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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT

A Prophetic Interpretation of Current Events



★ Education as We See It

WE LIVE in an age of efficiency. The man who finds a new way of doing an old job, thus reducing time and cost, is a success. Many industrial organizations offer large rewards to their employees for suggestions as to how an operation may be done quicker and cheaper. Larger, better and more efficient machines are introduced for the accomplishment of the same purpose.

However, it is regrettable that this same degree of efficiency does not carry over into the field of education. We would not be able to estimate the loss in time and money to students and parents that accrues from the student's being compelled to take classes which he does not want, which he is not interested in, and which are of no practical value to him.

Some students fail in subjects in which they have but little interest—yet excel in that which interests them. Edison had to quit school because, as it was thought, he was too dull to learn. But time proved that it was not the boy, but the system, that was wrong.

In order to obtain entrance into certain colleges it is necessary for the high school student to have four years of foreign languages—Spanish, French, German, or what have you. Does he want to study a foreign language? Likely not. But he takes it for credit, and to meet college entrance requirements. He is not interested in it. He feels that it will be of no practical worth to him, but he labours through four years of skull-drudgery because educators say he must. He takes it only to obtain a grade. So what happens? He gets his grade, goes to college, and promptly forgets it. What is the loss in time and money? About one hundred twenty-five eight-hour days in time, and

a minimum of \$1000 in board, room and tuition!

Upon reaching the institutions of higher learning, the student does not find the situation much improved. There, if he would graduate, which he naturally aspires to do, he must take subjects in which interest must be stimulated, and which he feels will be of little or no value to him in his chosen profession.

Even in the field of theology the aspiring young minister must "sweat out" from two to four years of Greek. Is he interested in it? He may or may not be. But in either event he must take it because it is required. However, it is

a fact which almost every minister will be frank enough to admit: his Greek has been of little help to him in his ministry. A one-semester unrequired course in typing is of far greater practical value in getting out his church bulletins, preparing his sermons and in writing articles for the church paper, than his complete two or four year course in Greek.

We have been hoping through the years that some educator with courage and initiative would establish a school shortcutting all this waste and inefficiency. We think such a school would be a huge success from the start. If given her choice no girl interested in

These days call for efficiency in service. The young person completing his education should think of life in those terms. It is only as one devotes himself to helping sin-sick humanity, that he makes a personal investment in eternity.



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Under the circumstances of sin, God's work sentence has proved a great blessing to man.



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language study would waste her energies on chemistry in which she has no interest at all. And no boy having his chief interest in agriculture would choose to spend twenty-five per cent of his time studying languages in which he has but minor interest.

As a parent who has paid out in school bills all too many to-no-purpose dollars, I believe I speak for a great army of parents: we would welcome an overhauling of the educational system, and the introduction of an efficiency programme whereby our sons and daughters can buy what they want in education, the same as we buy what we want in an automobile, without being compelled to buy hundreds and thousands of dollars' worth of "no-value" extras.

★ After 100 Years

WE SOMETIMES fail to recognize that social and industrial conditions were once different—very different—from what they are now. Living in the midst of change we are not conscious of it. Just how different things are at present is pointed up by the instructions written in 1858 for the employees of Carson, Pirie and Company, now Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, Chicago:

"Store must be open from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. the year round. Store must be swept; counter base and showcases dusted, lamps trimmed, filled and chimneys cleaned; pens made; doors and windows opened; a pail of water, also a bucket of coal brought in before breakfast (if there is time to do so and attend to customers who call).

"Store must not be opened on the Sabbath, unless necessary to do, and then only for a few minutes.

"The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, being shaved at the barber shop, going to dances and other places of amusement, will surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and honesty.

"Each employee must pay not less than \$5 per year to the church and must attend Sunday School regularly.

"Men employees are given one evening a week for courting and two if they go to prayer meeting.

"After fourteen hours of work in the store, the leisure hours should be spent mostly in reading."

We think but few of our readers would care to turn the clock of time back to 1858. But those who would care to go back to that time would find the present forty-hour work week more than doubled. Six fourteen-hour days (84 hours) constituted a work week one hundred years ago. Stores, instead of opening at nine as they do at present, opened at six; and instead of closing at five, remained open until nine. Thus the working day was almost double that of this generation.

Considering that today the store clerk works six hours less than he did one hundred years ago, we are compelled to ask, What use does he make of those extra six hours? Are they spent in self-improvement or in pleasure seeking and dissipation? In other words, Are those six hours of leisure a benefit and a blessing, or a curse? To answer our own question, we think that the latter is too often the case. It is well and truly said that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop." Without doubt the young man who in those days worked fourteen hours was actually better off—not that he made more money, but that he had less time to get into mischief and trouble.

