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# THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT

*A Prophetic Interpretation of Current Events*



## ★ Money-Making Schemes

MANY churches and church pastors resort to bingo to raise money with which to run the church, to install a new organ or a new carpet, to put on a new roof, or to effect some other church repairs. Church suppers, raffles, bazaars, rummage sales, dances, lotteries and amusements of various kinds are staged for the same purpose and to pay the minister's salary.

Some do these things with apparent good conscience; others go along reluctantly; and some will not engage in them at all, believing that such money-raising methods are not in harmony with the divine plan. We have known of wrestling matches being staged for church benefit, as well as pugilistic contests. Once it came to our attention that the women of a certain church were raffling off cases of beer for church benefit. That, to be sure, was an extreme and isolated case, but bingo, ice-cream socials and street carnivals are common.

We believe these methods of money raising are far removed from God's spiritual plan. We say "spiritual" because when God's plan is employed spiritual benefits accrue to the participant in particular and to the church in general. It was always far from God's scheme of church finance that His work should be supported by an appeal to the appetite or to the pleasure urge. In the support of His work God would have His workers motivated by the basic principle of love.

When a man, woman or child loves God with the whole heart, soul, mind and strength it is never necessary to get him to support the church by appealing to him through an oyster supper. When the love of God is in the heart people love to give because they love God, love His church, and love to see souls in

darkness brought into the light of divine saving truth.

When suppers, socials, rummage sales, et cetera, are brought into the church, spirituality flies out through the window. The church is not the place for such things. They are not reconcilable with the spirit of sacrifice which promotes the cause of God. They do not woo the Spirit of God, but act rather as a spiritual repellent.

God gave to man a plan of church finance that is dignified, fair, and spiritually uplifting. It is a percentage plan of the net income—the tithe, or the tenth. Abraham used it when he returned from defeating the kings from the south who had plundered Sodom and Gomor-

rah. Abraham recaptured the spoil, and when Melchizedek, priest of God, met him returning from the battle, Abraham paid him tithes of all. Then, to show the magnanimity of his soul, the old patriarch returned to the king of Sodom all that had been recovered.

In the minds of many reposes the idea that they cannot afford to pay the tithe, that they would become impoverished by so doing. It might perhaps seem so at first thought, but the very opposite is the fact. The reason this is true is that a divine blessing rests upon the man who faithfully discharges his financial responsibility to God. In the book of Proverbs there is a text that declares this mystery: "There is that

**God's treasury should be continually replenished by the tithe and free-will offerings, as is indicated by the prophet Malachi. When this is done spirituality thrives, and games of chance are dispensed with.**



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scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Chapter 11: 24.

Furthermore, God has made a direct promise that He will interpose a blessing in behalf of those who follow His plan: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Why does God command the payment of the tithe? Because He needs it? No! Because He wishes to impoverish us? No! Because He desires to impose an arbitrary decree upon us? No! Why then? Because it expresses a principle of right. God is the creator and maker of the earth and all that is in it. Therefore it is His. It belongs to Him. The cattle on a thousand hills, He says, are His. And further, He states that if He were hungry He would not ask us.

As Creator, God is landlord of the earth. And as landlord He asks ten per cent rent, as it were. Not for His own use or for the gratification of His own personal pleasure, but that His work and our work for lost sinners may be carried on.

Paying our tithe into God's treasury is an expression of our recognition of His ownership. It is a parallel to the tenant's paying his house rent. In so doing the tenant is giving recognition to the fact that he does not own the house, but that another does. If the tenant fails to pay his rent he is being dishonest. He is so regarded before the law, and may be forcibly evicted. If the Christian fails to pay his honest tithe, God calls him a robber:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation." Malachi 3:8, 9.

When a man is honest toward God he is blessed. There is no substitute for this great fundamental principle of right. Likewise there is no right substitute for God's plan of church finance. No preacher can be as well and as satisfactorily paid from the proceeds of an ice-cream festival as he can from the tithe when the members of his parish are actuated by a deep, abiding love to God.

### ★ Joe Oulette

IN ALL likelihood you will not recognize in the name of Joe Oulette a name



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How many there are occupying a place in "death row" because they took the first step in crime by stealing some insignificant thing. It is not the amount stolen, but the principle of right that is violated that leads at last to inevitable ruin.

that is noted for good and great deeds. Joe was a criminal who died on the gallows at the age of twenty-three. The crime for which he paid the supreme penalty was murder. He had killed two Chinese gardeners and it was charged that the motive was robbery.

Joe's life was neither good nor beneficial to humanity. Yet he left a death message which is good and which, if heeded, will prove beneficial to those who may be starting a life of crime. To those Joe said: "Don't. It doesn't pay." From his death cell Joe had time to think it over, and he decided that "honesty is the best policy." Said Joe:

"I'm just the fellow who should tell the rest about the wrong way of life as I've had the experience. . . . I started out young. The first thing I ever stole was a pair of ice skates; then it got worse, until now I have only a few days to live. You see, kids, if you play you must pay, and not only on earth but the Lord shall punish also if you do not obey His law as well as man-made laws. I've not only broken man's law but God's law as well.

