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God's Kingdom on Earth

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Introductory

The Bible is a book which deals almost entirely with this world or planet, from its creation to the end of the ages of ages, 1. Cor. 15:24-28.

God has not in his word let man into the secrets of the great beyond, nor revealed to him the methods by which he performs the wonders of creation.

The laboratories of science have failed to expose the methods by which even a blade of grass is made, much less worlds, stars and suns. Nor has man discovered "From whence he cometh or whither he goeth."

The bible is the only reliable source of information on these abstruse problems; not only does it deal expressly with the great subject of earth and its inhabitants, but its author is the highest authority, God; and while the creator has not analyzed each step in the process of creation, yet he has in positive and unmistakable terms given man to understand that HE DID IT. Certain are we of one thing, that is, that his word regarding it has never been successfully contradicted. God spake and it was done. Why not? Man speaks in minor matters and it is done. For instance, the hypnotist speaks to his subject and he obeys. Man wills in human affairs and while more or less imperfectly done, yet it is done. Then it is reasonable to suppose that if the creature can will and it is comparatively well done, that the creator can will and it be done well, even perfectly as he who wills is perfect.

Man prays to God, and the bible tells us that his prayers are heard. Why not? Man speaks by radio through

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the spaces thousands of miles to his fellow-man and is heard by him; then is it not reasonable to suppose that man can speak to his creator who is omnipresent and be heard by him?

The story of creation as given in Genesis stands; and the more man comes to know about true science, the nearer he comes to an understanding that the bible account of creation, while mysterious to the human mind, is true to the principles of nature.

Evolution

In these latter times man has also brought forth a theory of creation which he has laboriously built up. It is a story of creation too, but quite contradictory to the one God has given us.

We have said that the bible story has not been successfully contradicted, yet if the evolutionists are right the bible is wrong, and in the following pages we will briefly compare the essential points of the two accounts of creation.

Gen. 1:1 reads: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Later it was explained that by the heaven was meant the firmament. See Gen. 1:6-7-8. And God said: Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth; and it was so. Gen. 1:11.

In this first chapter of Genesis we have an account of the creation of plants, animals, and man. Ten times God said: Let everything bring forth after its kind or his kind. He was very emphatic on that point, that everything on the land, in sea, or air, should bring forth after its kind; and that is precisely what happens in all the

realms of nature, down to this day, when reproduction takes place according to the natural instinct of all created things.

Man has not been able to compel the creatures to violate this fundamental law of reproduction. As to kind read Gen. 1:12-20-21-22. As to man, read Gen. 1:26-27-28-29.

God spoke and it was done. Surely no one will deny that the mandate multiply and replenish, has been, and is being carried out to the letter, in sea, in air, and on the land. Also the other—Let everything bring forth after its kind; for in all animate beings, from man to mouse, or even to the minutest creatures, the great deep seated urge is to reproduce kind, as well as to multiply and replenish.

In this brief discussion of the claims of evolutionists, it is not our purpose to quote extensively from scientists, either those for or against.

The theory of evolution, in one form or another, has long been advocated by some few; but it did not gain much headway until Dr. Alfred R. Wallace and Charles Darwin during the same year, 1858, separately announced the hypothesis of the origin of species, by spontaneous variation, and the survival of the fittest through natural selection, in the struggle for existence. Soon after Mr. Darwin announced his hypothesis his views were generally accepted in England, Germany, and the United States of America. And for any one to have questioned them in either of these countries, for a period of twenty years, or more, beginning about 1880, would have been regarded by many, as evidence of an ignorant and superstitious mind.

Dr. Buchner speaking for the materialistic evolutionists says: "Matter is the origin of all that exists: All nat-

ural and mental forces are inherent in it. Nature, the all engendering, and all devouring, is its own beginning and end, its birth and death. She produces man by her own power, and takes him again."

Through the experiments of one, Dr. Bastian in 1871, the theory of spontaneous life gained great support, and there came into use among scientists, such terms as cosmic ether, germ plasm, protoplasm, growth force, vital fluid, and the like; but not for ten or twenty years, perhaps, have these terms been used except by the unsophisticated.

Most of the works of evolutionists show how hard men have strained to build up and prove a theory of creation from germ life, or from the single protoplasmic cell, multiplying forms through an almost infinite number of species, extending through an almost infinite number of ages. That all forms of life that exist or have existed on the earth have been produced in such manner, without the interposition of the supernatural. But we ask, from whence and where came these cells. If two or any small number of cells could come into existence at different times, and in unknown ways, a billion might come, and if cells could on their own account come into existence then forms of a higher type could do the same thing, and transmutation would no longer be a scientific necessity.

As a matter of fact germs and the origin of life in any way or form are no better accounted for on scientific grounds today than they have been in any time in the past.

The following taken from "Collapse of Evolution" by Prof. Luther T. Townsend, D. D., S. T. D., M. A. I., goes to show how terms and theories get started, and among those of little learning they are taken up and repeated

till they become household words even long after they have been proven false.

"Prof. Huxley claimed that he had discovered the substratum of all life, which he believed covered the whole bed of the world's oceans. The discovery was hailed with enthusiasm in almost every scientific circle. By casting into the ocean a deep water dredge any one could draw up a muddy substance from which all living things including Adam and Eve, have been evolved. Prof. Huxley's confession of faith was this: "Protoplasm is the origin of life . . . it is a molecular machine, all powerful and sufficient."

The Challenger, a vessel sent out by the United States Government to make deep sea soundings, with Prof. Murray, the scientist, on board, was commissioned to secure among other things some of the suboceanic ooze or mud. A quantity was gathered sufficient to preclude the possibility of any mistake; it was carefully preserved and brought home. But in his experiments with it Prof. Murray discovered that sea water and alcohol mingled gave a flocculent precipitate which, separated from the liquid was identical with Huxley's protoplasm. He showed the experiment to Prof. Huxley and the illusion vanished. The "all-powerful and all-sufficient" protoplasm was merely a precipitated sulphate, which in his laboratory he can make for himself."

It was a rude shock to our complacent materialistic biologist, who has built up an attractive theoretical edifice and written learnedly upon the wonders of the protoplasm found on the sea bottom, on discovering that his theory was little other than a laughing stock. So it has been with all theories that eliminate from world building an infinite Creator."

The professor of physiological chemistry in the university of Chicago is reported to have used recently in his lecture-room these words: "The divine creation of life is a pure humbug. Life originally happened. Life is made up of certain organic compounds. Certain compounds were made by nature. The compounds came together in some manner, and the result was life. I believe in a short time real life will be created in the laboratory." Here is nothing but pure assumption. Nothing but dogmatic assertion, yet he is called a scientist and holds a chair in one of our great universities. Weigh these words that will be poison in the blood of the young men who hear and believe them.—"The divine creation of life is a pure humbug!" That statement challenges the wisdom not only of the prophets, apostles and our Lord himself, but also of scientists who have devoted their lives to the study of nature's phenomena, and who rank with those whose standing has been highest in their department of study. Among them such men as Agassiz, Beale, Carpenter, Dana, Davy, Dawson, Faraday, Forbes, Gray, Helmholtz, Herschel, Lord Kelvin, Lutze, Maury, Pasteur, Romanes, and hundreds of others who ascribe to God and to God alone the power to originate life.