God was not wrong when after sin He imposed the work sentence upon man. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Under the circumstances it was designed as a blessing. Time has proven that it is good for men to work—even to work hard and long. Sodom, the wicked city which God destroyed with fire and brimstone from heaven, got into her trouble owing to wealth and idleness: "This was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, ful-

ness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." Ezekiel 16:49.

For cities, nations, and civilization to survive, men must work. Energies must be directed toward strength rather than toward comfort. Rome fell when the government sought the favour of the people by providing free bread, free theatres and free amusements. The antediluvian world was lost in the flood because the people gave themselves over to idleness and pleasure, and to a violation of God's primary work sentence.

It is well when men and nations can learn from the past, and when they give heed to divine warnings pertaining to the future. Jesus drew a striking parallel between the prevailing conditions of pre-flood days and the last days of this world's history: "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:37-39.

"A word to the wise," it is said, "is sufficient."

He was the Outdoor Son of God

My master was a man, who knew
The rush of rain, the drip of dew,
The gentle kiss of midnight air
Upon His face upraised in prayer.

He was a man of lakes and stars;
He knew the Pleiades and Mars;
The silver of the Milky Way;
The night, the light, the dawn, the day.

His skin was bronzed like that of one
Who travelled under the wind and sun;
His feet were stained by dusty ways;
His cheeks were brown as autumn days.

He walked alone upon the sea,
Spoke peace to wave-washed Galilee;
All shores and seas were in His thought,
This man, God-bred, star-led, sky-taught.

To Him there were no sweeter tones
Than water washing over stones;
To Him no splendid symphony
Like murmuring, blue Galilee.

His hair was washed by summer
showers;
He bent to kiss the wayside flowers;
Old Jordan's shore was sacred sod
To Christ, the outdoor Son of God!

—William L. Stidger.



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INHERITANCE RESERVED

One of the most precious promises to the Christian is that of his inheritance in the world to come. It's a cross now, but a crown throughout eternity.

1:3, 4. One might say that the new Queen's inheritance to the crown and the throne of the great British Empire were "reserved" in London. The inheritance of the Christian is also "reserved," but in heaven. There is no doubt—yes, there is much less doubt—that the Christian will receive his inheritance than there was that the Princess would receive her inheritance. Less because it would have been possible for the plane

given by Dr. Adam Clarke. According to this rule they are to be taken to mean as long as a thing, considering the surrounding circumstances, can exist.

When we make this application to the Christian and his heritage it simply means an uninterrupted continuance of life—life merely goes on. Since there is nothing inimical to life, nothing to cause cessation, it just continues. Perhaps Paul had this in mind and included it in his word "incorruptible."

This incorruptible inheritance of the Christian is assured whether he live or die. It is "reserved" in heaven, not in any earthly city. It will be bestowed in fact when the Master returns to "give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12. Should he live he will be translated without seeing death, will be made immortal, and will receive his inheritance. Should he be called upon to "rest from his labours" the Master who gave life to the dead when upon earth as the Son of man will again be the great Life-giver, and he will be resurrected immortal and so receive his inheritance of everlasting life. There is nothing—not even death—that can keep the Christian from receiving the inheritance which is his, and which has been his by divine promise ever since he first became a Christian.

There are many today who strive to "build an estate" that their heirs may have an earthly inheritance. It is laudable. But it is so uncertain. How much easier, quicker and how vastly more secure is the Christian's inheritance which is "reserved in heaven."

How about your inheritance? Where is it? On earth? If so, there are many uncertainties connected therewith. But if you will accept Christ you will become an heir of God, a "joint heir" with Christ, and your inheritance will be as secure as the throne and promise of God. And best of all, it is free. All you need to have is the heart to accept, the will to receive, the faith to believe, and the heritage is yours. Why not have that inheritance today, NOW?

His Crown, and Cross!

The thorns upon the cruel crown
Cut deep into His head;
And His own precious blood was
spilled

That mine need not be shed.

His cross He bore to Calvary
That all the world be free;
And though He died for all the world,
He would have died for me!

O God of love, in me abide,
And still my troubled heart;
That I may bear my cross for Thee,
And bearing, do my part!

—Joseph Twing

in which she hurried home to crash, and she would never have reached London.

The British throne will be Elizabeth's as long as she lives. Here again there is a beautiful parallel. The Christian's inheritance will be his, too, as long as he shall live. And he has the assurance of the Sacred Book that his life will not be brief. "Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." Isaiah 65:22. "With long life will I satisfy him." Psalm 91:16. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. In one of His matchless discourses Jesus declared that they who follow Him "shall inherit everlasting life." Matthew 19:29.