"If you must have money, the best and easiest way to get it is by working for it. . . . Never fool around with guns and knives. It never pays to be a tough guy and say: 'I don't care. . . .'" Oulette said he had wanted easy money, 'and you see what I got. . . . There is no one to blame but myself. . . . I hope [this] helps you, if not in believing, then in leading an honest life.'"

Joe was right. He had to learn the hard way, but how wise the young man and woman who are willing to learn the easy way, from the experiences of others, and from the admonition of God's Good Book. Truly, the Lord has said: "The way of transgressors is hard." And again: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

It pays to be good. It pays to be honest. It is true, as Joe said, that "if you must have money, the best and easiest way to get it is by working for it." Working, not stealing, is God's way of sustenance. Gain without work has no place in God's scheme of things. As a matter of fact, He uttered a positive prohibition against that in the eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not steal."

It can never be right, as long as human relations exist, for one man to take by force or stealth that which another man has earned and saved. Long ago, at the time of man's fall into sin, God foresaw that work would, under the circumstances, be the greatest blessing He could bestow upon man. Thus we have the work sentence of Genesis 3:17-19.

There is sweet satisfaction in the results of honest toil. No bread tastes so good as that which is earned. That "honesty is the best policy" is a maxim proved over and over. It enables the honest citizen to look every man in the eye, and that includes law-enforcement officers.



REVIEW BY HERALD

IT WAS a Wednesday evening in the spring of A.D. 31. Five men sitting on the brow of a hill overlooking Jerusalem were contemplating the beautiful panorama of their nation's capital spread out before them while the sun was setting. The group were earnestly talking about the future of the city and of the whole world. A young Prophet among the five did most of the talking, while the other four men listened intently. He had made a series of striking predictions concerning things to come, and to these He now added one that was perhaps even more astonishing. He said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but *My words shall not pass away.*" Mark 13:31.

To the ordinary man of the world in that day this prediction undoubtedly would have seemed fantastic and ridiculous. The youthful Seer who made it was then despised with utmost contempt by the leaders of His own people, who had denounced Him publicly as an impostor and a blasphemer. They looked upon Him with scorn as nothing more than the ignorant son of a dead carpenter known as Joseph in the tiny village of Nazareth in Galilee.

His enemies were many, His friends were few, and His days were numbered. About thirty hours after making that extraordinary prediction about the permanency of His words, He was arrested by His enemies, and the public authorities condemned Him as a blasphemer and seditionist. Within the space of forty-eight hours He was un-

# In More Than 1000 TONGUES

*The Gospel Is Now Preached in More Languages  
Than at Pentecost*

By

ROBERT LEO ODOM

**Mission history bears ample testimony to the fulfilment of Christ's prophecy: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world. . . ."**

justly executed by the civil power as the worst criminal of His day. Immediately after His death, His body was shut up in a tomb hewn out of rock, which was sealed by the government and placed in the custody of guards chosen from the legions of Rome. In the meantime most of his friends forsook Him, and the few who still loved Him mourned bitterly His fate, while trembling with fear and anxiety behind closed doors for their own safety. The future for them appeared exceedingly dark and foreboding.

Nevertheless, He had said: "My words shall not pass away." He had also said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached *in all the world* for a witness *unto all nations*; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, men chosen of God for the purpose faithfully penned the life story and words of Christ, and they sent these Scriptures to the believers scattered among the nations. And as the groups of the faithful multiplied, scribes and translators made copies of these Writings for use in many nations and in many tongues. Thus they were passed on from one generation to the next as a holy legacy.

It was at great cost and sacrifice that the Sacred Word was preserved and multiplied. Pagan emperors from Nero to Diocletian unleashed persecution without mercy against the Christians, and sought to burn or otherwise destroy every copy of the Holy Scriptures.

The publication of the Divine Word in manuscript form was labour long and tedious. We who live in this modern age of printing can hardly imagine the work required to produce a single copy of the Book of books fifteen centuries ago. Each edition of the Holy Scriptures consisted of just *one copy*, produced after long hours of transcribing with pen and ink each word of the voluminous text.

And though the number of copies thus issued was relatively small, the preservation of Holy Writ from destruction by its enemies has been nothing short of miraculous. Speaking of God's words, the psalmist says: "Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:7. The ecclesiastical writings of the centuries since the days of the apostles contain abundant quotations from the Holy Scriptures. Besides, many old manuscripts of the Sacred Scriptures that have escaped the vandalism and decay of time are now on exhibit in various parts of the world.

Eric M. North of the American Bible Society has reported that "it is estimated that on the eve of the invention of printing only thirty-three languages had any part of the Bible translated. Few common folk could read, and in spite of much manuscript copying the legible words of Scripture were rarities to the multitudes. Yet even the invention of printing did not at first greatly accelerate translation. To be sure, the first hundred years of printing saw great history-making versions of the whole Bible put into print in Latin, German, Italian, Catalan, Czech (Bohemian), Dutch, French, English, Swedish, and Danish. But even by 1800 only seventy-one languages and dialects had seen some printed portion of the Bible."—*And Now . . . In a Thousand Tongues*, p. 5. (American Bible Society, New York City, 1938.)