The distinguished physicist, Clark Maxwell, speaking of several defunct theories of evolution says: I have examined all that have come within my reach and have found that every one must have a God to make it work."

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," is an announcement never better assured than it is at this very hour."

Stripped of its scientific phraseology an explanation of the theory of evolution would run something like this: Animal life originated with the single cell. Down in the

water or muck and mire somewhere, the cell began to add on other cells. These little cells were acted upon by their environment, wind and water. "Environment makes everything what it is," is the main text of the evolutionist. By and by the cells have developed into a little organism. These little organisms continue to evolve becoming more and more complex as new organs are added on, going on up the scale of life, till finally they reach the spinal column stage. It is an important era in the existence of the organism when it reaches this plane of development. It is getting on.

All creatures of the lower forms have horizontal spines, as fishes, birds, and the various kinds of quadrupeds. Gradually animal organisms begin to stand on hind feet, evolving towards a perpendicular spinal column. Some monkeys and apes and even the bear can walk upright. At last animal becomes biped, walking on two legs.

When the spine has become perpendicular, the animal being able to maintain an upright position while walking or standing, and when the enlargement on the upper end of the spine, called a head, contains a cerebrum as well as a cerebellum, with a capability of doing even a little thinking, the animal has reached the plane of the genus homo; that is he has become a man.

Now the great question is how did the organism make the grade; What process did nature employ to lift animal structures higher and higher even unto man? The answer of the evolutionist is transmutation of species. But if transmutation of species can be proven to be not a fact in nature the theory of evolution is exploded.

God said, let everything bring forth after its kind. The evolutionist says: Through the process of transmutation of species all forms of life from the lowest to the

highest, are ever lifted higher in the scale of being; meaning that everything does not bring forth after its kind, but that new species are multiplied through reproduction by unlike species creating new and superior species. Who is right, God or the evolutionist?

We have not far to look to find who is right. As has been said the theory of transmutation of species has not been proven, but in all nature about us is disproven; while it does not take a scientist to prove that everything brings forth after its kind, for it is evident on every hand.

The sparrow of today is identical with the ones that built their nests amongst the rafters of Noah's ark. Those who have taken pains to find out about birds and their history tell us that at least for four thousands years they have not changed; Each species true to kind builds the same kind of nest year after year through the centuries, lays the same kind of eggs, and hatches out the same kind of birds.

Animals in the jungles, true to instinct, bring forth each after his kind. Lion mates with lion, bear with bear and so on through all the seemingly infinite number of species from the greatest to the least. In fact there is an immutable law of nature which prohibits transmutation of species, or reproduction by unlike species. In some cases where the two species are very much alike propagation will take place and a new type will be the result, but such do not continue to reproduce their kind as they are sterile usually in the first generation; sometimes continuing for three or four generations but always ceasing early. These are called hybrids, and are ruled out of the scheme of creation.

The mule is a familiar example. He may be, as the evolutionists say, superior to either of his parents, but

he is not allowed to continue his kind as he is sterile in the first generation.

Some times there are many different varieties of a species, and varieties will interbreed producing new types. Man has achieved wonders in the breeding of domestic animals, birds, etc. For instance, the many types of pigeons one sees came from the original type, the Rock dove. All new types so produced when left to their natural instinct, instead of climbing on up the ladder of evolution, as the evolutionist would have us believe, revert to the original type. Plants will do the same as Mr. Burbank or any specialist in this line will tell you.

In the light of the foregoing proven facts how is made the ascent from molecule to man? If not by the production of new species through transmutation which is clearly disproven. And what renders the case of the evolutionist still more hopeless is the recent announcement of biological science, that the structureless germ of one species of plant never has been and never can be changed into the structureless germ of another species of plant, and much less can the structureless germ of one species of animal ever be changed into the structureless germ of another species of animal. That is that life germs at the very threshold of their creation are as immutable as the most highly organized plants known in natural history. Thus from germ up to the most complicated forms of organized life, and at every turn it is found that nature takes her stand, and as if wielding a drawn sword absolutely forbids the transmutation of species.

It is common for those not understanding the difference between species and varieties to declare that they have proven evolution or have seen others do so by the interbreeding of varieties or as they supposed, species.

The seeds of plants so interbred often will not grow as in the case of budded fruit, or if it grow will produce the original type commonly called seedlings, not at all like the fruit of the grafted tree.

A stalk of indian corn growing alone amongst a thousand kinds of grain, not of its own, will yield no grain. It must be fertilized by germs of its own kind. And what is true of the corn is also true of all plants and animals.

The foregoing facts take every prop from under the theory that man has sprung from the monkey or any other animal. Not only has the missing link between the anthropoid ape and man not been found, but the thousands of missing links from mollusk to man have not been discovered.

It would seen that in this constant change of one form of life into another there would be some evidence of such change before us here and now; but not one instance can be cited. On the other hand there is ample proof that for five thousand years, at least, like has produced like in all realms of nature.

It is sometimes pointed out that the different stages in the frog's life proves evolution. It does not. Frog eggs hatch out tadpoles, these in the course of time drop their tails, so it is said, and they become frogs. Now these are simply different stages in the frog's life. Just as the chick is first in the shell, then hatching out grows into a full fledged chicken, so there are many creatures which pass through several stages to maturity. But one thing should be remembered, from the frog egg comes a frog, always, never a chick, bird, fish, or any other creature. The same may be said of all other forms of life. Like begets like.

We are sometimes asked if the modern inventions do

not prove evolution. They show progress, and improvement along certain lines, but do not prove the biological problem concerning man's origin. The question involved is, did man come as the result of transmutation of species up from molecule to man, or did God create him as related in the bible.

Unless it can be shown that man is a transmutation from the ape family or from some other family, back of the ape from which it and man both developed, or from fish, or plant, or from germ or molecule, then the theory of evolution breaks down all along the line; for this is the foundation.

So God must have made man in his own image and likeness; and while through sin (transgression of God's law) he has degenerated from his high place in creation yet he is destined through the plan of God for his salvation and restoration to to be reinstated, brought again into the image and likeness of his creator.

We believe that the theory of evolution has been and is a contributing factor in all this twentieth century misery and damnation. This theory that there is no God, but that superman is to bring the world up to perfection, and usher in a new era for the race, has stamped upon the mind of a vast multitude a disrespect for anything sacred or divine. Benjamin Kidd in his book entitled, "The Science of Power," says: "The philosophy of Neitzsche has a dominant tendency to paralyze everything in human life that is worth while."

"This terrible philosophy would convert the world into an arena of bloodshed, a conflict between brute beasts, each trampling on every other and crushing out everything standing in the way. And we repeat the most fearful thing about it is that it is advocated by men of influ-

ence who ought to know better. The fact that Neitzsche died in an asylum for the insane should be a warning."

Evolutionists boast that they will not believe in Jesus Christ until his divinity can be proven by biological science, nor in any of the miraculous. Why make such assertions in the face of the fact that they have failed utterly to prove by the same or any other science or philosophy that man has evolved from the lower forms of life. When they have proven their claims it will be time to boast, and demand that others bring forth proofs. One would think from all the noise and commotion in the world at the present time about evolution, and the antagonism shown toward those who are still old fashioned enough not to believe the theory, that it is already an established fact. But it is not proven, and we boldly assert that it never will be proven. It cannot be proven, for it is disproven in all nature as has already been pointed out.

