and then they will take you out and lay you under a tree and kill you, as they did him. But before they do this they will use you to kick up the dust and make all the world hold its breath and say, "Look there at that fellow—Isn't he a wonder?" "Every body run here and see the show." It is like a patent medicine man who mounts a store-box, on the main street, and begins to yell and sing and kick up an excitement to attract every body to him, so he can skin them or else slip onto them a false doctrine where the "power" is all wrong. "I will not hear your speech but your power"—says St. Paul. I will see what kind of an influence is over you—whether it is God or some other. St. John says, "Try the spirits to see whether they be of God." How can you try them? Bring them up before the bar of the Holy Ghost and let Him pass judgment on them. It is utterly beyond human intellect to decide it. Therefore, when Christ gave to Saint Peter the keys to the mysteries of the kingdom of God He certainly had a purpose in it. "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." What does that mean? "On this rock (God in the flesh) I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail (not succeed) against it." What does that mean? It shows that some kind of hell-forces will try to burst the Elect Church of God to pieces and not let it come onto the earth. Why should Peter have the keys to the kingdom any more than any other man? I can not answer this question. It is simply God's
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choice, and He knows His business and purposes without any instructions from any body. Why did He pick just a select few to act as apostles? Why not take every body as an apostle? Why did He single out Moses as a great leader to rule over the journey in the wilderness? Why did He pick out just one of the boys of Jesse to act as king over the Israelitish nation? There were thousands of other men on earth at that time, and why should any particular one (David) be so carefully chosen for the very high position as king over the specially chosen nation of Israel? Why should Jesus be the Redeemer or Messiah? There were thousands of children born at about the same time as was Jesus but the very great and exalted position as the Messiah fell to the lot of Jesus by special appointment and arrangement by God, the Father. Why was Abraham chosen as the head or father of a race of people, out of whom the Lord has built all His plans and wonderful works on earth? Why did not the Lord pick on some other man or set of men? All the answer you or I can give to these questions is that the Lord selected His man for each branch of the divine work, and it is none of our business why He did it so or what purposes He had in view. Therefore, when He tells us in Matt. 16:18, 19 that He has selected Peter as the man to whom He will reveal His mysterious unseen spiritual laws of the divine kingdom, and that Peter shall hold the keys to them, all we have to do is to accept it without quibbling and ask no questions. And I have shown to you by the Bible
statements that spirits are wily and deceiving, so that it is not possible for our human intellect to cope with them or handle them in any way; therefore, somebody, specially annointed for the purpose, must come on with spiritual power and wisdom to attend to this branch of the work while the divine Tabernacle is being built out of human beings. It is the Church of God about which Christ speaks of building. “On this rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” See Matt. 16:18. It is the Elect, spoken of in Matt. 24:24 and Isa. 65:22.

For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that if it were possible they would deceive the very Elect.—Matt. 24:24. As the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine Elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They are the seed of the blessed. Isa. 65:22, 23.

They are the “Remnant” of chosen Israel whom the Lord shall call; and they will be endowed with power of God to deliver other persons from the wily works of spirits.

In mount Zion shall be deliverance and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.—Joel 2:32.

They will be the divine Supreme Court of the earth to decide all questions arising among the people. And their decisions or judgment will not be by reasoning or any set rules, but by direct inspiration from the Lord. This is why the Bible speaks about judgment being given into the hands of the saints, and that they shall reign with Christ 1000 years. All religious teaching will be by them, and it will be exact truth by inspiration from God, (not inspiration from spirits) and this is why great
care and protection are thrown around them by the Lord by sending Saint Peter who has the keys to all the hidden mysteries of spiritual things so that no deception can creep into the Elect Church which I call the divine Supreme Court of all the earth. No wrong doctrine will be taught nor wrong judgment made in any thing. It will stand like a pillar of fire before all the world, and will distinguish the holy or genuine things from the profane or counterfeit movements.