And so the prophecy of the Master has been fulfilled to the very letter. "My words shall not pass away," said He. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." There does not exist any organization of men or devils capable of halting the onward march of Christ's final message of mercy to the perishing world, for the Word of the Lord "liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23.

The widespread publication of the gospel message in so many nations and tongues today is another sign that the end is near, even at the door. It means, Friend Reader, that Jesus is coming soon, and that you ought to prepare *now* for that great event.



# BIBLE ANSWERS



Do you have unanswered Bible questions? If so, you are invited to send them to the EDITOR, Box 398, Oshawa, Ontario.

**Dear Bible Answerman:** What are the righteous and the wicked doing during the period of the millennium?

During the thousand years the righteous are determining the degree of punishment that shall be inflicted upon the wicked in the lake of fire. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3.

The divine promise is that "all" shall have a resurrection. But not all are resurrected at the same time. The wicked are not resurrected until the end of the millennium. "But the rest of the dead [this can only be the wicked dead] lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Revelation 20:5.

However, if the righteous are in heaven at present enjoying their reward, as some think, we see no purpose in bringing them back to this earth, killing them, and burying them in order that Christ may resurrect them at the time of His second coming.

Likewise, if the wicked go at once to their punishment at death, we see no purpose in bringing them out, judging them, and throwing them back into the flames again. Then, too, if the wicked go immediately to hell at death, it must be that some have been burning a great while longer than others. This we think would not be fair.

The entire problem is solved when we get the Bible view of it. The righteous are not in heaven. The wicked are not in a burning hell. All are in their graves awaiting the resurrection. All the righteous will go to their reward at the same time, and all the wicked will go to their punishment at the same time. At present however, they are asleep—sleeping the "sleep of death." Psalm 13:3.

"The living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun. . . . Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy

might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10.

Over and over again in the Scriptures death is compared to sleep. "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14.

Jesus Himself, on the occasion of Lazarus' death, unmistakably compared death to sleep: "These things said He; and after that He saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus *sleepeth*; but I go, that I may awaken him out of *sleep* [at this time Lazarus was dead]. Then said His disciples, Lord, if he *sleep*, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his *death*; but they thought that He had spoken of taking of rest in *sleep*. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, *Lazarus is dead*." John 11:11-14.

The dead are resting quietly, peace-

## OLD OCEAN

Ocean old and ocean grey,  
You've a crown with coral set;  
And you toss both night and day,  
Never still but swelling yet,  
Like a dream I can't forget.

Ocean moaning low and deep  
Like a long-unanswered prayer.  
Rocks the anchor of your feet;  
Seaweed tangled in your hair,  
Like my uninvited care.

Clouds are mirrored in your eyes;  
Seagulls glide upon your lips;  
Your garment's folds the sea life  
hides;  
Along your arms you sail the  
ships  
To your million fingertips.

Ocean deep and ocean wise,  
You can keep your secrets well:  
Ever keep the dying cries  
And the prayers of those who  
fell,  
Secrets you can never tell.

—Helen J. Anderson.

fully, in their graves until the time when Jesus the great Life-giver shall call them forth either to reward or to punishment. That is the time when Paul expected to receive his crown of reward, and that is the time when he expected all the righteous to receive theirs. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8.

**Dear Bible Answerman:** What is meant by the term "Babylon" in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation?

The term "Babylon" comes from the ancient tower of Babel, where God confused the language of the people. The term has come to connote confusion. And more than that, Bible commentators attach a religious significance to it. Says one writer, commenting on Revelation 18:

"Since the fall here introduced is a spiritual one, it must apply to some branch of Babylon outside of the pagan or papal divisions; for from the beginning of their history paganism has been a false religion, and the papacy an apostate one. Further, as this fall is said to occur but a short period before Babylon's final destruction, certainly this side of the rise and predicted triumph of the papal church, this testimony cannot apply to any religious organizations but such as have sprung from that church. These started out on reform. They ran well for a season, and had the approbation of God; but bringing some of their erroneous doctrines with them, and fencing themselves about with creeds of their own, they have failed to keep pace with the advancing light of prophetic truth. This has left them where they will finally develop a character as odious in the sight of God as that of the church from which they withdrew.

"Alexander Campbell, founder of the Disciples of Christ Church, says: 'A reformation of popery was attempted in Europe full three centuries ago. It ended in a Protestant hierarchy, and swarms of dissenters. Protestantism has been reformed into Presbyterianism, that into Congregationalism, and that into Baptistism, etc., etc. Methodism has attempted to reform all, but has reformed itself into many forms of Wesleyism. . . . All of them retain in their bosom—in their ecclesiastical organizations, worship, doctrines, and observances—various relics of popery. They are at best a reformation of popery, and only reformations in part. The doctrines and traditions of men yet impair the power and progress of the gospel in their hands.'"—*Daniel and the Revelation*, pp. 715, 716.

# History's *Grand Design*

## *And Glorious Climax*

By W. L. EMMERSON

**M**ANKIND today is desperately worried about its future. And no wonder, for within the past four decades it has been wracked by two shattering world wars, and now faces the stark possibility of a third, which may bring the vast achievements of civilization down in unutterable ruin.