II

The Survival of the Fittest

The evolutionist lays great stress upon the principle of the "survival of the fittest"; that is, that in all the realms of nature there is in operation a law which governs in the struggle for existence; which means, in short, "Every fellow for himself and the devil take the hindmost," to use a common expression.

That this mad scramble for life and pre-eminence goes on with unabated fury even on the human plane. It is pointed out that animals prey upon one another, the big fish swallowing the lesser, more powerful animals eating the weaker; while man, no less ferociously, but in a more civilized and cultured manner, preys upon his fellows, and the animals.

The fittest, it is presumed, survives, always conquering in the strife. We agree that this is true in part in the world today. Animals prey on other species—not their own, while man preys on his own species. Jesus said: "Man ought always to pray and not to faint," but many prey instead.

As to the "survival of the fittest," we claim it is not a law of nature, but a game of chance, a battle where all cannot win. As in a game all cannot win, so in the struggle for existence in the present FALLEN WORLD, all cannot succeed. According to the bible it was not always thus, and will not always be so. Only since the fall of man, and the rule and ruin of satan have animals and man preyed upon each other. Gen. 1:29-30. "And God said, to man, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree in the

which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (food). And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so."

From the above scriptures we learn that when God created the different orders of animal life, and man, he gave to them the green herbs and fruit for food. There is no mention of flesh destroying and flesh eating in the beginning. It is only after the transgression of God's law and the curse which in consequence passed upon man and all creation that we read of flesh being used for food, or see in operation this horrible nightmare called "The struggle for existence."

It is taught in the bible that a day is coming when the curse will be lifted from the earth. A time when in its pristine beauty and purity, the earth shall burst forth again into singing and rejoicing—when peace shall reign on earth, and good will among men. When even the animals will no more prey upon one another. Many scriptures may be given to prove this, but for lack of space we give only the following: Isaiah 11:6-7-8-9.

"The wolf, also, shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

"And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox."

"And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den."

"They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy moun-

tain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

The Kingdom of the Superman on Earth

Built upon the assumption of the endless progression from the lower to the higher, evolutionists teach that man will eventually evolve into a sort of superman who will be able to build systems of government on the earth which in correspondence to his great intellect will be complete and perfect. We see nothing to warrant any such conclusion. Man's governments in that case, would have been gradually ascending through the ages without retrogression in any instance.

On the contrary they have risen and fallen time after time as may be traced in history, and today the entire existing order, or disorder, is threatened with collapse. The human race, in spite of boasted progress along the line of science and invention, are rapidly sinking into a state of degeneracy, while poverty and utter despair have settled down upon the world like a pall.

Man is the greatest animal according to the evolutionist, yet he manifests less intelligence in his economic affairs than do the so-called lower animals. For instance, note how the squirrel lays up his store for winter, never attempting to monopolize the whole supply, making it impossible for his fellows to live. The prairie dogs that build their homes on the plains of Texas or elsewhere, by burrowing in the ground, show great intelligence in the arrangement for the making or getting a living for themselves and young. There may be many square miles of "Dog town" and hundreds of holes—homes—but never have we found a case where one or more big fat prairie dogs have monopolized all the property, land, houses and grass, forcing the community to pay them rent, and work

to feed them, in order to be allowed to maintain an existence on the earth. But that is what man has done.

His governments have all been founded on some form of slavery, so far as history reveals the facts, the result has invariably been concentration of wealth into the hands of the few, consequently the decline and fall of the nation; for inherent in such systems is the tendency to concentrate the wealth into fewer and fewer hands, resulting in monopoly to the extent that the social order can no longer be maintained, hence its fall.

III

God's Land System

The skeptic some times asks the question: If there be a God of love and justice why does he allow such inequality and suffering on the earth? In answer we would say that the present economic and political order is not of God. He is against it. His curse rests upon it, and he will destroy it. Rev. 16:19-20. Zeph. 1:13 to 18 inclusive.

We know of but one instance where God gave to man a land and economic system by which to be governed in his relation to his fellow-man. History shows that it worked wonderfully well. Read about it in the 25th chapter of Leviticus. V. 1-2-3-4.

God spoke unto Moses and said: "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the Lord. Six years shalt thou sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord. Thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard."

"And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years, and the space of seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years." V. 8.

V. 9. "Then thou shalt cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land."

V. 10. "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land and to all the inhab-

itants thereof. It shall be a jubilee unto you. And ye shall return every man to his possessions, and ye shall return every man unto his family."

V. 17. "Ye shall not oppress one another, but thou shalt fear the Lord thy God: for I am the Lord your God."

V. 25. "If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possessions, and if any of his kin come to redeem it then shall he redeem that which his brother sold."

V. 26. "And if the man be able let him redeem it."

V. 27. "Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it, that he may return unto his possession."

V. 28. "But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee, and in the jubilee it shall go out and he shall return unto his possession."

V. 39. "And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor and be sold unto thee; Thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bond-servant (slave): but as an hired servant, and as a sojourner he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee."

V. 40. "And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return."

The above are a few passages of scripture setting forth the principles upon which the children of Israel should occupy the land. There were also minute directions as to how city property should be owned and occupied.

In a community or nation built upon such a foundation monopoly of land or other public necessity would have been impossible, so long as such a system should be con-

tinued. In such a government slavery would be unknown. The jubilee proclamation making every man free to take his family and go back to his inheritance, even though he had for a time lost his land, and had become a servant, was fair to all and made all men free.

It is to be understood that we are not advocating the inauguration of this or any certain system at this time, but only point these things out to show that God did not institute the Babylonian (Capitalistic) system now ruling on earth.

The Israelites have been called the chosen people of God. This does not mean that God loved them more, or chose them because they were a superior people, but only that he might through them give his oracles to mankind, and show forth his plans and purposes for the redemption of the human race from the bondage of corruption, and the whole creation from the curse of sin. The Great Redeemer (Jesus Christ) came of the House of Israel, of the Tribe of Judah, and He is the "seed" through which all the nations of the earth shall be blest. Gen. 22:18.

The Israelites had been in slavery to the Egyptians for four hundred and thirty years when Moses led them out of the land of Egypt to the land of Canaan. They were a great company of twelve tribes. Each tribe had an allotment of land with metes and bounds set.

It took no lawyers, judges, nor adherence to precedent, to work out the system of economics which was adopted by them as referred to above. Just in a few terse sentences God through Moses gave it and it worked. It was wonderful! No other has worked so well; For hundreds of years they were a great nation, abounding in wealth and exerting influence for good over a large portion of the known world. It was because they went into idolatry, forsaking the way God had shown them that they were overcome by hostile nations, and at last driven out and scattered.

IV

Man's Day and His Four Great Kingdoms

Does man climb through the ages, and do his governments persist in an upward sweep? We say no.

We are living in what is known as the Gentile age. It has been called man's day. During this age, or day, man has had his "try out" in the matter of self advancement. As has been already pointed out his efforts seem to result in failure sooner or later. Going back in history to the beginning of the Gentile age we find the great Babylonian empire. King Nebuchadnezzer was not only its ruler, but was king of the world, for it was a world empire. Dan. 2:37-38.