I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.—Jer. 3:15. They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane, and in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge according to my judgment.—Ezek. 44:20, 24. Ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord. Men shall call you the Ministers of God. All who see them shall acknowledge them that they are the seed of the blessed.—Isa. 61. The Lord shall be thine everlasting Light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. I, the Lord, will hasten it in his time.—Isa. 60:20, 22.

The above prophecies show why people will see the fact that the Elect Church is the great blazing light of God, and, therefore, every body will say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways. We have heard that the Lord is with you." They are referred to by the prophet as saviors, as they will be endowed with great power of God to heal the sick, raise the dead and distinguish the counterfeit from the genuine and thereby be a guide to all the world.

Saviors shall come upon mount Zion to judge, and the kingdom shall be the Lords.—Obodiah 21:

By all these things we see how very import-
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The Elect Church is to be to convert and teach the world the exact truth of God; and that it must be built together with great care; and that Saint Peter has the keys to the mysteries concerning it. Therefore, this Peter movement is an important point, and spirits knew this fact, and, therefore, they started a great counterfeit movement and have it reaching to all the ends of the earth, so that it is the most cunningly devised net-work of evil that ever existed. It has entrapped the whole world. This great and monstrous net-work is called the Roman Catholic Church which has been operating in full blast over 1300 years. Spirits hunted around to find a man to act as Saint Peter; and they found him, and he is now known as the Roman Pope. He claims to be Saint Peter's successor and the vicar (agent) of Christ; and that he holds the "keys of heaven and hell" and can shut you out or in. He claims that his Roman Church is the kingdom of God or Millenial Kingdom, and that it has stood the 1000 years and reigned with Christ, and that all men must bow to its dictates. See previous pages of this chapter for Pope's decrees and oaths of office. In order to make it take on the appearance of a great world kingdom the Pope has a great palace of over eleven thousand rooms and 1000 servants and 60 doorkeepers. He plays it that he is the great agent and successor of Peter and has the keys &c. Every thing is a counterfeit of the genuine Elect Church to be established. It is a wonderfully
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cunning thing devised on the lines of God's genuine plans. But they do not understand the principle of reincarnation, and, therefore, they can not get at the Peter matter any other way than by playing it that the Pope is Peter's successor or agent. But Christ did not say that Peter should have any "agent" or "successor," He said Peter only should have the keys. Therefore, it must be the identical man Peter who walked over Palestine in Christ's days on earth. But the Roman Catholics do not know how such a thing can be, and, therefore, they say there must be an agent to play it as Peter. If they knew the principle of reincarnation and how resurrections of the ancient holy men are now going on they would have the Pope come out boldly and declare it that he is Peter, and by this means make their counterfeit net-work more on the line of the genuine. We see in this Roman Catholic net-work how cunning spirits are in order to deceive. They make a great pow-wow over the cross and the "Blessed Savior" and the saints, and they travel over the earth and build hospitals and care for the sick &c.; all of which partakes of the nature of the genuine and draws people to them. But their inside life is unspiritual and poisonous, and their doctrines are the doctrines of devils, while Protestant churches say "the day of miracles is past." This is also evil; and they know nothing about the St. Peter point. They leave him clear out. They seem to think that Christ was talking vague things on that point. They throw that all aside, the same as they
throw the Israel subject aside. Their errors run off on one line while the Catholic errors run off on another line. The heavenly train of God cannot keep the track without Christ in St. Peter with his keys, to unlock the way and pilot it on to the high truth of God. The Elect Church (now being formed by the Lord) falls not into errors. It keeps the track. When an astonishing thing arises the Elect people say, "We will not hear your speech but your power." "We will bring you before the Court of the Holy Ghost and judge you;" and by that it must stand or fall. No human made opinions about it. Opinions of men are worthless. This is why a government by a vote of the people is worthless and never a success. People's opinions and ideas are always wrong. Never right. Majority rule is always a wrong rule, for the reason that the majority have always been wrong on every thing. They see nothing and know less. What they think is knowledge is simply midnight darkness and gross ignorance. Human intellect is blind. It knows nothing, although it imagines it knows every thing; but as one comes into the unseen spiritual mysteries and the movements going on in the unseen realm he lays aside his intellect, as he discovers that his intellect said that a thing is a certain way, when, in fact, it was not that way at all; but nothing but the Holy Ghost can point out the error.

