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Beginning---

the strangest story ever told,

The TRUTH about Israel

CHAPTER 1

IT is commonly supposed, to day, that the Jews are the House of ISRAEL. But that is not true!

It is commonly believed today, that Jesus "came unto His own, and His own received Him not," and that He then said, "Lo, I turn to the Gentiles." Neither is this true.

The real truth about Israel is not generally known. No text in the Bible says Jesus, during His earthly ministry, ever turned to the Gentiles! Quite the contrary.

Then what is the TRUTH? It is more amazing than any fiction! It is as plain as A B C, in the Bible. Yet there is no story of fiction as strange, as absorbing, so packed with fascinating interest and suspense, as this story of ISRAEL, simply and plainly interwoven thru the pages of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It is a story replete with thrills. And the strangest thing about it is that it IS strange to us! Why have we not known, and understood this plain, simple, Bible truth?

What does the Bible say? It says, plainly enough in John 1:11: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." But the next verse

The Prophecies of the Bible have been

palpably misunderstood. And no wonder.

WHO are "ISRAEL" today? Some say "The Jews," Some say "The Church," Some say the American Indian, and others say something else.

Here is the most fascinating story ever told. Whatever ideas you have had, put them in abeyance for a while, and let us study the TRUTH of the BIBLE!

Whether skeptic or Spirit-filled Christian, you will find in this series of articles an amazing TRUTH, long hidden. It is a veritable KEY that will unlock the doors to a new and clear UNDERSTANDING of the Bible, especially the PROPHECIES!

And it will open the flood-gates to a joyous! new experience—an open channel to TRUTH—which will bring rejoicing to the soul! Here, we feel sure, you will find the strangest, most fascinating, interesting story you ever read. It leads to an astounding SURPRISE! You won't want to miss a single instalment.

does not say, as we have supposed, that He turned then to the Gentiles. It says: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name."

It was the Apostle Paul, years later,

who said, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles," (Acts 13:46). Paul was a special apostle set apart to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles.

It is true that when the Jews rejected Jesus, He turned to another people. And therein lies the greatest mystery of this time. This people was NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE!

To whom, then did He turn? He said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." (Mat. 15:24). But, we ask, are not the Jews the House of Israel? The Jews themselves claim they are; We have always supposed they were. But let us look at a few plain scriptures.

HOUSE OF ISRAEL NOT JEWS!

We turn, for instance, to a text such as Jeremiah 31:31, where it says: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel, and with the House of Judah." And we suppose that the Almighty who inspired this scripture was merely wasting words in an unnecessary repetition, saying, in effect, "I will make a new covenant with the Jews, and with the Jews." We have carelessly assumed that the two terms "House of ISRAEL" and "House of JUDAH" are merely two different phrases to ex-

press one and the same thing. But let us see.

Notice another scripture, Hosea 1:6-7: "I will no more have mercy upon the House of ISRAEL; but I will utterly take them away. But I will have mercy upon the House of JUDAH, and will save them by the Lord their God."

Notice, again, the 4th chapter and 15th verse of Hosea: "Though thou, ISRAEL, play the harlot, yet let not JUDAH offend." And again: "The backsliding ISRAEL hath justified herself more than treacherous JUDAH." (Jer. 3:11).

Turn to, and read of your own Bible, Ezekiel 37:15-22. The prophet is told to take two sticks in his hands. He is told to write on one the name of JUDAH and on the other the name HOUSE OF ISRAEL. Then he is told to join them together into one stick. The explanation, beginning verse 18, is that, at the time of the Second Coming of Christ, the time when He sets His hand again the SECOND time to gather the remnant of his people (Isa. 11:11. He will make of the TWO NATIONS, one called "House of Judah," and the other called "House of ISRAEL," once more ONE NATION. And it distinctly says, in verse 22: "They shall be no more TWO NATIONS, neither shall they be divided into TWO KINGDOMS any more, . . . at all." They are, today, ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, SEPARATE NATIONS. There are no redundant repetitions in God's Word! When the Bible says "Israel and Judah," it speaks of two different nations altogether—one called ISRAEL, the other called JUDAH.

Those people who constitute the HOUSE OF ISRAEL are not Jews! They never were Jews! They do not LOOK like Jews. The "show of their countenance" witnesses against the Jew, JUDAH—not against Israel. See Isaiah 3:1, 8-9, and observe this passage is referring to JUDAH, and not to ISRAEL! The twelve tribes of the Children of Israel were divided into TWO DIFFERENT NATIONS. This we shall show by the scriptures in a later chapter.

But Jesus was of Judah. When Jesus came unto His own, He came unto JUDAH. The word "Jew" is only a nick-name for "Judah". But Judah the Jews, Jesus' own nation, received Him not. They rejected Him. And then to whom did He turn?

TO WHOM DID JESUS TURN?

He plainly said, that He turned to the LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. Not Judah, not the Jews—ISRAEL! A different people and na-

tion altogether.

Today Israel is often spoken of as "The Lost Ten Tribes." For they included TEN of the original twelve tribes. Jesus' parable in Luke 19:11-27, picturing Himself as the nobleman who went to the far country, Heaven, to get for Himself a kingdom and to RETURN, illustrates this truth. Verse 14 shows He had citizens—the Jews, His own to whom He came, and who, as this verse says, rejected Him. Verse 13 shows to whom He turned—TO HIS TEN SERVANTS—symbolizing the TEN TRIBES—THE LOST TEN TRIBES—the LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL!