Its capital, the city of Babylon, we are told, had a population of twenty-five millions of people, and covered an area of five time that of London.

While it was at its height of splendor and glory, its king, Nebuchadnezzer, had a very wonderful dream. The dream went from him so that he could not clearly call it to remembrance, neither could he interpret it, nor could any of his wise men. The dream troubled him, and he would not rest until he found some one who could interpret it for him. The story is told in the second chapter of the book of Daniel, how Daniel, a young Hebrew captive, finally was called who told the dream and gave the interpretation of it. Daniel declared that it was not his own wisdom that enabled him to do this, but that he and his three friends prayed to the God of heaven who revealed the dream, and the meaning thereof.

Surely the God of heaven would not have done this had it not been a matter of great importance. It certainly

was important, for when that dream was interpreted the history of this world for more than twenty-five hundred years was fore-told.

The Dream

"Thou, O king, sawest and behold a great image. This great image whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee, and the form thereof was terrible."

This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay."

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands which smote the image upon the feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces."

"Then was the iron, the clay, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together and became like chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain (kingdom), and filled the whole earth."

Then Daniel interpreted the dream: "Thou, O king, art a king of kings; for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength and glory." "Thou art this head of gold." That is, the Babylonian empire was represented by the gold in the image. Now, we wish our readers to get a picture in your mind of the above-described image, for it represents all the Gentile kingdoms, especially the dominant ones, from the time of Babylon down to the present, and to the time when there will be no more of man's governments ruling the earth.

To those who argue the gradual evolution of man and his governments we would say: Note the decline during the last 2500 years as shown in the passing from fine gold of the head (Babylon) down through the baser met-

als to iron and clay, the ruling nations of the earth today.

Now it will be noticed that the image stood upright, and while, as is shown in the interpretation of the dream, one kingdom followed another, the image remained intact showing that not one of the kingdoms was cut off or annihilated.

For instance when Medo-Persia conquered Babylon, the head of gold was not severed from the body, but only changed rulers and name. So with all the other kingdoms represented by the image. The system of Babylon continued on down the centuries as is typified by the different metals composing the image which were not broken until smitten upon the feet by the stone.

Some teachers have severed the legs of the image in order to insert the gospel age which they say Daniel did not see. This is all wrong. God, in giving the dream and its interpretation, was showing the governments or political powers of man which would reign until Christ's kingdom should be set up on the earth. His kingdom was designated by the stone cut out of the mountain, or kingdom of the Gentile age, without hands. (See Acts 15:14).

"And after thee shall rise another kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." This all came to pass as spoken by Daniel. Medo-Persia represented by the breast and two arms of silver overthrew the Babylonian empire. This power was in turn conquered by Grecia, or the kingdom of brass in the time of Alexander the great who conquered the known world, and wept, it is said, because there were no more worlds to conquer.

"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise."

The fourth kingdom was Rome, the kingdom of iron. Of all man's governments no doubt the Roman empire was the climax so far as military strength is concerned. That was the iron. Through the power of the Roman Legions Rome could and did break and bruise. It conquered Greece or the third kingdom, and all other tribes and people were put under her feet. There were however, some tribes called the barbarians who lived in northern parts of Europe who never came under the dominion of this kingdom of iron except indirectly. These were no doubt some of the descendents of the "Ten lost tribes of Israel." But as a government Rome was a world power, as it was the dominant political power of the known world.

Multitudes of captives were made slaves, and their substance appropriated to the use of ROME. The millions of slaves upon whose backs rested the empire were held in contempt by the ruling class. A slave's life was of no consequence except as a cog in the machinery of production, or a stone in the foundation of the social structure.

But Rome fell. Its iron melted in the fervent heat of revolution inspired by hunger, and the splendid Roman Legions, along with the slaves, went down in a mad scramble for food.

Out of chaos order finally came, and nations began to take shape. There is a difference in the historical accounts of how this process of building new nations went on, but one thing appears certain, that is, a number of powers came into existence. Some historians say that at one time there were ten kingdoms, and that eight of these were intact till the time of the great war.

It is not so important as to whether there were exactly ten kingdoms. These governments are the ones referred to in the image as having part iron and part clay, being

a continuation of the Roman Power. It is important, however, that these new kingdoms of the feet and toes are after the pattern of all man's governments. They are, and always have been slave systems. One who has not made a study of the science of economics can not very well see this important point. We have briefly explained it in another part of this pamphlet so will not go into it here.

At least it is safe to say that the Babylonian kingdom (the capitalistic nations) are the ones referred to by Daniel when he speaks of the iron and the clay: for he says: "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay; And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so shall the kingdom be partly strong, and partly broken."

"And whereas thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seeds of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

The kingdoms down to the feet and toes as typified by the gold, silver, brass, and iron of the image had not two powers as is found later, in the ten-toed nations. The iron which Daniel saw in this kingdom is the ruling class backed by the military power, the clay is the common people, or working-class.

In the former kingdoms there was of course a working, slave class, but they did not exercise any economic or political power; while in these nations composing the kingdom of capitalism, these two classes exercise political, and economic power, and being opposed to each other, the

kingdom is divided as Daniel saw.

These two powers do not mix any more than do iron and clay. While they compose the kingdom they do not, cannot mix. The century long fight between Labor and Capital ought to prove that they cannot mix, as they are as far apart today as at any time in the past. Their economic interests being opposed, they will not mix.

Daniel said: "Although they tried by intermarriage to weld the people together, yet they could not." This has been fulfilled in Europe. For generations the crowned heads of those nations, and the nobility generally, have intermarried as was seen in time of the great war even those kingdoms arrayed against one another in warfare, the royalty were closely related by the ties of blood; yet they spilled each other's blood. Even this country has not escaped; for a generation or two the Counts and "NO ACCOUNTS" of Europe, dukes and such, have been taking our rich daughters in marriage. This is partly because they "need the money" of these heiresses, and also because it is expedient that the peoples be united in friendship; But "They shall **not** cleave one to another."

The causes which make enemies of these two powers, or classes in the present social order, are inherent in the capitalist system (kingdom). There are several nations, but only one kingdom. The Babylonian or Capitalist dominion, a world power. As in Babylon and Rome the wealth was produced by a slave class, chattels and serfs, so in modern Babylon it is created by the disinherited proletariat—wage slaves. In such an arrangement it is evident that the more of the wealth thus produced that goes to the master class, the less goes to the wage-slave class, and vice-versa, hence the quarrel. A century long struggle is on over the surplus value created by labor and

nothing can stop it so long as the system, or kingdom, stands. However, as is the inevitable result in all slave systems, the wealth of the nations concentrates into the hands of the few bringing their own downfall.

Rome fell when 1800 men owned the known world. These few men could not use, with profit the labor of all the slaves. The slaves could not eat since they could not work; they were the foundation stones of the government, when they fell, the whole structure came tumbling down.

In our own country there are millions of unemployed at this time, who manage through the help of charity, and the labor organization to get by. The following, from a late article by Count Carolyi, shows something of the conditions in Europe. "In most of the industrial countries of western Europe the unemployed industrial worker has to be paid so much a week. Although the fee he gets is below the minimum standard of living, it means a crushing burden for the state. To pay a man for not working has naturally a demoralizing effect. On the other hand, it is impossible not to do so, otherwise millions would starve. The only way out of this vicious state of affairs would be colonization within Europe, but against this plan you find, as I have shown it in Hungary, the coalition of the big land owners and the clergy, who regardless of the threatened catastrophe will not give way an inch of their wealth and power."