Having shown that the Elect Church must come on to lead the world, and that Saint Peter cuts an important figure in it, and that spirits have already
counterfeited it by setting up the Roman Pope to act for Peter and make a pretension of carrying on a kingdom, I now warn the world to look out for various kinds of counterfeit movements that will start up to pretend to be the Genuine Church of God. It is quite probable that several pretended St. Peters will arise and begin to build organizations or lead off into other movements. "Temples" are already being built in various quarters of the earth and astounding men and women are arising and doing great things to deceive the Elect. But you must do as Paul did. You must not hear their speech but their power. Their power may be great and enable them to do wonderful things, and yet it will be from the wrong source; and herein is the critical point to decide. Intellect can not decide it. The Holy Ghost only is the Court on the bench. All things must come up before Him. But I am aware of the fact that all this talk about spirits and their movements will be regarded by most people as strange and fanciful, but it is not. It is Bible doctrine, abundantly taught all through the Scriptures and confirmed by many persons of today. "We wrestle not with flesh and blood but with powers." Eph. 6:12. It is so entirely different from what the people think, that they can not bear it. They rave and foam and fly all into pieces. This is why Christ said that it is not good to put this new rich wine (mysteries of God) into old bottles. He said the bottles (meaning persons) would burst and loose it all. This is why He said, "I have many things to say unto you but ye can not bear them now." See John 16:12.
When I was younger and knew less about humanity I thought that the people would be glad to hear every thing coming from the mouth of Jesus; but I have learned that such is not the case. Some of Christ’s sayings are positively hated by humanity in its present blinded and ignorant condition. Christ’s words are powerful chemicals, and when they strike against the evil-minded people they set up a foaming, frothing condition like vinegar and soda coming together. The very essence of hell becomes stirred up in mankind, and murder arises in their hearts; and while they are in this condition they will shoot, knife, whip, hang, jail or scald the man who repeats over the exact words of Christ. You see, mankind has fallen into the mire of ignorance, disbelief and darkness so that the people do not view things from the correct standpoint. They see every thing through green glasses, so that the wholesome truths of Christ look, to ignorant humanity, like gall. It looks intensely bitter; and the evil, then, in human nature rises up and fights it. Evil does not like to be disturbed, and Christ’s words being chemical (because they are Spirit) they strike against the evil and burn it and set it to frying so that the person wants to fight or do some other desperate act. For instance: The New Testament doctrine is that those who wish to gain perfection and overcome death and live on and on forever, without going into the grave, must give up every thing on this earth and be cut loose from these things that hold one to death-dealing influences. A person
can not hang onto his earthly gods and gain the free and full spiritual power of God to such an extent as to purify him or her above the power of disease and death. He must throw down every thing (himself included) in order to break his earthly loves and be set free from them, as they are of a death nature and poison the whole man. They will hold him down and cut him off from spiritual power. They are of the earth and not spiritual, and, therefore, antagonize the spiritual growth and bind the person to them, while God insists that all men must be interwoven in Him. They can not have several gods. Their minds can not be riveted to wife, child, lands, money, fine houses or any thing else but God. All other loves must be broken. This is what Christ says on this point. Hear Him.

If any man come to me and hate not his father, mother, wife, children, brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also he can not be my disciple.—Luke 14:26.

He that loveth father or mother or son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.—Matt. 10:37.