We would know, too, that Jesus, naturally commanded His disciples to go to the people to whom He turned after His own, the Jews rejected Him. And so He did. Notice His commission to His twelve: "And when He had called unto His twelve—these twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL." (Mat 10:1,5-6).

Instead of turning to the Gentiles, Jesus commanded them, "Go Not" to the Gentiles. Judah had rejected Him! He sent them to the LOST TEN TRIBES—the LOST HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

The Jewish historian, Josephus, who lived in the time of Christ, and into the war of 70 A. D., when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and drove out the Jews into every nation on earth, writes that in his day the Ten Tribes of the House of ISRAEL were all beyond the Euphrates, and had migrated far beyond the bounds of the Roman Empire. (Antiq., Book XI, Ch. 5, Sec. 2). He said their language had changed, (Antiq XII, 2, 1), and only the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin, constituting the House of Judah, were in his day under dominion of the Romans. (Antiq, XI, 5-2.)

Israel is called "LOST SHEEP." Yes, doubly lost! Lost in identity, supposed to be Gentiles! Lost spiritually, and in need of salvation!

WHAT HAPPENED TO PETER?

The original apostles obeyed the commission. For more than ten years Peter and the others labored around Palestine, endeavoring first to reach the Jews, Christ's own, to whom He had come. But the Jews had rejected their Messiah, and Peter and his fellow evangelists could do little. Then Peter was sent of God, first, to open up salvation to Gentiles direct by his

visit to the house of Cornelius, (Acts 10.) And then Peter and the others DID GO TO CARRY THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST HOUSE OF ISRAEL—the Lost Ten Tribes—clear beyond the bounds of the Roman Empire.

And thus it is, that from the time Peter visited the house of Cornelius he and his brethren evangelists dropped out of sight as though the earth had suddenly swallowed them! God had ordained that the House of Israel was to be LOST in IDENTITY—as we shall later see. Peter's whereabouts, therefore, could not be revealed. That is why, from the 12th chapter of Acts and on, we read altogether about Paul and the young evangelists he was training and sending out in the work among the Gentiles. Peter had obeyed the Lord's commission. He had gone to that strange land to which had migrated the LOST sheep of THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL! And thus it occurred, as Jeremiah had prophesied: "Thus saith the Lord, 'The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even ISRAEL.'" This could not apply to the Jews.

But what of the ministers and evangelists since Peter's time? Have they obeyed our Lord's commission to search out, to seek and FIND the LOST House of Israel, and to carry the Gospel to them? This commission applies to the entire ministry of the Church dispensation, because in His final commission to His disciples, regarding the New Testament ministry, Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Mat. 28:19-20). He had commanded them, "Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

But have the ministers and evangelists sought out the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel? Have they located them, and carried the Gospel to them?

THE TIME HAS COME TO FIND THEM

The prophet Ezekiel foretold their negligence in this commission.

"Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? . . . The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye sought that which was lost . . . My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock (the LOST sheep of the

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Should Christianity be Endured---or ENJOYED?

Have you thought of religion as a life of gloom—a sort of living, painful, penance merely to be endured—a lot of “don'ts”, and giving up of every pleasure that makes life worth living—with all the rewards to be collected in the hereafter?

And do you want to really LIVE—and live more abundantly here and now? Then do not judge true Christianity by the empty form you have seen so many deluded people practice.

Jesus said: “I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10).

Listen to the experience of George John Romanes:

Romanes knew the indescribable peace and joy of God's Holy Spirit, known by so few professing Christians. Then he turned from his Lord and lost it. Writing frankly of the inevitable sadness when belief is given up, he said, “I am not ashamed to confess that, with the virtual negation of God, the universe to me has lost its soul loveliness....At times I think of the appalling contrast between the hallowed glory which was once mine, and the lonely mystery of existence as I now find it.”

Some years later, Romanes gave up his infidelity and returned again to his Lord and Saviour. And shortly before his death, confessing that man without God is most miserable he

wrote: “Some men are not conscious of the cause of this misery....For the most part they conceal the fact as well as possible from themselves by occupying their minds with society, sport, frivolity of all kinds, or, if intellectually disposed, with science, literature, business, etc. This, however, is but to fill a starving belly with husks....He may cheat himself for a time—especially if he be a strong man—into the belief that he is nourishing himself by denying his natural appetite; but he soon finds he was made for some altogether different kind of food.”

YOUR NATURAL FOOD

Romanes struck right thru to the naked truth. Are YOU filling your poor hungry soul with the empty husks of this world's entertainments and amusements; with society, strenuous business interests, or even an empty FORM of religion? It doesn't SATISFY. Do you know why? You were MADE for an altogether different kind of food.

You were so made, realize it or not, that you crave real SPIRITUAL food. Food such as only God can supply. God is the Creator, God is a SPIRIT, (John 4:24). “He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things—for in HIM we live, and move, and have our being.” (Acts 17:25, 28). Unless you are drinking in of HIS SPIRIT, thus living IN HIM, feeding continually

upon His spiritual food, you are denying your natural appetite. And this explains the real cause of most of the unrest, dissatisfaction, and unhappiness in the world!