In all capitalist countries the wealth is in the hands of a few. Small minority groups practically own the world. They, and their heirs have a superabundance while the great majorities are legally trespassers on the face of the earth. It may be said that they are Christ-like in one way—they have not where to lay their head.

The wages system of the present is the climax of sla-

very. Most slaves of this system imagine they are free, and are lured on with hope, from the child slaves of factory, mill and mine, to old age, to believe that by and by it will be better, but it is never better.

An Oligarchy of great magnates within the so-called Democracies rule the world, and will not yield an inch of their wealth and power; yet they too are only men in a man-made government, victims of a "vicious state of affairs" from which they can neither extricate themselves nor others.

Modern machines of production, together with the land and other natural resources being privately owned and operated by the few for profit, make those who use them in the production of wealth dependent on the owning class, and in the last analysis whoever owns the means by which a man lives owns the man.

Now this is a system of confusion—BABYLON—A world power of ruin. The result is poverty, sorrow, wars, crime, prostitution, degeneracy, and a living death. What is to be done?

Continuing with the interpretation of king Nebuchadnezzer's dream, Daniel said to him: "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands," etc. This stone smote the image upon the feet, not upon the head of gold, nor any part of the image except the feet, and brake it all to pieces; now it became like chaff upon the summer threshing floors when the wind had blown it away.

We cannot see any meaning to this strong language except that the Gentile kingdoms are to be utterly destroyed. That is, the old order of slavery and oppression just described above must go. The world is not coming to an end, but the present world power will. The stone that smote the image, and brake it to pieces, became a great kingdom and filled the whole earth. When was this

to take place? In the latter days. The last days of this aeon, or age. We live now in the toes of the image, as has been shown. What is the stone? It is the stone rejected by all the builders of all man's governments—Jesus Christ and his kingdom; and he is to become the chief corner stone, or the key stone in the new age and dispensation. Acts 4:11.

God is against the present Babylonian system, and He will destroy it. "For the stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it. Woe to him that buildeth a town by blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity." Hab. 2:11-12.

Not only a city but the whole of the present order is built by blood, and established by iniquity. The beam cries out of the timbers, and from under the heavy foundation stones the Son of God hears bitter groans. For "the cries of them that reaped have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." James 5:4.

Daniel referring to the toe kingdom or nations of this time, evidently, as he was speaking expressly of them, said: In the days of these kings will the God of heaven set up a kingdom (not a church) which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces, and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Dan. 2:44.

If you are an unbeliever in the bible, and prophecy, go and read history and see that all Daniel said in explaining the meaning of Nebuchadnezzer's dream down to the time when the stone smote the image upon the feet has been fulfilled. So it is reasonable to suppose that the remainder will come to pass in due time.

Millions of people today are looking for a change in the governments of the earth, but comparatively few have any idea what a change it is to be.

That it is to be the complete overthrow of the satanic power and rule of the God of this world—Satan—and the establishment of the kingdom of the "Prince of peace," and Saviour of mankind—Jesus Christ. "Whom the heavens must receive until the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:21.

V

When Shall These Things Be?

In the three gospels, Matt. Chap. 24, Luke Chap. 21, Mark Chap. 13, Jesus plainly sets forth the signs of his coming and the end of the age. The word translated world here is the Greek word, aeon, meaning age. As they lived in the Gentile age he evidently meant the same age, the one now coming to a close.

A short time before the crucifixion of Jesus as he and the disciples went out of the temple, they called his attention to the great building and stones of the temple (this was the temple that was Solomon's which at this date was in process of re-construction, and was now called Herod's temple). Jesus told them that it would be destroyed, and that there would not be left one stone upon another that would not be thrown down. This prophecy was literally fulfilled at the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, A. D. 70. Later, as He sat upon the Mount of Olives his disciples came to him privately and asked him when would all these things be. Then he began and told them of many things which would come to pass from the fall of Jerusalem, and the scattering of the Jews down to the end of the age and of his coming.

Jesus said: "Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name saying I am Christ, and shall deceive many." Many today are saying they are Christ (anointed ones) and are deceiving many. These blare forth false prophecies, each have a little clique for a following, who wait and watch upon their words to see their fulfillment. Some come declaring they are Jesus Christ himself.

Some say he has come in the secret chamber (the seance room). But Jesus said: "Believe it not; for as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so also shall the coming of the son of man be." Every eye we are told shall see him. Another sign; and ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: "See that ye be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet." Matt. 24.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." Matt. 24:7. The prophet Joel, speaking of this same "sign" says: "And there shall be blood, and fire, and vapor and smoke." Surely this is a prophecy of the last terrible war. Nation rose against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. While before, the world was accustomed to hearing of wars and rumors of wars, here, and there, this great world war was virtually at the door of **all** mankind, for all were affected by it. It was such a deluge of blood as was never known before, and there was fire, vapor and smoke. They fought with flame of fire, with poison gas, and with modern methods never employed before. There was smoke. The sky was darkened by it. Smoke screens around battle ships, airships, battle fronts, and everywhere as never before. PESTILENCE—Was there pestilence? Yes, the "Flu." Scientists had said that there could never be another great pestilence since man had found out so much about germs and how to destroy them; but never has there been anything like it, nor so far reaching in its deadly work. It is said that more soldiers were taken by it than were killed in battle although the toll of battle was beyond the comprehension of the average mind. It went across the sea to every nook and corner of the earth. It took young and old, rich and poor. The Indians of the

desert died by the hundreds with it, and it killed even the monkeys in the jungles.

So all of man's boasted achievements and learning go crashing down when the avenging angel passes through the land. Man under the control of Satan, and his nefarious political systems, instigate war, rapine, starvation, and wholesale slaughter of the innocents, thereby bringing upon themselves and the sin-cursed earth tribulation untold, and uncontrollable by any power of man or devil. FAMINES—were also mentioned by Jesus as a sign. In these latter times there have been many famines, and millions have died of starvation. Since the world war Russia has had one: China and other lands have suffered famines: but the worst is yet to come unless something is soon done to help economic conditions in Europe.

And EARTHQUAKES IN DIVERS PLACES: (many places). Even the casual observer can see that in his lifetime there have been many severe earthquakes, while scientists who have taken statistics on these things say there have been more destructive earthquakes during the last 25 years than have occurred in hundreds of years previously.

These and many other signs did Jesus give. But one which we can all see and read about now in our own day is the following: Jesus, continuing to answer the disciple's question said: "Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Now when he said this the disciples did not know what he meant, for at that time Jerusalem was a great and thriving city. They did not know that it would so soon be destroyed. Jesus, also, uttered a prophecy when he wept over Jerusalem and said: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are

sent unto thee how oft would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings, and ye would not."

"Behold your house is left unto you desolate; for I say unto you ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Matt. 23:37-38-39.

As has already been stated Jerusalem was totally destroyed soon after this and their "House left unto them desolate." The remnant of Jews who escaped were scattered, and to this day remain scattered among all races, nations, and tongues.