To the great majority this crescendo of catastrophe has come as a fearful shock. It was not long ago that those who claimed to know were telling us that our world was set for inevitable progress and that increasing felicity was man's sure portion.

Taught by the evolutionary philosophers, it was the general belief that the spectacular discoveries and inventions of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries were evident steppingstones to an ever more brilliant future, and so on, world without end!

### **Events Take Civilization "By the Throat"**

In 1914, however, as Arnold J. Toynbee has strikingly put it in his book, *Civilization on Trial*, history took our generation "by the throat." Man has not revealed himself to be getting better and better, but worse and worse, and the spectacular material advances of our time, instead of carrying us triumphantly forward into an evolutionary Utopia, have brought us to the point of universal catastrophe.

Faced, on the one hand, with the disillusionment resulting from the collapse of the rosy evolutionary visions, and on the other by the bleak alternative of stoical despair, many are asking, Is there not somewhere an illuminating word upon the tragic human situation?

In answer to such questionings we can unhesitatingly reply that there is indeed. From out the gloom an authoritative voice, the voice of God, is speaking: "Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands command ye Me." Isaiah 45:11.

It was in the early days of the Jewish bondage in Babylon that the great king Nebuchadnezzar was pondering the future of his empire. An answer to the questionings of his heart as to its dur-

ability and destiny came spectacularly to him in the form of a remarkable dream, not, however, so much for his own benefit as to assure the people of God whom he at this time held in bondage that the Lord was still in control and that His purpose of blessing for them and for all who put their trust in Him would yet come to pass.

In the dream, which was recalled to the king's mind by Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar saw a great image composed of four diverse metals—a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, and legs of iron merging into feet and toes which were formed out of a curious composite of strong iron and brittle potters' clay. (Read Daniel 2: 31-33.)

Explaining the significance of the image, at the command of God, Daniel began: "As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. . . . Thou art this head of gold." Verses 29, 38.

Nebuchadnezzar was naturally elated to think that the most high God should so highly esteem his empire as to typify

it by the most precious of metals. But he was taken aback when the prophet went on to say: "After thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee." Verse 39.

To learn that his kingdom was to pass was a sobering thought, but to be told that it would be overthrown by a kingdom less glorious than his own was mortifying indeed.

Nebuchadnezzar's immediate reaction, as indicated by the story of the third chapter of Daniel, was to refuse to accept the prophet's forecast of the destiny of Babylon. The image which he had constructed all of gold proclaimed his faith that Babylon would not pass away. But what has history to say? Did the word spoken by Daniel in the name of the God of heaven prove true?

It did indeed. When Nebuchadnezzar overran the Middle East and extended his empire from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, from the Mesopotamian plain to the river of Egypt, he never expected any trouble from the wild tribes of Media and Persia beyond the Zagros Mountains. It was from thence, however, that Cyrus, at first but a minor prince of the province of Anshan, but in due time the conqueror of all the northern lands from Asia Minor to India, swept down into the Babylonian plain and overthrew the golden empire in 538 B.C.

### **The Coming of the "Brass-Mailed" Conquerors**

Continuing his interpretation of the dream to the now-sobered and wondering monarch, Daniel went on. "And another third kingdom of brass . . . shall bear rule over all the earth." Verse 39.

The prophet himself lived to see fulfilled the word he had spoken concerning Babylon, but there was no sign of any diminution of Medo-Persia's power when he died. The second empire was, in fact, far from its zenith. But what was to befall it long after Daniel, who foresaw its rise, and Cyrus, its creator, had passed away? Just what the prophet had said! After dominating Asia for more than two centuries, its

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Throughout the centuries tribes and nations have ridden over the earth to triumph or to defeat. Through it all, however, they have followed the divine pattern, much of which is outlined in the Bible.

rulers conceived the idea of expanding across the Bosphorus into Europe, and two of them actually did make the attempt. But in so doing they raised a hornets' nest about their ears.

Burning with desire to avenge the incursions of Darius the Great and Xerxes, Alexander, king of Macedon, aroused the proud Greeks to action. Ferrying his tiny army across the Hellespont, he marched eastward to Granicus, from Granicus to Issus, and from Issus to the plains of Arbela, defeating army after army of the Medo-Persians until their resistance was utterly broken. (331 B.C.) Whereupon Alexander, now truly called "the Great," set up his empire upon the ruins of the shattered silver kingdom.

Who indeed but the omniscient God could have foreseen that the "brass-mailed" Greeks would have the audacity to pit their insignificant armies against the vast hordes of Medo-Persia, and that they would succeed in overthrowing them? Yet so it was.

### The "Iron Monarchy" Rules

Continuing his narration, Daniel next spoke of a "fourth kingdom" represented by the legs of the image, which would 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." Verse 40.

Looking back over the centuries the veriest schoolboy remembers how the Greek Empire was in the second and first centuries B.C. swallowed up by the "iron monarchy" of Rome to produce the Greco-Roman civilization

which covered the known world at the beginning of the Christian Era.

### Origin of the National States of Western Europe

But Daniel was not yet at the end of his interpretation. He now directed the king's attention to the feet "part of iron, and part of clay."

"Whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron," he said, "the kingdom shall be divided." It "shall be partly strong, and partly broken [brittle, margin]." Verses 41, 42.

### Seven Words That Have Defeated Every Dictator

As if in anticipation of Nebuchadnezzar's question whether some new conqueror would not arise to recombine the broken fragments into yet a fifth earthly empire, Daniel went on by inspiration to declare:

"And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Verse 43.

How true those momentous words have proved. If only Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV, Napoleon, Wilhelm II, Hitler, and Mussolini had taken note of these words they would never have embarked upon their ill-fated attempts to restore the unity of the ancient Roman Empire, and Europe would not time and again through the centuries have been deluged with blood.

God said they would not cleave, and they have not cleaved! And if any other dictator has it in his mind to do what

Hitler failed to accomplish, he will fail, too. Like Hitler he might overrun great areas of Western Europe. He might seem for a time to have the Roman earth within his grasp. But in the end it will elude him, for the Word which has not failed will never fail.

### How Will It All End?

So far so good. But the anxious question still remains: Is history, then, to comprise an endless succession of nations rising and falling, expanding and contracting, overrunning and being overrun for ever?

Oh, no, answers Daniel, for did not the king see in his dream "a stone . . . cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces," and then dissolve the whole image into dust? (Daniel 2:34.) And did he not see the fragments carried away by the wind like chaff from a threshing floor, leaving an empty space in which the stone grew into a great mountain and filled the whole earth? (Verse 35.) What can this portend?

Declared Daniel, interpreting the dramatic termination to the long story of the great image: "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, 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 for ever." Verse 44.

Here at last, then, is history's grand design and glorious climax. This is the "one . . . divine event, to which the whole creation moves."

GENERAL MACARTHUR, standing upon the protective shores of Australia after a flight of more than two thousand miles across the trackless Pacific, uttered that now historic prediction: "I will return."

Those were unprecedented words as far as United States military history was concerned. Never before had an American general uttered them, never before had an American general been forced to abandon his troops and find sanctuary thousands of miles distant. But humiliating, bitter and distasteful as it certainly was, the enemy was at the moment victorious.

By

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# I WILL RETURN

*The Greatest Promise Ever Made*

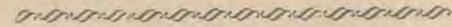
Victorious—yes, but not victorious in the heart of the courageous MacArthur. "I will return," said he. Upon what did the general base his hopes? Wherein resided his confidence? Certainly not in ships, guns and soldiers at hand. Certainly not in his own military acumen single-handedly to turn defeat into victory. But rather in this: the potential strength and military might of the great nation he had the honour to represent.

General MacArthur's promise to return inspired hope in the hearts of millions of native Filipinos and many thousands of American soldiers, sailors, missionaries, businessmen and others who languished and starved over wearisome months and years in Japanese prisons and concentration camps.

Important as that prediction of liberation was to the millions under Japanese bondage, yet we know of another, a greater, prediction, another greater promise, made under circumstances that appeared to give even less hope of fulfilment. Strangely enough, this promise was made by one lone man and in almost identical language. We refer to that most important, most significant, most vital promise made by Jesus Christ to the human race:

"Let not your heart be troubled," said Jesus to His disciples. "Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you," continued Jesus, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

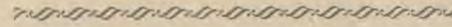
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talked of it. They wrote of it. In more than three hundred separate, distinct instances they made reference, in their New Testament writings, to that tremendous event.

The day of Christ's return is the day of the "saints' reward," for Jesus says, "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be." This is the day promised from the Garden of Eden. Abraham and other patriarchs of olden times saw it, believed it, and rejoiced in its accomplishment.

Events connected with the coming of Jesus affect this earth as has no



minds of His disciples out beyond that present dark hour, became their stay after the departure of their Lord. And more, it became the stay of all the followers of Christ in the two thousand years that have come and gone from that day to this. It buoyed up the Waldenses during the Dark Ages. It was the hope of the martyrs at the stake during Reformation times. It does, in fact, constitute the consummation of the hope of all Christians during all ages.

Said C. H. Spurgeon: "The day of our Lord's appearing is the day around which our chief hopes must centre."

Prayed Martin Luther: "Ah, loving God, defer not Thy coming. . . . I hope that day is not far off."

It was John Knox's hope: "Has not the Lord Jesus, in despite of Satan's malice, carried up our flesh into heaven? And shall He not return? We know that He shall return."

The fact of Jesus' return was well established in the minds of the original disciples. To them it was a bright, burning reality. They never doubted it. They

event since creation. The coming of Jesus brings an end to life on this planet as we know it today. In that day governments fall, armies are destroyed, steamships cease to ply the ocean, trains do not run and airplanes do not fly. The wheels of industry turn no more, the doors of great business houses remain closed. It is a day of confusion and tumult, a day of terror and death. It is the day of the Lord's judgment.

But let us consult the writings of the apostles and learn something of the purpose for which Christ returns, as well as something of the manner of His coming. We shall first consider the manner of His return.

Will Jesus come the second time secretly? There are many who think He will, and there are others who are equally sure that He will be seen by all. What is the truth, for this is an important matter? It is clear from one of Jesus' own predictions concerning His return that He anticipated this very question. He said:

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The story of Jesus' return is one of fascinating interest to young and old alike. It means the end of sin and sorrow, and entrance into the promised reward.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

"Behold, I have told you before,

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matthew 24:23-26.