The terms "eternal life" and "everlasting life" are not so well understood by us as the term "long life." We can fairly well comprehend the life span of man as we observe it, but what of this eternal, everlasting life? The key which will open these to our understanding is

A FEW weeks ago Princess Elizabeth and her husband Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, were in South Africa. While they were enjoying new scenes, meeting and making new friends, King George VI passed to his rest.

Every Briton mourned the loss of his King, but in thought looked immediately to the Princess, and exclaimed, "Long live the Queen!"

Although the heiress was far, far away from the throne, there was no question of her right to it. She was the daughter of the deceased monarch—the throne was hers by inheritance.

When she left London she did not know she would be Queen Elizabeth II before she returned. But there was a crown, as well as a throne, awaiting her. It was as much hers when she was in Africa and when she was en route to England as it was when she arrived at London.

The Queen did not have either the throne or the crown—yet she owned them, they were hers. She possessed the throne, but could not occupy it until she reached the place where it was. Likewise the crown was hers, but she could not wear it until she reached the place where it was nor until she was actually crowned Queen.

In this sad but beautiful experience there is something which the Christian cannot afford to overlook. Peter reminds us that "Christ . . . hath begotten us . . . to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, . . . reserved in heaven." 1 Peter

By

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BIBLE ANSWERS



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

What does the Bible teach respecting marriage?

We do not lack for a plain inspired statement about marriage: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 2 Corinthians 6:14-16.

There is a difference between Christians and unbelievers—such a difference as precludes marriage. The Christian has obligations which he must discharge to his God—obligations into which his unbelieving companion has no disposition to enter. There is the matter of prayer: to the Christian it is the life of the soul; to the unbeliever it is foolishness. The Christian must keep himself separate and unspotted from the world, but the non-Christian companion finds his pleasure in the world. The Christian must discharge certain monetary obligations to God in tithes and offerings. To these his companion will undoubtedly object. These problems are serious, but the matter of child training usually presents a problem that is far more grave.

It is as God asks: "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial [Satan]?" Light will not mix with darkness, as oil will not mix with water. Spiritually there can be no agreement between the Christian and the unbeliever. The one is diametrically opposed to the other. It is owing to this basic fact that God gives this pertinent warning.

Some Christians—particularly young people—erroneously think that if they marry an unbeliever they will be able to change his views, lead him to Christ and to conversion. Too often after the marriage is consummated the opposite of this is what actually takes place. The Christian finds his service to God becoming increasingly difficult. Gradually

his high resolves of fidelity to his Lord weaken, and he joins his unbelieving companion in the pleasures of this world.

If the Christian partner in the marriage contract is strong enough to maintain his integrity to God, that very fact provides a serious point of contention. Differences arise over the places to go, the manner of dress, diet, child training, church attendance, and a multitude of other matters. If the Christian refuses to compromise his conscience, there is certain to be dissension, and that which before marriage seemed so filled with promise, proves to be a day-by-day burden, a millstone of religious differences. The very best thing to do is to heed the counsel of God, and be not "unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Is the law referred to in Galatians 3:19 the moral or the ceremonial law?

The verse in question has this to say: "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator."

The reference here is to the ceremonial law. That is seen by the statement that it was "added because of transgressions." It was the ceremonial law, the law of types and shadows, that was added at Mount Sinai. This was the law that Moses wrote in a book and placed by the side of the ark of the covenant. It was added because of transgression. Transgression of what? Why, of the moral law, to be sure.

Sin, as we see from 1 John 3:4, is the "transgression of the law." This is the moral law that forbids lying, stealing, swearing, adultery, et cetera. This law existed from the very beginning. It is the law that Adam and Eve transgressed in the Garden of Eden when they took the fruit that belonged not to them, but to God. It is death to break this law, and as soon as they had done so our first parents fell under the law's condemnation and must die. The ceremonial law was a remedial system, in that it did in figure free man from his transgressions.

The ceremonial law is the law that told the Old Testament sinner what to

do when he sinned. That he might be freed from his sin he was to take a lamb from the flock—perfect and without spot or blemish—and offer it to God as a sacrifice. The lamb was a type of Christ, the Lamb of God, who was in the fulness of time to come to this earth and give His life as a ransom for sin. This sacrificial service was carried on from the Garden of Eden to the time Jesus died on the cross. At the cross type met antitype, and the sacrificial service came to an end.

After the ascension of Christ thousands of Jews were converted. Three thousand were converted by Peter's preaching at Pentecost. Many of these converted Jews did not realize that by the death of Christ on the cross the sacrificial system had come to its end. It now had no value owing to the fact that Christ Himself had died. Therefore, Paul in his letters to some of the churches attempted to show that the old law of types and shadows had come to its end, that it was intended to last only until the time when the seed (Christ) should come. Now instead of offering sacrifices to obtain release from our sins we confess them directly to Jesus, our High Priest in heaven, who forgives them.