Jesus said “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God!” (Luke 4:4). And the words of God, as spoken by Jesus and recorded in the Scriptures, “they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63). They that worship God must worship Him IN SPIRIT, and IN TRUTH (John 4:24). This can be done only if you yield completely in unconditional surrender to His written will, and, thru Christ Jesus, have received and are continually drinking in, of HIS SPIRIT. And what a blessedness! what a JOY, to drink in of the soul-satisfying waters of God's Holy Spirit, thru communion with Him in honest, sincere prayer, and thru a real intelligent, willing study of the Holy Scriptures! It is joy nothing else can give.

“Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for THEY SHALL BE FILLED!”

If you have never yet known the peace, the happiness, the indescribable JOY that can flood like blessed sunshine thru your soul—or if, like Romanes, you have lost it—turn today to God who so loves you. He gave His only begotten Son that you might have His joy—eternally and forever!

Can You believe BOTH the BIBLE and EVOLUTION?

So many are saying today, “You can believe BOTH the Bible and Evolution.” But this is emphatically not so! The Century Dictionary and Encyclopedia defines evolution as “opposed to creation”—the only PROOF of God. Huxley said it was “directly antagonistic to Creation,” adding, “Evolution makes it impossible to believe in the Bible.” And, we might add, the BIBLE makes it impossible to believe in evolution. Sir Oliver Lodge said, “Taught by science, we learn that there has been no fall in man; there has been only RISE.” Another frank evolutionist, Carl Vogt, says: “Evolution turns the Creator out of doors.”

Evolution teaches that an “amoeba”—a single-celled protoplasmic mass—was the first ancestor of all living men, animals, and plants. The Bible teaches that Adam, a man created perfect, was the first ancestor of all men, (I Cor, 15:45; Luke 3:38; Gen, 1:27,31). Which will you believe?

Evolution teaches that one species, or kind, of life changes into and becomes another altogether different species, or kind. Thus it says man is directly descended from a series of primates, an anthropoid ape or similar species finally changing into the human species. The Bible teaches that all CHANGE is confined entirely; WITHIN each distinct species of kind;—each one continuing on after HIS

KIND, (Gen. 1:21, 24, 25.) The Bible does not say man was evolved after some other, and lower, KIND—but “God CREATED men IN HIS OWN IMAGE.” You can't believe both the Bible and Evolution. Which will you believe?

Evolution teaches that LIFE originated by natural laws OUT OF DEAD MATTER. The Bible teaches that all LIFE has come from God, and by His supernatural power. (Acts 17:25; John 5:26, etc.) One or the other is FALSE! And Science itself proves which! The law of Bio-genesis proves that life can come only FROM life—life cannot spring from the not-living! The FACTS of Science disprove many of its theories, and establish the truths of the Bible!

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A HEART TO HEART TALK WITH THE EDITOR

As this issue goes to press, Europe is on the brink of war. We do not believe a general European war will come—yet. But a mere incident may now plunge the whole world suddenly into war.

We SEE the prophecies being fulfilled, day by day. These events are REAL! The DAY OF THE LORD, with its horrible PLAGUES, is almost upon us! But the fact that so burdens us—frightens us—is the drowsy unconcern of the average professing Christian! Spiritually ASLEEP!

My dear friends and brethren, does it mean more to you than mere interesting reading? Do you realize fully that YOU, yourself, must DO SOMETHING? Unless we are READY, it will come on us as a snare! The prophecies are God's WARNING to us!

"Watch ye, therefore," Jesus warned, "and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:36)

Many, many a professing Christian, carelessly drifting spiritually, will receive the surprise of his life, when the PLAGUES begin to fall on him!

"Let us not sleep, as do others, but let us WATCH, and be sober. . . Pray without ceasing." (1 Thes. 5:6,17).

"It is now high time to AWAKE out of sleep." (Rom. 13:11).

Perhaps YOU need to go to some secret place for a QUIET TIME, alone with God—to EXAMINE YOURSELF whether you are as close to the Lord as you suppose. Perhaps you need a few days of FASTING and prayer—to search, out, confess, and root out some secret hidden sin, or something you have refused to surrender! Perhaps you need to get the world out, and the Holy Spirit in. It may not be EASY! It may take hours—days—of fasting, supplication, rending your heart, confessing your sins, Read Joel 2:12-18, and Deut. 4:29, 30, both prophetic instruction for OUR day!

And surely all who are awake to the SERIOUSNESS of this time, will be filled, too, with a compassionate burden that OTHERS may be warned, and will do all possible, even at great sacrifice, to HELP spread the warning message. The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are FEW. I need fellow-laborers to help with their means. Let us put our united efforts into the work of the Lord with new and burning zeal. God's Message MUST GO FORTH!

HOW THE PLAIN TRUTH IS PUBLISHED

Some ask, "How can you publish a magazine without a subscription price and without advertising?"

We have set out to conduct this work GOD'S WAY, and we have faith that way will succeed.

We are endeavoring to spread the TRUE GOSPEL, and the Gospel must go FREE! Jesus said "FREELY ye have received, freely GIVE!" The things of God are "without money and without price." (Isa. 55:1).

God's PLAN for financing His work is thru the TITHES and free-will OFFERINGS of His children. We believe God expects every Christian to take active part in spreading the Gospel to others. And we know of no place where your tithes and offerings can more effectively serve the Lord than in helping publish The PLAIN TRUTH, and to carry on The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD, reaching a hundred thousand souls every week.