The scattering of the twelve tribes of Israel was prophesied even by Moses, saying what would befall the house of Israel if they failed to walk in the way God had shown them, keeping his statutes, and commandments. But God said that He who scattered Israel will gather them. Ezekiel 36:19-24.

Today this gathering has begun. Jerusalem, after having been trodden down ever since the Romans conquered it A. D. 70, is no longer trodden down, and the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

When the GREAT WAR began the Turks had held that country for about 1200 years. The Mosque of Omar which stands on Mt. Moriah where Solomon built the magnificent temple of the Lord, was built (finished) 691 A.D. So we see that for more than twelve hundred years they had occupied the Holy Land.

All the prophets had said would come to it certainly came. Even the former and latter rains which used to fall regularly, that is, the early and late rains, ceased for centuries, the land becoming barren and dead. The passerby hissed, calling it the "Holy Land" in contempt, and

the infidel pointed it out as the land God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. While in derision he scoffed at the prophecy which said it would be restored to the Israelites.

In later centuries, however, as if God's due time had come for the fulfilling of his word, the former and latter rains began to fall. Shepherds with their flocks began to be seen on hill and plain. Colonies, later, were formed by Christians, and a gradual improvement went on.

In December, 1917, while the world war was raging, General Allenby, one of the British generals, was ordered to go up by way of the desert and take Jerusalem. We herewith give the account in the historian's words.

"On December 6 and 7, 1917, the fighting on the hills west of Jerusalem and the rapid advance of a British force from Hebron caused great excitement in the city. Upon receipt of the news of the near approach of the British, a sudden panic fell upon the Turks west and southwest of the town, and there was a furious galloping of Turkish troops along the Jaffa road. Enthusiastic joy filled the hearts of the Jewish population and the cry arose: "The Turks are running; the day of deliverance is come!" The governor was the last civil official to leave the city; but before dawn, Sunday, December 9, he hastened down the Jericho road, leaving behind him a letter of surrender, which the mayor, as the sun rose, set forth to deliver to the British commander. The last Turkish soldier left Jerusalem at seven o'clock by the East Gate, and the Ottoman power, which had been supreme for four centuries in the "Holy City" came to an end. The general passing through the Jaffa Gate, entered the city on foot and left it on foot; and no pageantry profaned the historic solemnity of the hour." Thus after all these centuries of "treading down" by the Gentiles Jerusalem was captured

from the Turks without the shedding of a drop of blood, or the firing of a gun. Long ago the Lord by the mouth of his prophet had said: "But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. Hos. 1:7.

It is said that the Turks had a tradition that some time Allah would send a man to take Jerusalem and at that time they would surrender it, but until that man should come, no nation could get a foot-hold in Palestine. They would fight to the death. But when the dignitaries of the faith heard the name of the general, Allenby, they said, "He is sent of Allah!" Allenby means in their language, "Prophet of Allah."

It was arranged by England, with the consent of the other Allied nations, to turn it over to the Jews for their home-land. So for the first time in nearly 2000 years that persecuted, and dispersed nation has a home-land.

For more than seven years the Jewish flag has floated over Jerusalem. The Jews are going back to Palestine. At first thousands flocked from Russia, Poland and from all over, but it is now arranged so that only a certain number can come in per month, just so many as can find a means of support.

The lands must be irrigated and reclaimed to give homes and opportunity to all who come. Rich Jews and Gentiles go for business purposes, many poor Jews go for the object of bettering their condition, while Jews, rich and poor, many of them, are drawn thither because of the traditions of their fathers and their religious belief that sometime they would return to the land which God gave to Abraham. Thus the great exodus of the "dispersed" from every land back to Jerusalem has begun. In the

bible the Jews have been likened to the fig tree. And Jesus said: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves ye know that summer is nigh, so likewise when ye see all these things, know that the kingdom of God is at hand." He also said that when these things begin to come to pass you should lift up your heads and rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh; and that this generation (that sees these things) should not pass till all be fulfilled.

The tree of the house of Judah is certainly putting forth leaves, and springing into life after its long dark winter. So persecuted, and killed were they in the nations wherein they were scattered that historians predicted their rapid extinction; but seemingly, all at once they began to increase in numbers, wealth, and influence until at present they are about sixteen millions in population, which is about one per cent of the population of the world. According to some financial statistics the Jews own and control 75 per cent of gold or real money of the world.

The rich Jews are taking the lead in the rebuilding of Jerusalem, and restoration of Palestine. The Jordan river is being used as the source of power for purposes of lighting, heating, irrigation and industry. Several great electric power plants are being installed along its swift current, and the greatest irrigating system of modern times is under way. A magnificent university has just been completed and dedicated. Also there are one hundred and twenty other educational institutions in and about Jerusalem.

These are all signs pointing to the second coming of Jesus, and the end of the age, when, as spoken of by Daniel, "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed."

VI

God's Kingdom on Earth

It has been almost two thousand years since the Jews, looking for the Messiah, rejected Jesus, finally bringing about his crucifixion. He was of the Tribe of Judah; they were "his own." "He came unto his own and his own received him not."

The ten tribes, or the house of Joseph, were already lost or dispersed among the nations. Many at that time who believed on Jesus thought he would restore Israel and set up the kingdom of David then; but he told them that his kingdom was not of this age, meaning that he had not come for that purpose at that time. But he said over and over that he would come again; his apostles preached his second coming, and that at that coming he would restore all things.

Jesus Christ did not set up his kingdom at his first coming. He came to die to save mankind. "He was manfested in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil." He was king of kings, and Lord of Lords even then, but the time had not arrived for him to reign as king of the whole earth.

John preached that the kingdom of heaven was at hand, and so it was in the exercise of Godly power over Satan and his works, such as sickness, demon possession, and even death, proving by many miracles that he was the true Lord of the earth and that Satan and his hosts were as nothing to him. God's kingdom or dominion had come nigh unto them, or even among them as he said, and the GREAT KING himself was present in the flesh.

He came to start a revolution against Satan's king-

dom. He did that. He kindled the fires of revolt in the hearts of many, and no power on earth, in the heavens, nor in hades, has been able to put out those fires. The devil has tried his best through his Neros, Constantines and inquisitions, but today after the trials of 1900 years, He has a great company of followers, whose garments are washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, in whose hearts burn the fires of revolution against Satan's kingdom, and rule, and the purifying fire of the baptism of the HOLY GHOST which he promised his own.

It has been a long hard warfare since the blessed Lord started this great, age-long, world-wide, revolution; and sometimes its fires have seemed almost quenched in the baptism of blood which Satan, leader of the black hosts, has poured upon the earth, but always there have been a few true hearts in which the fire has smouldered to be fanned into heat and headway by him whose "fan is in his hand," and whose purpose it is to purge and purify the earth. Luke 12:49. "I am come to send fire on the earth;" and what will I, if it be already kindled?" Luke 12:51. "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on the earth? I tell you nay; but rather division."