Here we have Jesus' warning. He will not come to a select few in the "desert." Neither will He make His appearance in any house. Having told the disciples the manner in which He would not come, He then told them the manner in which He would come:

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27.

Had we been present the day the

Lord spoke those prophetic words we might well have said, "Lo, now Thou speakest plainly." There is no possibility of misunderstanding such comparisons. His return will be visible—as visible as the lightning's flash across the storm-darkened heavens. And with this agree the inspired writings of all the disciples.

Said John: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him. . . ." Revelation 1:7.

Said Paul: "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

Said the angels: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11.

On the occasion of Jesus' return the angels still have a task to perform. Their

work is not yet finished. "The harvest," said Jesus, "is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels." The harvest referred to here is the harvest of souls. It takes place when Jesus comes, and the angels' part in it is described in Matthew 24:31: "He [Jesus] shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:17. "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52.

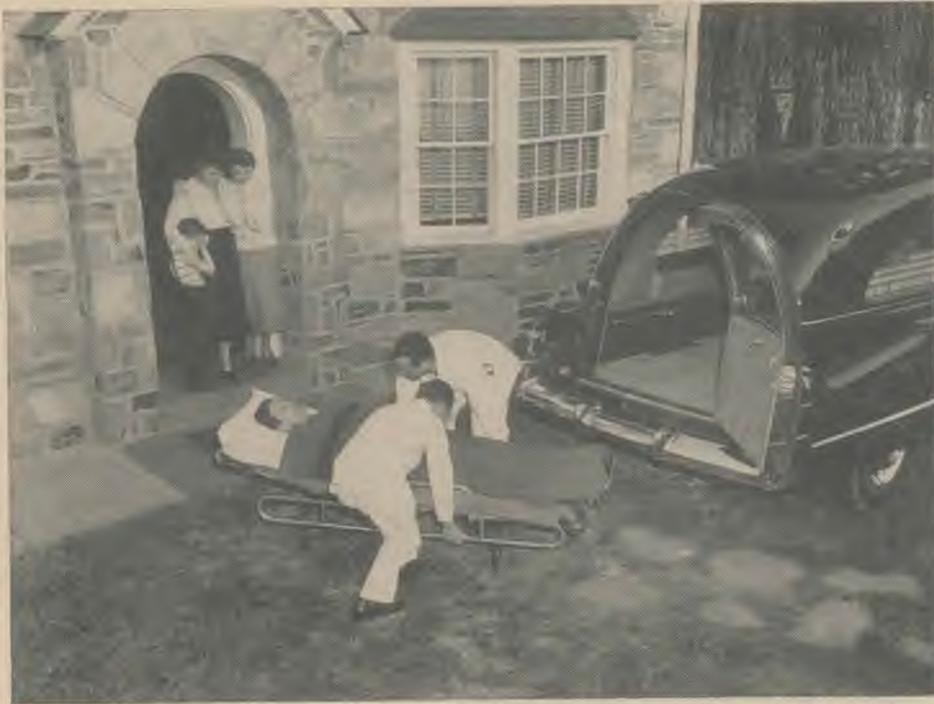
Those who participate in the first resurrection are safe with Christ for eternity. The wicked, both living and dead, face punishment and ultimate oblivion in the "lake of fire."

As it is a joyous day for the redeemed, so it is a sad and terrible day for the wicked. They have not heeded the divinely given warnings. They have despised the overtures of God's love. They had no time to prepare for heaven; now they are unready and cannot go.

"To you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8. "Then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

In the passing of time General MacArthur was able to fulfil his prediction to return to the Philippines and to liberate the thousands of captives. This is now an accomplished fact. But it is not more certainly a fact than that Jesus will fulfil His promise to return and deliver those long bound in Satan's prison.

And more than that: the time of our Lord's return is at hand. Many, knowing the times in which they live, will make preparation to meet Jesus in peace. Others, careless, indifferent, and preoccupied, will fail to do so. These will not be ready. They will call out for the rocks and mountains to fall on them. Will you not, dear reader, determine now to make that needed preparation?



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In the matter of health, as with many other things, the old adage, "A stitch in time saves nine," holds true.

# Rheumatoid Arthritis

## How to Treat It

THE surprising variation in degree of severity of rheumatoid arthritis has been set forth as follows in *Medical Clinics of North America*, September, 1948, by Dr. T. B. Bayles of the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital, Boston, which hospital specializes in treatment of rheumatic diseases: "Rheumatoid arthritis varies in the individual patient from mild arthralgia (painful joints) and intermittent periods of mild joint swelling over a period of many years, to an acute, widespread inflammatory disease involving the connective tissue of joints, nerves, muscles, heart, tendons, and other organs." He goes on to say that in this latter group there may be high fever, pleurisy, pericarditis, anaemia, marked weight loss, and permanent crippling of the joints in a few months. In the former group, if the inflammation is not arrested, disability may come on insidiously.