The PLAIN TRUTH is FREE! You give your offering or tithes as UNTO THE LORD. We receive it as FROM THE LORD! It does not pay for YOUR subscription—and it is YOUR PART in spreading the true Gospel to OTHERS! This work is conducted on God's principle of "GIVE", not the Gentile principle of "GET."

Every dollar to carry on this great world must come by FAITH in answer to believing prayer. There is a plenteous harvest, but the laborers are SO few!! We ask every believer to PRAY with us, that the Lord will send forth MORE LABORERS into His vineyard, helping with tithes and offerings, that every bill may be paid!!

What is Modern Science?

"Science" is a mystic word that frightens many people. Without realizing it is superstition, there is a tendency aboard to accept whatever "Science" says as TRUE. Indeed, to question any statement of "Science" would express unthinkable ignorance. Thus to many people, "Science" becomes a god. They regard it with awe. They accept its pronouncements without question. And yet the errors and discarded hypotheses of "Science" form one of the greatest comic chronicles of history!

The Bible says to "PROVE ALL THINGS." Too many "scientific" teachings are mere theories, totally unproved. Let us use due caution in accepting them.

The TRUTH About ISRAEL

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House of Israel) was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them . . . thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand . . . Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out . . . I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away." (Ezek. 34: 1-16).

The time when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout; when He shall set His hand again the SECOND time to recover the remnant of His people; when He shall once more reveal the identity and disclose the whereabouts of the true ISRAEL, is drawing very near. The Times allotted to the Gentiles for supremacy on the earth is over. These Times ended completely with the ending of the summer of 1936, Israel was to be BLINDED until the ending of the Gentile Times (Rom. 11:7-8, 25-26).

The time has come for the blindness to be removed! The time has come when we can locate LOST ISRAEL. It is the most fascinating, the most absorbing, the most interesting story ever written—stranger, indeed, than fiction. In the installments which follow we shall unfold the story, from Genesis to Revelation, in its simplicity, beauty, and truth. WHO, and WHERE, is ISRAEL TODAY?

(To Be Continued)

WHY the Prophecies are Coming to Pass!

SOMETHING is wrong with the world today, But WHY?

There is a general breakdown and collapse—political, economic, social, religious—all prophesied in the Bible! But WHY?

Daily news headlines tell us of momentous events fulfilling Bible prophecy. But WHY these prophesied events?

WHY such things in Bible prophecy as the "Times of the Gentiles," the "Great Tribulation," the "Day of the Lord," the "Second Coming of Christ" etc.? Why? What is the OBJECT and PURPOSE of these things in GOD'S PLAN?

GOD HAS A PLAN

Stop a moment and reflect. We become so interested in delving into various prophecies—in studying these individual prophetic subjects—that we seldom stop to inquire of their MEANING, to understand their actual related PURPOSE in GOD'S GREAT PLAN! We seldom stop to ask, "WHY"? For make no mistake. GOD HAS A PLAN, and all things are working out according to the pattern of THAT PLAN. And every one of these great occurrences are permitted to take place FOR A REASON.

Each of these great prophetic subjects, in itself, stands meaningless unless we clearly understand its purpose in God's Plan. You know we can get so close to a single tree that we do not see the rest of the forest. So, interesting as these various prophecies are in themselves, let us stand for the moment afar off, viewing them altogether in proper perspective, taking as it were a bird's-eye-view of all these vital links in the chain of God's great PLAN for humanity, understanding the significance of each in the fulfillment of God's purpose.

The CURSE—and NEED OF REDEMPTION

Let us begin at the beginning.

On the sixth day of this world's first week, "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: . . . So God created man in His own image . . . and said unto them: Be

EDITOR'S NOTE

HERE, we believe, is one of the most important articles we have ever published.

It will give you a new and clear-cut UNDERSTANDING of the "WHY" of God's plan—of the events of human history—of the lessons of human experience—of present-day prophesied events.

But space has prevented a thorough explanation of some phases of GOD'S PLAN—especially those phases having to do with the actual method of SALVATION, and its application during this, and during the Mosiac dispensation. The differences between Jew and Gentile in respect to salvation in this present age are not here touched upon. These phases will form the basis of another article in an early issue.

The present article deals rather with the aspect of national civilizations. Its purpose is to show God's object in permitting, and having prophesied, present world-shaking events. So if this article makes you THINK—if it brings questions to your mind which are unanswered,—we ask you to retain an OPEN MIND, await an explanation in coming issues, or write the editor,

fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth . . . And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was VERY GOOD." (Gen. 1:26-31).

All was perfection and beauty. A MATERIAL creation, all made of material substance, but perfect and beautiful none the less.

After completing the material creation in six days, God rested the seventh day of the world's first week. And it must have been on the very first Sabbath, which Jesus said was made for man (Mark 2:27), and therefore made WHEN man was made, that the Lord appeared unto the man and his wife and preached to them the first sermon—laying before them the fundamental spiritual law designed to regulate their relationship with God and with man—the way of RIGHT, of peace, happiness, joy, and success—the way to life eternal. Sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4), and in that very first sermon the Lord explained that the wages of sin would be DEATH, but that the gift of God, which the man could freely have if he chose, was e-

But Satan appeared and denied ternal life. (Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 6:23) GOD'S LOVE in giving His Commandments, induced our first parents to disobey what God had said. He also denied that the wages of sin is DEATH, introducing the doctrine of the immortality of man: "Ye shall not surely die," he cunningly answered.