Many have marveled at this language, and thought it contradictory to other passages calling him the prince of peace, and saying that he would bring peace and good will to men. But be it remembered that in this instance he spoke of the division he would necessarily bring by starting propaganda against the established rule and reign of Satan. Naturally those who would espouse the cause of Christ would be against those who were still the servants of Satan. Jesus knew this, and spoke of it. Nothing has been more evident than this very thing. Even at this day it is the same, and perhaps more so than at any time in the past. Families are divided. Communities as

well. Jesus said that we cannot serve two masters. So those who serve the Lord Jesus, cannot serve Satan, nor can they who serve Satan serve Jesus. In other words we cannot fight under two banners. We are in the midst of a great revolution, which must, and will go on till the present usurper, Satan, is overthrown, and HE comes into full power, whose right it is to reign. Hence the division of which Jesus spoke.

Early in the ministry of Jesus he gathered together a few disciples. These, he insisted, must leave all and follow him. Those who could not or would not do this could not be his disciples. The same is true today. He who puts his hands to the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven. This means that those who make a start to follow Jesus must give up all things which pertain to Satan's kingdom. Satan for the time being is the God of this world, then all who serve the true God must not look back into the world, loving the things thereof, else he cannot be a soldier in the warfare which Jesus came to wage.

Jesus told his disciples that the gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Now for several centuries there has been a great deal of preaching, but little of the "Gospel of the kingdom" has been preached. A gospel of creeds, called the gospel of grace or salvation has been preached. Jesus told his disciples to go and preach the gospel of the kingdom, and to heal the sick and cast out devils. They did that at first, and came back rejoicing because even devils were subject unto them.

In most of the modern churches one does not dare to preach a message on the gospel of the kingdom, nor to heal the sick and cast out devils. That would be heresy;

in fact no one who comes with such a message and work can get opportunity to be heard in those grand temples called the churches of God. They preach and sing, they are regular and persistent, but Satan's kingdom is but little molested. Sermons are fashioned into a work of art and cunning so as not to offend his satanic majesty, nor disturb the equanimity of his followers. Satan cares not how many churches man builds, nor how many Billy Sundays go forth to preach, just so they do not work against him and his kingdom.

Modern Babylon, The Beast, and the Great city or capital of Babylon, which rides him, must not be molested. Commercialism even as to Christ and his kingdom and the souls of men, is not being disturbed by the preaching in the modern temples of mammon.

But this "Gospel of the kingdom" is being preached in the highways and hedges by a few whom God has called in these last days. These like the disciples of old have left all to follow him. Through them this gospel is beginning to be preached for a witness unto all nations, and when this is done then will the end come.

Then will his church, some of which will still be on the earth, and the hosts who have gone on, but who will come with him when he comes, be ready. His army which he has martialed during the centuries since his revolution at his first coming, having on the whole armor of God will be all sufficient. Read 2nd Kings 6:17 and 2nd Kings 19:35. Marching under the blood stained banner of King Emanuel they will meet and conquer the hosts of Satan, dethrone him, bind him, and on the ruins of his hateful despotism establish God's own righteous government. "And he shall rule and reign on the throne of his father David, and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

David's throne was on earth, so also will be the throne

of Jesus. For he must reign till all enemies are put under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. I Cor. 15:25-26.

During the Gentile times the Lord Jesus has been taking out a people for his name. That is, cutting out, without hands, a stone (kingdom) which is to become a great mountain (kingdom) and fill the whole earth.

"And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; And I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:" WHAT FOR? "That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." Acts 15:15-16-17-18.

When he arose from the dead Jesus proved himself victor over death, and at that time he declared that all power in the heavens and earth were given unto him. Satan has had the human race, and the whole creation, on the cross all during his reign. But when Jesus, the Son of God, went to the cross he took Satan's works with him, even bearing the sin of the whole world in his own body. Overcoming death, even the death of the cross, he overcame the cross, and all it represents. Potentially Satan's works were destroyed then. The seed was planted. Apparently the smallest of all seeds, the kingdom of God, in a world of darkness and sin, yet destined to become greatest of all, supplanting all other dominion and power.

As the full formed oak tree is folded up within the narrow confines of the acorn so the full and complete kingdom and power of God was in Jesus when he went to the cross, even when he was manifested in the flesh

to destroy the works of the devil. He was the potential kingdom of God which is to fill the whole earth. The expression "He must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet" means that as the tree unfolds gradually to outward expression all that was folded up within the acorn, so as this seed, which is to bruise the serpent's head, grows, and unfolds, Satan's power and dominion will fall, and all of the works of the devil be completely destroyed, not only on earth, but throughout the Universe of God. Then will the work of the cross have been finished. "It is finished!" cried the crucified Saviour. Yes, it was finished potentially, it will be in the ages to come manifestly.

Jesus said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." "This he said signifying what death he should die." Jno. 12:32-33.

If the works of the devil remain in hell, the lake of fire (second death), or anywhere, then they are not destroyed, and the work of Jesus is not finished. All are not drawn unto him, in such case, and his words are made false. He was lifted up from the earth. He will draw all men unto him in the ages to come. He wills not the death of any, but "would that all should return and live." He wills it, then it will be, for he worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

Jesus said he would come again. More than three hundred times it is written in the Word that he will come again. On the occasion of the "Last Supper" he admonished his disciples to, as often as they should take it, to do so in remembrance of him till he should come again.

Yes, he is coming to set up his kingdom. All the world waits in anxiety, just now, for something to happen; for some great leader or statesman to set things right. He

is coming! He will make the earth to rejoice in the presence of his glory. He will reign in righteousness.

The prophet Isaiah looking down to the end of this age, and beholding the strife and turmoil of the earth broke forth in prophecy: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government (of the world in which man has utterly failed) shall be upon his shoulder; And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." That is Jesus! He is called by all of those names.

While speaking of his coming and of the end of the age, he told his disciples that there would be a time of trouble such as had never been before, and would never be again. A time of great tribulation. We are surely entering into that tribulation now, and it behooves us all to fly for refuge to the "Rock Christ Jesus" for in him is all power, for the destruction of Satan's hosts, or for the safety of those who put their trust in him. And whether we be in the body of flesh or have already risen in our spiritual bodies, we shall be with him; and when we see him we shall be like him. Praise the Lord!

When God sets up his kingdom, and destroys the works of the devil, then will that prayer be answered which Jesus taught his disciples to pray, and which we and our forefathers have so long prayed: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The fact that Jesus taught his disciples to pray for God's kingdom to come, means that it will come.

Then will be understood and appreciated the song the angels sang to the lowly shepherds the night that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem of Judea, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

VII

The Four Horsemen

One morning just after awaking from sleep the spirit impressed me to read Revelation. Ever since my early childhood I have tried to understand the book called Revelation, but with little success. I reasoned as with a person, saying, Lord, I cannot understand Revelation. But the spirit seemed to say: Try, Read.

With a prayer for wisdom and understanding, I began to read, and from the first the meaning was clear to me; and as I read on through the first five chapters I wondered why I had never understood this before.

The four horses spoken of in the sixth chapter had always been a deep mystery to me, but as I now read the horses and riders seemed to pass before me, and the meaning of this prophecy instantly flashed into my mind, excepting as to the Pale horse and his rider, the meaning of which was not revealed until some months later.

It will be noticed that the Lamb opens the seals. He was the only one found worthy, or able to break the seals and to open the book.

The seals are the fastenings which hold the coverings of mystery about the scroll of future events. When the time draws near for the fulfillment of a prophecy the Lamb breaks the seal, that he may read who can. To John was given these testimonies; but no one shall be able to explain them until Jesus, by his spirit, reveals them to him.