Men and women can not worship idols and, at the same time, get the blessings of God to overcome death; therefore, those who come into the Elect Church, now being formed by the Lord, must lay down every thing. The married couple must live as though they were not married. The owner of lands must deed them away with no hope of ever getting them back. He is required to lay them on the spiritual altar in the Elect Church, as a sacrifice unto God. The Holy Ghost reveals it
just what particular thing is being worshiped or loved too well by the person, and that particular thing is taken away from him (with his consent). If he is not willing to voluntary give it up he can not come in. His mind is not ripe to give up all in order to gain the High Calling and reign with Christ. He can not bring his idols into the Elect body. The sex subject causes much trouble to the Elect. It is a terrible monster with which to deal. The fires of the lower passions roar and control the world today so that those who would like to come into the Elect body find that they are bound, hand and foot, by the passions of sex, and when they are required to overcome all these things they actually suffer under the efforts to break loose from their habits. The breaking of family ties also causes them to wail, but they must do it, as all these human ties are of a death nature and must be broken in order to let the pilgrim loose with his eye and mind on God only. When you analyze all these human ties and loves you will find them to be the rankest kind of selfishness, and selfishness can not come into the Elect Body of Christ; therefore, it must be broken and swept out of the person. He must lay his attraction for a particular thing on the spiritual altar in the Elect Church and be cut loose from it. I have seen them grow pale and almost sicken under the awful ordeal of giving up all human ties. They do it voluntarily; that is, they are not put in jail or whipped or any thing of the kind. The rules are simply laid down before they enter, and they
can conform to them or else stay out. It is God's plan laid down to humanity, and those who wish may take advantage of them and get God's reward. The plan is not made by men. It is a sacrifice plan. All death-dealing ties and things earthly must be cut loose from mankind in order to conform to God's spiritual law. Christ's Bride is now being selected and no human has anything to say as to who shall belong to the Bride company. No one can come into it until the Holy Ghost gives to the keeper of the keys direct witness that a certain person shall enter. Therefore, God does the selecting of the special company. It is not a colony to give people homes and employment. They are called by the Lord, and they must conform to His plans to be made perfect. The line of God is carefully laid upon it in order that the Temple may be closely built out of human bodies so that the "gates of hell" can not run in and rift open the Elect Church. And the giving up of all earthly things causes sorrow and much breaking of hearts. I have in mind a couple who came in. The wife was willing to lay down all but the husband rebelled and left—taking with him their only child and all the earthly possessions—leaving the wife with only a few clothes. She saw everything leaving her. She grew pale and almost, or quite, sick under the ordeal. She suffered extreme agony in breaking loose from her earthly ties, but did she leave and follow her husband and her only child? No. She stayed and wore out the agony; and today she is beautifully spiritual. She knows
The Lord and rejoices in His love which is life to her, while her former love for her husband and her child was death and selfishness.

If any man come to me and hate not his father, mother, wife, children, brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also he can not be my disciple.—Luke 14:26.

These words of Christ are gall to the human nature; and if you want to see the devil stirred up in men and women just cut them off from their human ties and passions. These things are idols and can not be brought into the kingdom of God; therefore, the Bride of Christ—the Elect company—must cut loose from all selfish ties and earthy things generally. Any thing that displaces God must be laid aside. It causes grief and agony and heart-breaks, but after a person passes through them and finds himself cut loose from his earthy mind and ties he communes with the living Christ. We cannot take with us, into the presence of God, our earthly luggage. We must lay aside every weight and hindrance in order to make the race. The road is narrow and few they be who find it. It is easy to see that to overcome disease and death we must become very pure in mind and body; and we can not rise to this high point while, we hold onto and embrace death-dealing things; therefore, the requirements laid down by the Elect Church are not new or man-made. They are the teachings of the Christ, put forth in words by Him in Palestine, and are now revealed and confirmed by the Holy Ghost, to Elect Israel who are now being gathered and sifted from among the nations.
For I will sift the House of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.—Amos 9:9.

I will surely assemble thee, O, Jacob. I will gather the remnant of Israel and put them together as sheep.—Micah 2:12.

I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen and will gather them on every side and bring them into their own land, and I will make them one nation, and one king shall be king to them all. Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols and their detestable things. I will cleanse them. They shall be my people and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore; and the heathen shall know that I, the Lord, do sanctify Israel.—Ezek. 37:21 to 28.