Eye was deceived, but Adam broke God's Commandments deliberately. And when he obeyed the devil instead of God, he broke the first Commandment, placing another god before Him. When he permitted such inordinate desire for the forbidden fruit to take root in his mind, he broke the 10th command against coveting. And when he reached forth and actually took what belonged to God and was forbidden to him, he became a thief and broke the 8th Commandment. And so "by one man SIN entered into the world, and DEATH by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," (Rom. 5:12).

And so it is recorded that when Adam sinned, God drove him out from the beautiful garden of Eden. A curse came upon the earth. "Cursed is the ground . . . thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." (Gen. 3:17-18). Then God said, "Lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever; therefore the Lord sent him forth from the garden . . . and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." (Gen. 3:22-24).

Driven out lest he gain immortality and live forever! Adam never received immortal life! None of his descendants has been born with it. He had sinned and ALL have sinned—bringing DEATH upon the human race! And so here was man—mortal, doomed and hopeless!

THE PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION

But GOD HAS A PLAN! "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but

have everlasting life."

Yet God will give eternal life **ONLY** to those who are willing to live it in peace, happiness, joy—the way of **HIS COMMANDMENTS!** WHY did God impose the death penalty for disobedience? Because God is LOVE, and God loved the man too much to permit him to live immortally in the misery brought on by sin.

Let us understand it. God's fundamental law for man was designed to bring man happiness. To keep him in his right relationship with God and with neighbor. The Law is **SPIRITUAL** (Rom. 7:14), **HOLY**, **JUST**, and **GOOD**, (Rom. 7:12), **PERFECT**, (Psalm 19:7), established **FOREVER** and **EVER** (Ps. 111:7-8). This law is **LOVE**—to God and neighbor, a bestowal of **GOD'S LOVE** upon man. It is the true way of life, the only way to peace, happiness and joy. But Adam chose a different way, and all have followed his false way of transgression. Thus unhappiness, poverty, anguish and woe has come to the human race. **SIN** is man's enemy. **SIN** has made humanity miserable, and so **GOD HATES SIN!** For God is **LOVE**, and God's hatred for **SIN** merely manifests His **LOVE** for the sinner! A God of **LOVE** could not give eternal life to one who chose to live it in the ever-increasing misery imposed by transgression of His **PERFECT** law!

And so redemption was made necessary only because man was in rebellion against the happy, joyous way of God's Commandments! The whole object and purpose of His **PLAN** is to **REDEEM** man from his false way of transgression with its attendant penalty, and, with his own consent, to **RESTORE** mankind with eternal life into the way of His perfect law!

But, Oh, how the Devil would blind **YOUR** eyes to that glorious central **TRUTH**, even as he blinded the eyes of **Eve!** How he would blind you to the **LOVE** in God's Commandments!

But now what about the process by which this **PLAN** operates? Just what do these prophesied events, now so rapidly occurring, have to do with it?

2500 YEARS OF REBELLION

Now let us pick up the thread of the story—the story of the **PLAN'S** application.

Before the days of Moses there was no nation known peculiarly as **GOD'S NATION** upon earth. There was **NO BIBLE!** No written revelation from God. God spoke orally with Adam. He communicated with those patriarchs whose hearts were willing to hear. But **HOW MANY**, of all earth's

millions from Adam to Moses—the first 2,500 years of world history—do you suppose were even **WILLING** to walk God's way?

Abel knew God's **PLAN**, and accepted it. (Heb. 11:4). But, so far as is recorded, we read of only one other man between Adam and the Flood who was willing to walk with God—**Enoch**. Men rejected God's way, flouted His law, went the ways of human reason, gratified the desires of pride and of the flesh. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually," (Gen. 6:5),—and so, finding **ONE MAN** in all the earth who would listen and obey, God brought destruction to all living except Noah and his family—eight souls—in the Flood!

One would think those eight survivors and their descendants should have learned their lesson. But as soon as men began once more to multiply upon the earth we find them at the tower of Babel! And not another righteous man appears in the record until we come to Abraham!

And "**BECAUSE** that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws," (Gen. 26:5), God made an unconditional, unalterable **COVENANT** with him, selecting Abraham to be the **FATHER** of a **NATION** to be God's peculiar nation on earth.

Men had now multiplied into **NATIONS**, all walking their own ways, building civilizations according to the thoughts of their hearts, **CONTRARY** to the fundamental principles of God's law.

THE CALL OF A NATION

GOD'S ways must be vindicated! Man's ways must stand condemned, and in the light of human experience under every conceivable trial and test! So God now purposed to build a **NATION** giving that nation every material help and advantage.

From Abraham sprung the twelve tribes of **ISRAEL**. In 430 years they multiplied into millions. (Ex. 12:37) And Moses was prepared in a very special way to lead this people out of Egypt, and on to the promised land we now call Palestine.

At Mount Sinai God made Israel a proposition. **IF** they would obey **HIS VOICE**, and **KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS** (Ex. 19:5-6),—that is, build a civilization based on the principles of God's fundamental spiritual law—on the principles of **LOVE** to God and **LOVE** to neighbor—the principle of **GIVE**, instead of the selfish human principle of **GET**—then

God agreed to give them prosperity and power to dominate the world—"**ABOVE** all nations," (Ex. 19:5). And of course the people glibly promised.