Doctor Bayles comments on the strange feature of the "development of rheumatoid arthritis in a patient living in the same environment as his fellow man, with the same emotional problems, the same passing of chronic infections, the same endocrine waxing and waning, and the normal American diet." He concludes, "The problem can best be appreciated if we look upon this unfortunate individual as 'decompensated,' or

'deficient' or even different from his fellows." The deficiency as we now understand it would be of pituitary or adrenal cortical hormones, or both. Heredity is a factor, as rheumatoid arthritis does tend to run in families, and there is a higher incidence of rheumatoid arthritis of the spine in twins than could be accounted for by chance.

While wrong habits of living no doubt contribute to the development of the disease, Doctor Bayles deplors such treatment as this, "Take some aspirin, get lots of rest and sunshine and eat lots of good food, and above all don't worry." His plan of treatment includes a multiple vitamin capsule three times daily, a high-protein diet, absolute bed rest during the acute phase, aided by resting plaster shells for involved joints, hot fomentations to joints, and planned exercises. Where absolute bed rest is not permissible because of economic conditions, the patient is urged to get twelve hours in bed each night and to go to bed on week ends, vacations, and holidays. Diaphragmatic breathing is stressed. Further regarding diet he adds, "Since each year the chemists and nutritionists delineate new essential food factors previously unknown or unrecognized, it is our opinion that natural food sources are more to be desired than synthetic chemical combinations." Crude food concentrates such

as liver extract and cod liver oil such as Ertron are not considered to be of value and may be dangerous.

Drs. W. P. Holbrook and D. F. Hill in their recent *Manual of Rheumatic Diseases* (1950), have outlined what they speak of as a basic routine which conforms with that of the committee of the American Rheumatism Association.

1. Psychological adjustment. No false hopes are given or quick cures promised. The possibility of intermittent exacerbations of the disease is faced, and on the other hand the possibility of spontaneous arrest.

2. Rest and activity are carefully balanced on the basis of fatigability and pain. Moderate activity is considered helpful provided the patient does not attempt to walk on bent and painful joints.

3. Care is taken to see that the diet is adequate in all respects and that the overweight are reduced.

4. Correction of anaemia is considered important. If response to iron, folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, et cetera, is inadequate, blood transfusions are given.

5. Foci of infection if present are removed but not too much stress is placed upon them.

6. Corrective exercises are prescribed.

7. Relief of pain is accomplished by administration of aspirin, salicylates,

gentle warmth, splinting and support of painful joints, and other simple procedures.

8. Prevention and correction of deformity are considered essential. Pillows under the knees, arms folded over the chest, several pillows at the neck, bed-clothes dragging on the feet, are taboo. A footboard is always provided to take the weight of the bed clothes. The patient is encouraged to lie flat in bed, knees fully extended, arms at the side, hands supported by pillow or folded towels, and head flat. At least once a day an effort is made to put each joint through one full range of motion.

In the experience of Holbrook and Hill, vaccines, prostigmine and related drugs, and fever therapy have not been found useful. They are not too enthusiastic about the use of short wave, whirlpool baths, paraffin packs, ionization and other expensive physiotherapy treatments. Intensive baking and massaging are avoided.

Supplementary treatment that they use in selected cases includes gold therapy. X-ray therapy is used in rheumatoid arthritis of the spine. Pregnancy in certain cases has been known to produce striking relief of symptoms such as have followed jaundice. They are at present carrying on research with cortisone and ACTH, which admittedly produce a temporary dramatic relief of symptoms. Unfortunately these new drugs are not freely available, relapses seem to be the rule rather than the exception, and expense is still prohibitive except for the rich. Other steroids have not been found promising.

In their experience, a warm dry climate has benefited some cases. Three to six months is considered a minimum trial period. "Baking in the sun" is considered to be dangerous as delirium and other systemic reactions have followed, even without a sunburn having been produced, in dry desert regions. Change of residence should not be considered if it disrupts too drastically one's economic affairs. On the other hand a period of rest and relaxation has been found very helpful.

Drs. Darrell C. Crain, Kyle and Rubin, writing in *Postgraduate Medicine* for September, 1950, have expressed the opinion that special modifications of aspirin with calcium succinate for relief of pain are more expensive and offer no advantages. In general it would seem that the less aspirin and related compounds are required the better.

The importance of early treatment is emphasized by Doctor Kahlmeter of Sweden. Where special treatment was begun within one year of onset, seventy-nine per cent were able to return to work; when treatment was begun two years

after onset, fifty-six per cent were able to return to work; and when treatment was delayed for three years, only fifty per cent were able to return to work. These latter figures as quoted by Lord Horder in *Rheumatism*, official journal of the Empire Rheumatism Council, no doubt refer to rheumatoid arthritis.

Rheumatoid arthritis of the spine is

### *The Blacksmith's Anvil*

Last eve I paused before a blacksmith's door,

And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;

Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor

Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,

"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," he answered; then, with twinkling eye—

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word

For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;

Yet, though the noise of falling blows were heard,

The anvil is unworn—the hammers gone.

Apprentice blows of ignorance, forsooth—

May awe with sound and blinding sparks deathwhirled—

But still the Master stands, and holds the iron—His truth!

And turns it as He will to bless the world!