Would you please explain why Matthew 28:19 says to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and Acts 2:38 and 8:12 says in the name of "Jesus Christ."

We think the explanation of this no doubt lies in the fact that Matthew 28:19 contains the words of Christ. Here the Lord gave His great commission to His followers in all ages of time to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Having taught the gospel, the disciples were to baptize the believers. They were to baptize in the full name of the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. This, generally speaking, has been accepted as authoritative by Christian people from that time to this.

In Acts 2:38 Peter is preaching his "Day of Pentecost" sermon. Here he made reference to the baptismal instructions given previously, but did not state them as fully as did Matthew in his Gospel. This is not to be thought strange, nor should it cause confusion. Speakers, dwelling upon a main theme as was Peter, cannot digress. They do not generally make complete statements regarding side issues, but only refer to them in passing.

Where will I find the word "Sunday" in the Bible?

The word "Sunday" does not appear in God's Word.

God Plans Satan's Vacation

A Thousand Years in the Bottomless Pit

By

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THE time for planned vacations and a temporary escape from the daily routine of our lives is always looked forward to. It is good to relax if but only for a week or two, in an atmosphere of carefree living, surrounded by the beauties of nature and intimate friends.

There are unplanned vacations, occasioned by illness or perhaps by loss of position. Such vacations lack the invigorating stimulus of planned vacations with pay, and the normal person who finds himself in such a state of enforced idleness generally does his best to make the period as short as possible.

One of these days the busiest being who ever inhabited this earth is going to take a vacation. It will be a planned vacation with pay, and furthermore it will be the longest vacation on record. For nearly six thousand years this personage of now universal disrepute has worked industriously and without halt. The length of this vacation has been planned, the time of its beginning and close, the nature of its environment and occupation, as well as the pay to be received by the vacationer.

Who is this individual with a six-thousand-year service "wreckord"—wrecking has been his business during these millenniums—whose long vacation will soon begin? For unmistakable identification, we turn to the Bible, to Revelation 12:9 in particular: "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." His work, then, has been deception, and in this particular line he has proved himself a specialist.

From the fact that the serpent referred to in the above scripture first contacted the parents of the human family in the Garden of Eden (Genesis, chapter 3), we are enlightened as to the length of time during which he has pursued his course of deception on this planet without any let up. Sordid and long has been his programme, which is soon to be interrupted by a planned vacation of one thousand long, dark years.

Planned, indeed, but not by himself. The Almighty who originally created Lucifer an angel of light (Isaiah 14:12), has determined the period of his inactivity. We read in Revelation 20:1, 2 con-

cerning the Creator's method of arresting the course of this great rebel: "I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years."

The beginning of this one-thousand-year vacation will receive a type of publicity unlike that given to any event in the history of the world. All who have been deceived by this mighty enemy will be instantly slain by the consuming brightness of Christ, who approaches this earth to call out of their graves the righteous dead, and to translate the righteous living. Note these significant scriptures: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 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 4:16, 17.

"To you who are troubled rest with

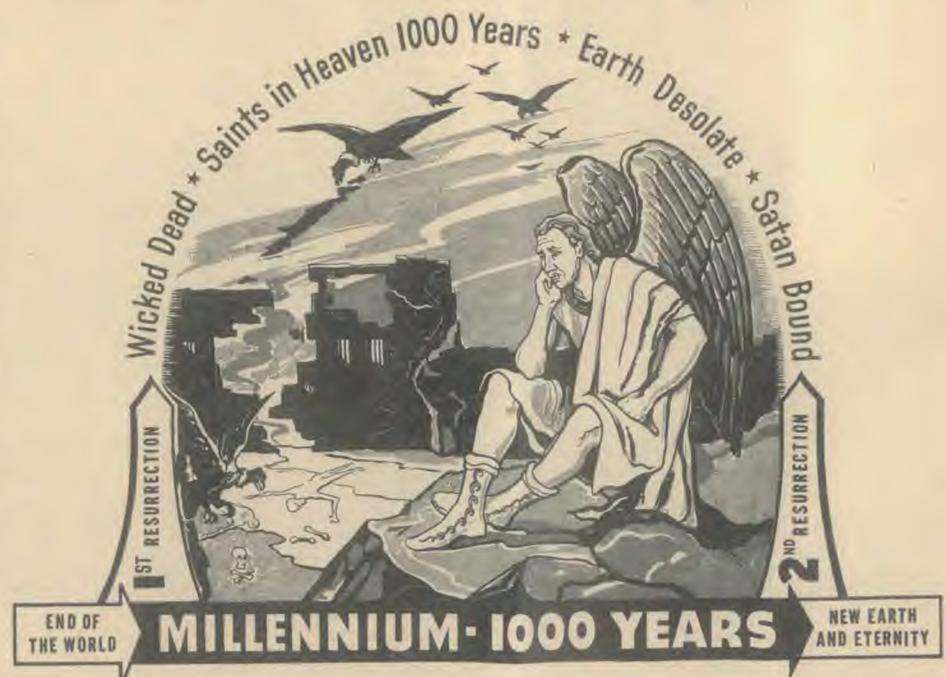
us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8.