After 400 long years of Egyptian servitude under taskmasters, without written Scriptures, without opportunity for worship or religious assembly or instruction, Israelites—as well as Gentiles—had forgotten God's **Law**. And so at Mount Sinai God appeared before the entire vast congregation of Israel, and **WITH HIS OWN VOICE**, delivered direct to all the people (not by or thru Moses) **TEN POINTS** of His eternal spiritual Law. Then God wrote these basic words with His own finger on enduring tables of stone. (Ex. 20, Deut. 5:1-22)

Afterward the Lord gave this nation other laws—**CIVIL** statutes for the governing of the **NATION**—and a **CEREMONIAL** or ritualistic law, known as the Law of Moses.

And so now consider! Here was a nation—God's nation—started out by the Almighty to build a civilization on His fundamental eternal law of **LOVE**.

WHY the TIME of THE GENTILES?

IF this nation would continue to build a civilization upon the unselfish principles of **LOVE**—**IF** they would walk in God's ways and keep His commandments, they had the promise of untold wealth and dominance over the nations of the earth. (Lev. 26:1-13).

But if Israel refused, rejected God's **RIGHT** ways, reverted to Gentile ways of human reason, God promised them a **SEVEN TIMES** punishment (Lev. 26:14-18, 21, 24, 28). This, we now understand, as they then understood—and as we have brought out in former articles on this specific subject—involved a duration of **2520** long years! 2520 years of national punishment, dominated by Gentiles!

God's **PLAN** was to give a specially generated, specially chosen, sanctified, and instructed race every possible material advantage to build a perfect civilization. God's **PURPOSE** was to demonstrate thru human experience that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked,"—and that with every material advantage still man's heart will turn from God and to his own selfish devices! And God has demonstrated, too, that the ways of men must **FAIL**, and that they cannot produce happiness or anything permanently worth while.

For a while, Israel remained faithful to God's principles—after a fash-

ion. And so long as they did, the nation prospered and grew. They conquered in battle—they increased in wealth and in numbers and in power. But soon they wanted a MAN for their king, like the Gentile nations around them (I Sam. 8:4-9). Gradually this Hebrew race drifted more and more into the man-devised ways of the Gentiles—politically, socially, economically, religiously. Soon they had sinned as grievously as that fallen son of the heaven could wish!

And so God true to His promise, drove them into national slavery and punishment. First the House of Israel—the Ten Tribes—were carried to Assyria about 721 B. C. After their captivity, Judah sinned worse even than Israel, and so the Jews were taken captive to Babylon, 604-585 B. C.

The complete dominance over the nations of the earth God had promised for obedience never was achieved! Israel had disobeyed. And at this juncture Almighty God turned the reigns of world dominance over to a succession of Gentile kingdoms, starting with Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. In the strange dream that came to this king, God revealed, thru Daniel, that starting with him four successive great Gentile kingdoms were to dominate the world during the Times of Israel's punishment. (Daniel 2nd chapter).

And so the "TIMES OF THE GENTILES" have run thru their 2520 years—and the prophesied four kingdoms ruled as God had said. Babylon was succeeded by the Persian Empire, which in turn was conquered by Alexander and followed by the four divisions of his kingdom, and these eventually were swallowed up by the mighty ROMAN empire. Out of Rome, since her fall in 476 A. D., has arisen 10 successive smaller kingdoms for governments, continuing the Roman system to this day. And now we find, as prophesied, this once mighty Empire being once more revived by Mussolini, for a last final effort to make the GENTILE way succeed!

Israel had refused to follow thru on God's principles of life. And so, to demonstrate for all-time, by the actual results of human experience over 2520 long years, that Gentile ways are WRONG ways—that Gentile civilization cannot bring happiness, prosperity, or lasting power, God gave these Gentile kingdoms an unmolested free hand to dominate the earth—to stand or fall on their own merits!

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

Now where are we, today, in the unfolding of God's PLAN?

The 2520 years of Gentile rule have come and gone, The Times of Israel's and Judah's national punishment have ended. The Gentiles have had their chance.

A Gentile civilization has been established, based on principles exactly CONTRARY to God's law. Instead of the generous principle of GIVE—of LOVE to God and LOVE to neighbor,—the world is engulfed in a civilization based upon "GET". A man's success is gaged, not on how well he can serve, or how much he can give, but on how much he can GET. Men have learned to love money, and the love of money is the root of all evil. The accumulation of money—often at the cost of his neighbors' welfare—has become the standard by which a man's success is gaged

The Gentile nations have sought national wealth and growth, not by producing it out of the ground, but by conquest and armed aggression—taking it away from smaller and weaker nations. Every phase of this civilization—political, economic, social, religious—has been based on the SELFISH motive. The desire to gain for SELF is the inspiring motive that arouses ambition, stimulates incentive to succeed. Competition has become the life of trade. Even our social life is largely a competition to the gratification of vanity. And in our religious teaching, we have become saturated with the Devil's delusion that God's LAW is contrary to us—something harsh, and to be avoided! Thus Satan hides God's Love.