The movements mentioned in the foregoing prophecies are now taking place quietly—unnoticed by the general world, for the reason that Christ said that “the kingdom of God cometh not with observation.” That is, people do not notice the quiet gathering together of the Elect Church or Millennial Kingdom, and will not even believe it when told about it. You remember that Christ tells us that the kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed put into the ground. It sprouts, comes up, a little tiny twig, grows larger and larger until it fills the whole earth; but it does all this quietly and unnoticed; and I declare it to the world that the kingdom of God (spiritually and literally) is now started and is in its mustard-seed condition, but it is growing and will fill all the earth, and will crush out every government, and every church now in the world, just as stated in Dan. 2:34, 35, 44 and Dan. 4:20, 21. Nothing can stand up before this great and powerful body of people who are laying down every thing and are overcoming every thing so that nothing can stand in their way. They
must rise out of their earthly notions and habits. But their suffering and tribulations are beyond the power of words to tell. They are going through crucifixion.

No one can join this powerful body of people except by orders coming directly by revelation from God, for the reason that it is the stone being cut out without human hands, as mentioned in Dan. 2:44, 45. Therefore, "human hands" are not cutting out this stone. They have no choice in the selection of the members. All points are God's to decide. "Human hands" can not meddle with the building of the Temple out of human bodies. Each person is hewed and lined up and placed in the great mystical Temple by the Most High. No sound of hammers or saws is heard. Solomon's Temple was the symbol. This present Temple is the real. Solomon's Temple was built without sound of hammers or saws. The timbers had to be hewed and made afar off, before they were allowed to come onto the building spot; and when they arrived they were laid into the building without noise or pounding. See 1 Kings 6:7. The present Temple is being built likewise. The human bodies are hewed and prepared for a place and are then quietly brought in without hammers or saws. The building is going on but the world never hears any noise or sawing, and, therefore, the world knows not that the greatest building that ever was made is now being put together. The line of God is stretched upon it. "The Tabernacle of God is with men." See Rev. 21:3. It is being built out
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of men and women. See Ezek. 37:21 to 28. It is impossible to convince mankind that these very great and wonderful movements of God are now taking place; but the prophecies declare that the people will be in just this condition of disbelief and, therefore, blinded on these subjects.

Many shall be purified and made white, and they shall understand; but the wicked shall not understand.—Daniel 12:10.

The very great spiritual darkness of the people's mind's at this time is clearly proven by the fact that wonderful changes and upheavals are going on all over the world, right before the eyes of every body, and yet only a few notice it; and many of those who do notice that unusual things are occurring with governments, churches and society attribute the changes to every thing else but the right thing. In government matters, the decaying condition is attributed to some political party; whereas, in fact, no political party can hold up the present governments. Their time is expired and they must vacate the premises in order to let the new order of things come on and take their place. The present order of things is Gentile. We are in the 2520-year period which the Bible calls Gentile Times, and hence every thing is Gentile. They have possession of the world, but their time is almost expired and they are being forced to go down. The present upheavals and breakings are not political but spiritual. Spiritual force is eating the present order to pieces and no political party can prevent it.
The Important Points.

The 'Gentile period of 2520 years commenced with Nebuchadnazzar about 606 B.C., when Solomon's Temple was burned, and will, therefore, expire about 1914; but these dates are not entirely certain.

All of the important movements hinge on the ending of the Gentile period. The Turks (who are Gentiles) must let go of Jerusalem then. See Luke 21:24. They are already preparing for this. The spiritual blindness will then begin to come off of the Israel family which is composed of the Lost Ten Tribes (not Jews) and the two tribes (Jews). See Rom. 11:25.

The present governments and churches are Gentile institutions and must, therefore, begin to give way for the Millennial or Israel Kingdom which is called the Elect Church, and is to rule the entire world 1000 years. See Daniel 2:44 and 7:27. Isa. 65:18 to 25. Hosea 3:5. Ezek. 37:21 to 28. Jer. 30. Matt. 24:22. Rev. 7. Rev. 20:4 to 8.

These changes are already coming onto the earth gradually (unnoticed by the general public) as Jesus says that the Kingdom of God cometh not with observation. See Luke 17:20. It is a gradual growth like yeast working in dough. It swells until it will fill the whole world. Therefore, do not look to any certain date for the Millennial Kingdom to spring up. It is already growing.
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