"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.

From Revelation 20:5 we read further concerning the dead during the one thousand years: "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." "The rest of the dead" referred to here, are the wicked dead who are not resurrected at Christ's coming. This class will be greatly augmented by the wicked who are still alive at the coming of Christ, and who are slain by the brightness of His coming. Since the righteous dead are resurrected at Christ's appearance, and the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years are ended, it must follow that "the rest of the dead" are the wicked dead.

The coming of Christ to receive unto

Satan's soul-destroying activities have been prolonged by the mercies of God, who is not willing that any should perish. During the millennium Satan will suffer that long-promised vacation.



Himself the righteous of all ages, also prepares the earth for Satan's millennial vacation. To ascertain that the following scriptures refer to that event, the reader need only consider the context in which they appear: "There were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Revelation 16:18.

"Every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." Revelation 16:20.

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it." Jeremiah 4:23-28.

Notice that this desolation takes place at "the presence of the Lord." Already we have observed that Jesus comes near the earth at the beginning of the millennium, when the righteous dead will be released from their respective tombs, and will with the translated living righteous be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. (See 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.)

The explosion of the hydrogen bomb—of many such bombs—would be as child's play compared with the upheaval in nature which marks the advent of Christ and the beginning of the millennium. It will leave the earth desolate, with the wicked slain scattered over its surface unburied, and the wicked dead in their graves. When Satan begins his vacation all life will have vanished from the earth. Since there will be no one to deceive during the one thousand years, and since Satan is the great deceiver, he is bound by a chain of circumstances which is stronger than any literal chain. His well-deserved pay will be his melancholy thoughts during the one thousand years, as he contemplates what his programme of deception has cost the human family, and as he looks forward to certain judgment and impending doom. Unburied around him and lying in their graves, are his millions of victims who will be eternally lost because of his deceptions. On this earth, which has become a bottomless pit from which light has fled, the

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prince of darkness spends the one thousand years of his enforced holiday.

From this dark picture we turn for a moment to contemplate the lot of the righteous during this period. In Revelation 20:4, 6 we read: "I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. . . . Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

The Scriptures make it plain that during the one thousand years the saints will be associated with Christ in judging the wicked dead. The apostle Paul refers to this scene in 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3:

"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?" Not only will the righteous be associated with Christ in passing judgment upon the wicked dead, but they will also judge Satan and his retinue of angels.

John the revelator calls attention to the close of the one-thousand-year period in the following words: "When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison." Revelation 20:7. The great host of his followers will be resurrected in a second resurrection. Encouraged by the mightiest army of God's enemies ever assembled upon this earth at one time, Satan again resumes his work of deception. He deceives the multitudes into thinking that they can overcome the saints and capture the holy city which has now come down upon this earth. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Revelation 21:2.

God's judgment follows swift and sure upon these evildoers. "And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20:9. The great deceiver has led many to look forward to a millennium of peace and bliss, where everybody would have a second chance to accept Christ and be saved. This erroneous teaching has led multitudes to neglect the preparation necessary for eternal salvation during this present life. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," wrote the apostle Paul in Hebrews 9:27. Significantly, he did not write, "After this a second chance." Men will eventually be judged according to their works. Deeds performed in this life will furnish a basis for judgment after death—not future developments in a Utopian Millennial Age, which has no Scriptural warrant.

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The New Earth

THE human race needs a "new earth," owing to the fact that a curse rests heavily upon this present world. When man sinned God said: "Cursed is the ground." Genesis 3:17. In drooping flower and falling leaf the father and mother of the human race saw the first effects of that curse.

Cain saw the effects. "When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength." Genesis 4:12. Modern man knows the results of it. He sees that precious health-giving vitamins and minerals have been leeched from the soil, and that the depleted soil now yields but impoverished fruits. It is lamentably true that man now lives on diseased animals and mineral-depleted vegetation. The result of this deficient diet combined with poor living conditions has made a sick and dying race. Even without the threat of the atom bomb, man's existence on this earth has become precarious.