During the early middle dark ages the Church didn't Christianize Rome, but Rome did succeed in PAGANIZING the Church! The octopus of gentile civilization stretched its ugly tentacles into the religious, as well as every other phase of human life. And so today "the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication," (Rev. 17:2), and "ALL NATIONS," including our beloved United States, "have drunk" of this false and paganized teaching, (Rev. 18:3), until today we are IN BABYLON! Today another Jesus (II Cor. 11:4) is being preached—a Jesus who, in conflict with His Father, did away with God's eternal spiritual law! But that is not the Jesus of the BIBLE! Today ANOTHER Gospel (same verse) is being preached—a paganized doctrine, now dressed in some 600 various denominational creeds, yet entirely FOREIGN to the faith once delivered to the saints! And today ANOTHER SPIRIT is abroad, deceiving people into every counterfeit of the true HOLY

SPIRIT of God!

Where are we today? What has the 2520 years of Gentile civilization produced?

Look about you over the world! Everywhere poverty, suffering, anguish and woe! Everywhere restless discontent, unhappiness, strife! Every major nation in the world, with only four exceptions, overthrown in revolution since the world war! Most of the smaller nations, too! The nations now stand armed to the teeth, engaged in feverish preparations for world-wide destruction in war. An age of SCIENCE—of KNOWLEDGE—of PROGRESS—so we are told! Yes, PROGRESS,—in what direction? The knowledge of science, in this modern machine civilization is now bending its every effort to invent more terrible engines of destruction for the WAR everyone knows will come! Look at modern industrial and economic progress! Strife, strikes, labor wars, trouble everywhere! The economic structure of every nation has collapsed. The world has just gone thru the most terrible "depression", or economic catastrophe since the days of Adam. And we are not out of it, and no solution can be offered! Socially, we have degenerated to moral decay. Politics full of corruption, rotteness and graft. Crime is rampant, lawlessness stalks the land! Our prisons, our poor-farms, our insane asylums are filled to overflowing. Racketeering and unnecessary taxes rob nearly half of every pay-check. Joy has fled from the hearts of men! The young man of today stares a hopeless future in the face. People are discouraged, bewildered, perplexed! Where are we to turn now? What is ahead, but collapse, total disintegration, and decay? A hopeless situation, indeed.

And that is the crowning achievement of 2520 years of GENTILE CIVILIZATION—of life in all its political, economic, social and religious phases built CONTRARY to Gods' fundamental spiritual LAW! And still the paganized modern preachers assure us "The LAW is done away!" Yes, that's what Satan has been assuring the world, ever since he deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden! YET MEN WILL NOT CONFESS IT!

But will man acknowledge his colossal failure? Not the deceitful and wicked heart of man! With the evidence on every hand, in every phase of life today, still the average man utterly REFUSES to admit the lesson of experience! He still insists we are headed upward on the bright highway to ultimate success. He still preaches his false doctrine of PRO-

GRESS! He still deludes himself into believing man is improving—getting continually better and better. This doctrine is being taught college students in the guise of **HIGHER LEARNING!** Our modern colleges and universities turn out **ATHEISTS** by the thousands as the finished product of an advanced and intelligent age! What a mockery!

The politicians insist there is a way out, and each has his own pet plan or scheme. The business man thinks he will somehow somehow, emerge out of this economic chaos—but no one knows exactly HOW! Those who love our pagan society still defend it, love it, cling to it unto the DEATH that now is yawning! The preachers who have lulled the people to sleep with their soft and smooth things and their deceits will not acknowledge their errors, nor set the people right. But with the energy of a zealot, they attack God's LAW, and anyone who dares uphold it!

No, with the most tremendous evidence ever to confront the world everywhere before him, the man of today REFUSES to acknowledge the TRUTH, and tries to deceive himself and others into believing we can yet save this worthless, hopeless wreckage of a Gentile civilization! He refuses to turn FROM his false ways that have dajaned the human race!

WHY the DAY OF THE LORD?

And so now God is about to FORCE men to see and acknowledge the result of human folly. Now God must plod with mankind in a LANGUAGE HE WILL UNDERSTAND! Men will not listen to the PREACHING of the very FEW who have courage to preach and to write the TRUTH.

God is now about to PUNISH! The DAY OF THE LORD is at hand! And as a DESTRUCTION shall it come, FROM the ALMIGHTY! For 2520 long years, God gave the Gentiles every chance and opportunity to demonstrate the results of their ways—without supernatural interference from Him. But now God is about to interfere. He is about to send a DESTRUCTION. He is about to visit this world with PLAGUES, terrible, swift, decisive!

Those who refuse to turn to God, and acknowledge the truth about His Commandments and His ways, coming to Him by Jesus Christ, will soon cry out for the rocks to fall on them and hide them from God's face! Soon men will be gnawing their tongues for pain, scorched with great heat (Rev. 16:9-10); they shall desire to die, but shall be unable (Rev. 9:6). Just as any right-minded loving father finally will resort to physical punishment when a child defiantly refuses to respond to gentler treatment, so now GOD IS ABOUT TO PUNISH the world for its evil. (Zeph. 1:14-17; Isa. 13:6, 11). And THUS will He PLEAD with all flesh, (Jer. 25:31).

Between now and the end of these PLAGUES, every phase of modern civilization will COMPLETELY crash! World war will come, destruction will be swift and complete! All will end in UTTER RUIN!—and that in the immediate future—during this very PRESENT generation! The present civilization is DOOMED! Government, industry, society, religion, as now organized, is DOOMED!