—*Sunday School Times.*

in some ways in a class by itself. Dr. Theodore Potter of the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital, Boston, recommends the following routine:

1. Two weeks of absolute bed rest on a firm bed fortified by a resting plaster back shell.

2. Hot fomentations to the spine and hips are given three times daily. Moist heat is said to relieve the spasm better than dry heat.

3. Lying postural exercises and gentle back massage are given two to three times a day. Breathing exercises are encouraged to increase chest expansion, gain control of abdominal muscles, and strengthen back muscles.

4. X-ray treatment is given as indicated.

5. After the initial two weeks of bed rest a plaster jacket is applied, cut in the centre in front, padded, fitted with straps and is then worn twenty-four hours a day with great relief. In fact some older patients are said to prefer solid jackets and have them changed once a year.

Since treatment of rheumatoid arthritis must be continued over a long period, the patient is usually taught simple treatments that can be carried out at home after the initial two or three weeks in the hospital. Some form of physiotherapy (heat, massage, and exercises) should be carried out daily for at least three months, and longer if necessary. Results are often very gratifying. Two weeks at some hot springs and two weeks a few months later at some other health centre are not too effective because the treatment is too sporadic. Much valuable time is lost in this way. The patient feels that he has tried everything and may give up in discouragement. As indicated above, there is every reason for hopefulness and optimism where treatment is adequate.

Offtimes rest and simple hydrotherapy treatments accomplish more than drugs.



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## Cross-Eye

**Question:** Are eye exercises useful in treating cross-eye?

**ANSWER:** Doctor Krimsky of New York states: "It is pleasant to think that one could stretch a muscle leading to cross-eye by forcing movements of the eyes in the opposite directions. In actual practice, however, forced eye movements alone are valueless. There is no experimental proof that eye muscles per se can be made stronger by wilful turning of the eyes." He does recommend binocular training with stereoscope for the eye deviated outward in which there is no excessive loss of vision. In this instance the trouble seems to be psychologic in origin owing to excessive activity in the divergence centre of the brain. In such cases binocular training is often more successful than either surgery or eyeglasses. The practice of wearing a patch over the good eye is of value only in exceptional cases.

## Antihistaminics

**Question:** How effective are antihistaminics in treating common colds?

**ANSWER:** These substances are little or no more effective than neutral substances given to controls, who do not know they are being deceived. Such is the effect of mind over matter. Toxic reactions include drowsiness, dizziness, headache, insomnia, nervousness, vomiting, constipation, diarrhoea, and dryness of the mouth, depending upon the individual. The white blood cells in the blood are occasionally depressed. Convulsions are especially likely in children. Eleven deaths from the drugs have been reported, eight of them being children under two years of age.

## Tea and Coffee

**Question:** Are tea and coffee harmful?

**ANSWER:** Tea and coffee are harmful because of their caffeine content. Caffeine is a stimulant having no food value; therefore it tends to deplete the nervous energies. It is a frequent cause of nervousness and insomnia. The morning headache relieved only by tea or coffee is well known. Ringing in the ears due to toxic neuritis of the nerve to the inner ear may be caused. Gastric acidity is increased, thus increasing predisposition to stomach ulcers or aggravating them when present. Irregular heart action may be produced in those predisposed. Accuracy is diminished in colour selection, in target practice, and in drawing a straight line.

## Poison Ivy

**Question:** What is the treatment for poison ivy dermatitis?

**ANSWER:** Dr. F. Clarkson of Toronto has summarized present knowledge as follows: the natural history of the disease is appearance of redness and itching forty-eight hours after contact, reaching a maximum in four or five days; blisters appear on the third day and last a week and then gradually dry. The itching is usually gone in ten days. Injections of various extracts are of no value and often produce itching about the anus which is harder to bear than the original rash. Certain ointments are of some value.

## Rheumatic Fever

**Question:** Is there any hereditary predisposition to rheumatic fever?

**ANSWER:** There does seem to be such a predisposition. Dr. W. H. Bradley of England believes that children of rheumatic parents should be kept under life-long observation and protected as far as possible. Diet should be adequate. Ways to avoid respiratory infection should be taught. Marriage with another rheumatic individual should be forbidden and the number of children should be limited to allow good care for all.

## Severe Cramps

**Question:** What can be done for severe cramps in the feet and calves of a diabetic ninety-three years of age?

**ANSWER:** Impairment of circulation in the feet and calves of the legs could be a problem in a diabetic ninety-three years of age. Hot foot baths should be avoided, as they would aggravate the condition. Bed socks could be worn at night if feet are cold. Salt should be restricted in the diet. A medicine called Prisco tends to dilate the blood vessels and is often helpful. It should be taken under medical supervision.

## B<sub>12</sub> for Pernicious Anaemia

**Question:** Is vitamin B<sub>12</sub> as effective as liver extract in treating pernicious anaemia?

**ANSWER:** In one series of cases where patients were switched from liver extract to B<sub>12</sub> a third showed improvement, another third showed no marked change, and the final third did noticeably better on liver. Those who are allergic to liver extract find vitamin B<sub>12</sub> a great boon. The latter stings a little less than liver extract after injection.