Science predicts that the race will outbreed its food supply by A.D. 2100 at the latest. Already millions suffer poverty, destitution, hunger and starvation. Man cannot cure the situation, but God, anticipating the need, has a plan whereby the trouble may be remedied.

It is God's plan first to remake the people and then to remake the earth and bring it to the place whence it will be a "new earth" wherein dwelleth righteousness. God has revealed His plan through Bible prophecy. "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isaiah 65:17.

God's Word gives only a partial revelation of the new earth. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9. Now we know in part, but when the "veil that darkens" our vision shall be removed, we shall see in reality what the revelator saw in vision: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." Revelation 21:1.

Although everything about the new earth is not revealed, it is assuring to know that no tempter will be there and thus there will be no possibility of wrong. The overcomers will be there. "Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever." Isa-



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What man can describe that which he has not seen, known or experienced? Referring to the new earth, God tells us that eye has not seen, or heart imagined, the wonders of it.

iah 60:21. This is the earth Jesus was talking about when in the sermon on the mount He said, "The meek . . . shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5. According to Paul this is the earth that was promised to Abraham and to his seed. "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." Romans 4:13. The marvellous part about it is that besides being promised to Abraham, it is also promised to every Christian as the spiritual seed of Abraham. "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29.

The glories of the promised land will be more glorious than our imagination can imagine. There "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of

the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." Isaiah 35:5, 6. Freed from the curse, the new earth will be lovelier than Canaan's land. Even the animal kingdom will be changed. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the 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' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:6-9. The lost dominion will be restored to man. He will again be king, and the animals will recognize his sway. The Lord Himself will be King of kings.

The new earth will be filled with peace. War will not destroy homes and gardens. The inhabitants will ever enjoy the work of their hands. "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid." Micah 4:4. This will be a pleasant experience for the wanderers, the strangers and pilgrims of earth who have been driven from their homes by war, floods, earthquakes and poverty. The same type of promise to the Christian is found again in Isaiah 65:21: "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them."

Life will not be a series of disappointments in the new earth. Sadness and sorrow will "flee away," for God Himself will be there, and David says of God. "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11. There the saved will regularly and reverently worship before God's throne. "As the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 66:22, 23.

Some may think these promises to be

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long delayed, but the Good Book says: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. . . . Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3:10, 13.

God's word will not fail. The new earth will become a reality sooner than we think. However, the new earth cannot become a reality until the gospel has been preached in all the world. Then Jesus will come. He will execute judgment and cleanse the earth of sin and sinners. In the meantime, He is preparing a city called the new Jerusalem to be the capital city of the new earth. (John 14:1-3.) The revelator saw the city in vision: "I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Revelation 21:2.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name." Revelation 3:12. When this takes place living conditions will be greatly improved for God's people. "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 are passed away." Revelation 21:4.

The new earth will be made the throne room of the universe, for God Himself plans to dwell with the redeemed. John says, "I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." Revelation 21:3.

The New Jerusalem is the glorious capital city of the universe. Comparing the city to a bride adorned for her husband, John says, "To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Revelation 19:8. The glowing beauty of God's presence clothes the New Jerusalem as with a garment. The city has no need of the sun to lighten it, for God and the Lamb are the light of it. Let it be remembered that this is the capital city of God which has been transferred to this earth, and

that God Himself is going to dwell here, and furthermore, He is going to run the universe from this place. It seems incredible, but it is nevertheless a fact, that God is going to honour this sin-cursed planet, the place where the sin problem has been worked out, with His personal presence in all ages to come.

God has a beautiful plan for this earth's future. Moreover, He has a wonderful plan for the redeemed, for those who will today, during this reign of sin, cast their lot on the side of truth and righteousness. What could be more reasonable than that a man should do this? The illustration of the fragments of broken glass sets that fact forth very well.

There is a beautiful window in one of the finest cathedrals of England. That window was made of discarded and apparently worthless fragments of coloured glass. A youthful apprentice of a glazier used his leisure time to gather the glass. Then he selected his pieces, cut them, and adjusted them into beautiful mosaics and flowers of wondrous beauty. The master glazier saw it, and in it he recognized the work of a genius. The work was presented to the cathedral, and for centuries it has reflected the genius of that young apprentice.

If a worthless fragment of the coloured glass could have been gifted with intelligence and foresight to see its destiny, no doubt it would have cried out, "Take me and put me in some humble

place in thy work and let me reflect the glory of thy genius."

Now the Lord is gathering the fragments of humanity from every colour and race. He is cleansing, polishing, fitting and adjusting them that they may reflect His glory forever. Should not every thinking person say, "Master, take me and fit me to reflect Thy glory in the earth made new." What a joy it will be to join the redeemed in saying "Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints."

A great and glorious, never-ending future stretches out before the redeemed. God, for Christ's sake, will fulfil Paul's word to the Ephesians: "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:7.