THE WHITE HORSE

Rev. 6:2. "And I saw and behold a white horse: And he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given un-

to him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer."

The rider on the white horse is Jesus, King of kings, and Lord of Lords. The crown on his head denotes his majesty. Psalm 45.4. "And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things."

The bow in his hand indicates that the time will be a war time. The cause will be the cause of righteousness against unrighteousness, the cause of Christ against Satan. And while the bow is symbolical yet he will effectually use it. Psalm 45:5. "Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people will fall under thee."

These horses represent each a great power; not any geographical or political division, neither do they represent what would properly be termed organizations; but each is a symbol of a body of people holding certain opinions, and standing as a unit for the accomplishment of certain aims and objects.

The people composing each of these groups are scattered throughout the world, and the principles for which they stand concern deeply all who dwell on the earth. These great powers, especially those represented by the red and black horses, are economically determined. They take their stand either for or against the established order.

"The rider on the white horse goes forth conquering and to conquer." This horse represents all true christians in the world. Not church members, necessarily, but those who believe in Jesus and, having his spirit, follow him. And even those christians who have passed out of this world belong to his army, and will come with him when he comes to set up his kingdom. He is going forth

now on the white horse. White means purity. His saints in white (purity) follow him.

THE RED HORSE

Rev. 6:4. "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another; and there was given unto him a great sword."

The red horse represents that group of people who have come upon the earthly stage of action in recent years known as "The Reds." In some countries they are called communists, but by whatever name they may be called, they are that element of the working class who are in favor of the abolition of the system of Capitalism. They are revolutionists, and desire to see the present order of society overthrown as it was in Russia. They are in all countries, especially those where the wages system is paramount. While the red horse does not represent any one nation, Russia is the one where the "Reds" have gained most power. They have taken peace from the earth, for since the overthrow of the Imperial government of Russia, the heads of the other nations are fearful that the same may happen to them.

"And there was given unto him a great sword." In Soviet Russia a mighty army is maintained. This shows what the "Reds" will do as soon as they come into power in any part of the world. The red army of Russia is said to be the greatest standing army in the world, and the best equipped. They do not go in for militarism for the purpose of invading other countries, or acquiring territory, but for self-defense, protection of their new government.

"And that they should kill one another." The revolu-

tionists are not all united as to methods of proceedure. They are of different shades of red, and quarrel among themselves even in peace times as to organization and propaganda, so when revolution comes, as it did in Russia, they form in different groups and fight one another.

For instance, the actual revolution in Russia was comparatively bloodless until the revolutionists began to fight among themselves.

The Kerensky government, a political Socialist effort, was later overthrown by the Bolshevists who succeeded in establishing the Soviets. The Soviet government was then harassed by their natural enemies, those who stood for the old order, and by those in their own ranks who differed seriously with them as to tactics. Thus they have "killed one another," and as the world-wide revolution develops, more and more will they shed each other's blood.

Rev. 6:5-6. "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand."

"And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts (powers) say, a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

The black horse represents that element of the common people, or working class of the world who stand for the established order. They believe in the church and state, something as they are, and instead of revolution they believe in reform, and improvement. Most of them hold to some church, Catholic or Protestant, and are very patriotic as to their country and government. They are in all nations, and are known in some as Fascists or "The Fascista" as in Italy. This group or power are now be-

ing organized under one name or another in all Capitalist countries.

As has been said neither of these horses represents a political division, such as a nation, yet as in Russia may be found a rule of the Reds, so in Italy may be seen an example of the rule of the Fascista or black horse.

About five years ago it was feared that the REDS were going to take Italy. They were very strong there, and the government seemed helpless to stem the red tide, when in the nick of time, one, Mussolini, was discovered who quickly organized the Fascista or "Black Shirts" as he called them. At first he had only a group of ten or twelve, but his battalions grew by leaps and bounds until today there are presumably millions, and the nation of Italy is apparently in their hands. The REDS are there but are overpowered by the BLACKS.

The balances in the hand of the rider on the black horse indicate commercialism and that the power represented by this horse will hold in their possession the food, drink and other necessaries of life. By its authority it will be measured out and priced. And that the people of the world shall only eat and live according as this group and the great power for which it stands shall dictate. A voice in the midst of the four beasts (powers) said, a measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny, and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. This was not the voice of the rider on the black horse, but came from the midst of all these powers. The power in the midst, and around which all these groups are formed is Capitalism, ruled by the capitalist class. At the time of the fulfillment of this prophecy the people may have bread, perhaps, but only the favored few may touch the oil and the wine.

When the imperial government of Russia fell the foodstuffs of all kinds were in storage plants, elevators, etc. and the first work of the "Red Guards" was to take charge of all supplies by force of arms. Immediately establishing commissaries they distributed food and other necessities to the people as they had need, free of charge.

THE PALE HORSE

Rev. 6:7-8. "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see."

"And I look, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was death; and hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with beasts of the earth."

The pale horse represents the Oligarchy of the great nations. Whether a government of a capitalist country be called a democracy, republic or kingdom, the actual ruling power is a small minority of the people composed of the very great capitalists and financiers. Capitalism has become international, that is, the vested interests of certain very wealthy individuals are to be found in almost all nations, thus it is that the interest of one capitalist nation is the interest of all. This is why the ruling power of all governments engaged in the late great war are trying to harmonize the clashing forces, and stabilize even the one-time enemy governments.

The rider on the pale horse is death. Hell or Hades follows with him. This rider is Satan, head of his kingdom, which is about to fall or go into the death condition. Satan is the author of death, and king of hell. Those who follow with him are of the reign of evil, and they are all facing the dissolution of their world empire, Babylon the great.

Jesus on the white horse, head of the conquering hosts; Satan on the pale horse, head of the hosts of death and destruction, but which are to be cut off.

In the conflict between the forces represented by the RED AND BLACK HORSES chaotic conditions will prevail, and many institutions, sacred and otherwise will go down. All institutions or people who stand with the pale horse group are doomed to destruction. By this is meant they will lose their place and power and will not appear in the new kingdom or order to be established by Jesus Christ, rider on the WHITE HORSE. He is the great conqueror. Satan, the great red dragon will finally be absolutely defeated by him, and his army.

Rev. 19:14-15-16. "And the armies which were with him in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

It is said, Rev. 6:8, that power was given to the pale horse group over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with beasts of the earth.

This comes in the death struggle of the satanic forces to survive. There will be war, also persecution of all those opposed to them. War brings in its wake, famine. The beasts mentioned in this scripture are men or powers with bestial natures, beasts of prey. There are many such in the world now, and only wait provocation to act.

We believe that these prophecies are soon to be ful-

filled. The different powers represented by the four horses are very pronounced in the world at this time. It is only in recent years that they have all taken shape, and begun to play their part in earth's greatest drama. "The day of the Lord" appears, Armageddon draws nigh.

We admonish all who read these pages to seek the kingdom of God. Be a recruit, if you are not already one, in the army which follows the rider on the WHITE HORSE, for he is the only one who goes forth conquering and to conquer.

When the pale horse and his rider with all who follow him are buried beneath the sea of forgetfulness, when the stench from their dead corpses no more pollute the earth, then will come to pass this blessed promise:

Rev. 21:4. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things have passed away."