God is now about to FORCE men to see, and to acknowledge, the cruel lesson of human experience.

THEN THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

Then, during the LAST BATTLE of the world war, at ARMAGEDDON—at the time of the LAST of the seven last plagues—the same Jesus who once trod this earth and

was seen taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as they saw Him go into heaven! He left us the blessed assurance—"If I go, I WILL COME AGAIN!"—and He is soon coming! HE is our ONLY HOPE!

He has gone to a far country—heaven—to get Himself a KINGDOM, and to return. (Luke 19:11-16.) And when He returns He will establish His KINGDOM—a GOVERNMENT, which shall rule the world! It shall smatter to pieces all the forms and systems of government now bringing such misery and unhappiness to the people (Dan. 2:35, 44). Jesus will be the KING of earth's kings, and He will rule the world with a stern ROD OF IRON.

When He comes, those whom God has CALLED during this dispensation, who have been CHOSEN, and remained FAITHFUL, acknowledging the way of God's law, overcoming sin thru God's power,—(CHRIST'S CHURCH)—shall be resurrected or changed to immortal life—and shall have power to RULE the nations of earth, under Christ the KING. (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21).

A NEW-TYPE CIVILIZATION

And BEFORE Christ, as He finally sits upon the throne of His glory, shall be gathered ALL NATIONS; and He shall separate them as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats (Mat. 25:32).

CHRIST THEN WILL SET UP A NEW-TYPE CIVILIZATION UPON EARTH—GOD'S TYPE OF CIVILIZATION—with government, business, society, religion all based upon the principles of God's fundamental spiritual law, the TEN COMMANDMENTS! The LAW shall then go forth from Zion (Micah 4:2), and nations will then seek to learn HIS ways! Christ shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; neither shall they learn war any more—(verse 3). False teaching will be eradicated, the earth will be FULL of the true knowledge of the Lord. (Isa. 11:4). Satan will be chained (Rev. 20:1-3). God will set His hand again the SECOND time to recover the remnant of His people—lost, blinded ISRAEL (Isa. 11:11), and so ALL ISRAEL (who are willing), shall be saved (Rom. 11:26). The GENTILE NATIONS who have not heard Christ's fame will then hear, and have their chance (Isa. 66:19; Micah 4:1-2; Zech. 14:16-19).

The world, then at last, will be governed by a THEOCRACY, receiving its just laws

from God. Christ will rule sternly, yet justly, righteously (Isa. 11:4-6). Then the mortal humans of this earth will be FORCED to live under a civilization of God's building, based on the eternal spiritual principles of LOVE to GOD, and LOVE to NEIGHBOR! And this government will be administered to mortals, BY those IMMORTALS who endure to the END in this time!

If you can see it, the whole object and purpose of this present dispensation is to fit Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Christians, thru trial and test, thru development of Christian character according to the principles of God's law, for a position as king or priest in the KINGDOM! (Rev. 5:10; 20:4, 6).

But God cannot set up His KINGDOM upon earth until every plan and device of man has had full opportunity to DEMONSTRATE, thru every conceivable test, its utter failure. Over thousands of years of time God is permitting man to put his every idea and theory to every possible test. Only thus will the deceitful, selfish heart of man ever be brought to acknowledge that God's ways are RIGHT ways, and only thus can God's perfect LAW ever stand vindicated in man's eyes!

And when God's Kingdom finally rules the world, bringing PEACE and JOY to human hearts, RESTORING all things as God first created them,—men will be forced to look back upon the wreckage of every human effort in opposition to God. What a colossal RUIN! What CHAOS! What utter, complete, total MAILURUM! Man must be forced to learn his own entire helplessness—his utter DEPENDENCE upon God. How dependent we are upon Him—for understanding, as well as for power! But with God's KINGDOM will come PEACE—HAPPINESS—PROSPERITY—and then JOY will spring from the human heart! War, strife, competition, will be but a memory of the folly of the past. LOVE will rule, and achievement and success will be gained by SERVICE and LOVE, not in terms of dollars. There will be PLENTY then for all God speed the day!

And, in the meantime, let us COME OUT OF BABYLON, that we receive not of her plagues, and that we come under the divine protection during the soon-coming terrible DAY OF THE LORD. (Rev. 18:4). Let us accept GOD'S WAYS now, while we may, and escape these dreadful things shortly to come to pass! (Luka 21:36).

Today we are so bound up into a Gentile civilization, so steeped in the false religious teachings that have emanated from organized Rome—from BABYLON—that it is difficult, indeed, for many to realize they have been deceived, misled, and have grown up as a part of this false system. But all who oppose GOD'S LAW—His SPIRITUAL LAW, the TEN COMMANDMENTS—are most certainly IN BABYLON, and it is UPON THEM that the wrath of God's PLAGUES will soon fall. And so, we plead,—DO NOT BE OFFENDED! God helping us, we know of no one else who is warning you—and someone must have the boldness, the COURAGE to warn you, before it is finally too late! Do not hate us for it—HEED the warning, and COME OUT!

Let us pray, "ONLY KINGDOM COME!"
Even so, Lord Jesus, COME!

NEXT MONTH

Was Jesus three days and three nights in the grave, as He said in Matthew 12:40? Can you count three days and three nights between the late afternoon of "Good Friday" and Easter morning? What is wrong? Many have asked us to explain this. Watch for it NEXT MONTH!

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