How may these good things be inherited? What must a man do to have eternal life? How can he gain the good will and favour of God, that when Jesus comes he may be accepted of Him? What shall a man do that he may occupy his rightful place upon the earth made new throughout all ages to come? These are important questions, vital questions. Every person that aspires to a place in the eternal future must obtain the sure answer to these questions from the Bible itself.

In the new earth the redeemed will drink from the living fountains of water. There Christ will be the never-failing source of life, and none shall be sick. Health will be contagious, and disease will be consigned to the limbo of the painful past.



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DIABETES — *A Disease of Prosperity*

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DIABETES is a rather common disease in our modern civilization. It affects all races, and is more prevalent among prosperous peoples, men and women being about equally affected. It is most common in the fifth and sixth decades of life. Damage, by causes unknown, of the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas is responsible for most cases of diabetes.

This simple concept of diabetes is by no means a complete picture of the origin of this complex disease, but it serves as a workable framework on which to build our subject. The body tissues are unable to burn up the starches and sugars (carbohydrates) as they should, owing to a shortage of insulin. This shortage results in an increase of sugar in the blood and presence of sugar in the urine, followed by symptoms and signs of the disease as it progresses.

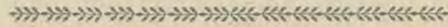
Although the exact cause has not yet been found, many contributory factors are known. Excessive consumption of sugar and fats has been indicted. "Junior, if you eat too much sugar and candy you'll get diabetes," are words often heard, and are not completely without foundation, though for sake of emphasis are no doubt exaggerated.

Hereditry is important, for twenty-five per cent of diabetics give a history of diabetes in the family. Infections in other parts of the body are thought by some to be a cause, but usually such infections are responsible for a flare-up of a mild diabetes already existing. In the same way emotional strain or shock may cause a mild condition of diabetes to become recognized. Disorders of the pituitary gland, the thyroid gland, or the suprarenal glands may play an important part in some cases. These various factors might cause a case of diabetes to gradually become more severe until it is recognized, or might cause an abrupt flare-up of symptoms.

We must realize that diabetes is not merely a disease of the pancreas but rather a disease of the entire body, which means that it involves the liver, kidneys, heart, eyes, blood vessels, nerves, and skin. There is seldom difficulty in establishing a diagnosis of diabetes, once it is suspected. As the diabetes progresses, and the level of sugar in the blood rises, a certain level called the "renal threshold" is reached. When this is exceeded, then sugar begins to appear in the urine. At

this stage the common symptoms of diabetes appear.

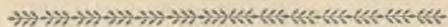
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An Earthen Vessel

I was only an "earthen vessel"
But made by a hand divine
A masterpiece of His workmanship.
Then He said, "Now you are Mine."
"I have made you in My own image
And clothed you in My own light.
I have filled you with My own Spirit
To be daily My delight."
But one day the enemy whispered,
"Your beauty I'll make more fair,
Just yield for a moment to my hand,
With none then you will compare."
Still I found to my shame and sorrow,
My earthen vessel was scarred,
I was left all bruised and broken,
God's image in me was marred.
Then the Master Potter redeemed me
When I'd sold myself for naught,
And with love in His voice He whispered,
"With My life you have been bought."
"I'll mould you anew and transform you.
If you will submissive be,
I'll choose you to carry My treasure
That others My grace may see."
So I'm still but an "earthen vessel"
Until His face I behold,
Content if He fashions and forms me
A vessel of purest gold.

—Mrs. M. H. Cooper



neys causes a large output of urine. In fact, it is from this symptom that the

name "diabetes mellitus" is obtained, for we are told that it is derived from the Greek words meaning "sweet fountain." This, in turn, produces thirst, so that large quantities of water are taken. The loss of sugar, and hence calories, results in an increase in appetite. In spite of the greater intake of food, however, in more severe cases, so much nourishment is lost in the urine that loss of weight and strength develops. The loss of fluid and the high blood sugar cause a dryness of the skin, and along with the higher sugar content of the skin, may cause severe itching. These symptoms are the warning signs of diabetes and are known well enough that from time to time patients present themselves, asking for a "sugar test" because they are eating and drinking so much, and yet are losing weight and strength.

As the disease progresses, the body begins to burn its own reserves of protein and fat, some of which the body is able to convert into carbohydrate. This mechanism finally results in loss of alkali from the blood and an excess of acid. These changes can be determined by blood tests that are available. The excess of acid in the blood, or acidosis, is the most serious complication of diabetes, and if unchecked progresses to stupor and coma, and eventually death. Other complications of untreated or poorly controlled diabetes are the development of hardening of the arteries (arteriosclerosis), gangrene of the feet, neuritis, cataracts of the eyes, and a poor resistance to infection, resulting in repeated attacks of boils, and more chest infections.

Prevention of diabetes is of greatest interest to those who have relatives with

Yearly or semiyearly health examinations often pay big dividends in the extension of life. It is the case of a stitch in time saving nine.



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diabetes. Eating a well-balanced diet and avoiding excessive fats or sugars is worth while. This involves keeping the weight down to average figures if there is a tendency to be overweight. The connection between diabetes and prosperity is no doubt found in the dietary habits of this group of people. Infection should be promptly checked by modern medical methods.

The active treatment of a diagnosed case of diabetes, though not simple, is definitely worth while. Not infrequently a case that is severe before treatment proves to be mild after treatment. The objective of treatment is to make it possible for the body to use within each twenty-four-hour period all the carbohydrate that is ingested. In mild cases this may be done by a diet that restricts the intake of sugars and starches. In more severe cases, the proper dosage of insulin, in one of its forms, must be given along with a diet.

Treatment must be individualized according to the severity and complications of each case; therefore no diet or insulin programme can be set forth in chart form for diabetics to follow. In this condition success can be obtained only by full cooperation between patient and doctor. The intelligent patient will study diabetes from literature that is available to the public, or from sources suggested by the doctor. He should become acquainted with the simple urine test for sugar that can be done with one of the pocket analysis sets. Dietary weights and contents must become so familiar to such a person that it becomes natural to sit down to a meal anywhere, and quickly appraise his menu for approximate caloric content and proportion of carbohydrates to protein and fat.

The fact that fever and exercise reduce the amount of insulin required will be understood, and that anxiety and worry increase this need. The weight must be increased or decreased to bring it to normal level. Periodic examinations and blood tests are essential for good control. Frequent adjustments of the diet for children will be required. The patient or a member of the family soon learns to give the proper insulin dosage.

Proper rest, hygiene and care of the feet are found to be important. By coming out from under the dark cloak of diabetic secrecy and facing the world frankly, the diabetic can be regulated more easily. It calls, however, for a period of active study, social and personal adjustments, and more than average personal care. The person who finds he has diabetes can look forward more hopefully than ever before, expecting relatively normal occupations and activities, and a life that will be longer, more useful and more pleasant than has been possible in bygone years.

My Saviour Sees Me Through

"Ye shall have tribulation in the world; but be of good cheer, I have overcome—My victory is yours: abide in Me." Christ's faith is my own victory today. I need not struggle, but to keep the faith, Believing what my blessed Saviour saith, And leaving all temptations by the way. His peace, amid earth's storms, with me will stay

And keep my heart from sinking; 'tis by faith Of Jesus that I hold God's peace. He saith To me, "I'm with you, while you obey." Childlike, I'll follow where He leads the way; For nothing can His presence overcome. His love and pow'r will see me through this world.—Lulu May Andersen



I WAS visiting my friend, Doris, in my old home town and had retired to my room to write letters. The door into the hall was open and I could hear mother and daughter chatting merrily in the kitchen. Five-year-old Nan seemed to be arranging a "pretend" tea party—how that child loved to make believe! Doris was cooperating well—she was surely an understanding mother—and now, with me out of the way for a while, the child had her mother's full attention.

"Now, Mummy," Nan piped up, "I'm going to call for my friends, and when I get back you—"

The phone outside my door drowned out the voice. Mother answered the ring and was soon deep in a gossipy conversation. I could see Nan's pouting face as she padded impatiently up and down the hall. Talk went on and on, Mother comfortably seated beside the telephone. Suddenly the child uttered a loud scream and stamped her feet.

Mother laid down the phone and gave her daughter a good scolding. The child burst into tears and ran out-of-doors. The telephone conversation was resumed and continued for more than half an hour.

Then Doris came into my room. "Dear me," she said, "I wonder where Nan has gone! That young lady certainly needs training. You must think she is a terrible child."

"No, Doris, I don't. She is just natural. A few minutes before the phone rang I was thinking how wonderful you were to enter so well into her play."

"I like to play with her, but she must learn not to interrupt."

This episode left me dissatisfied, but I could not think of a solution to the problem. I arrived at one a few days later when I visited a friend with a four-year-old son, Bob.

"Look, Mum, it's snowing!" Bob jumped up from his trains on the kitchen floor and danced about in ecstasy.

"So it is, Bob. Hurry, get your coat; we'll just have time to make a snow man before lunch!"

"You, too, Mum! Will you help?" he asked as his mother struggled into her rubber boots. "Oh goody!" Then he glanced at me as if fearing I might spoil this wonderful fun.

"I have mending to do," I said, smiling. Then the phone rang! Oh, was the snow treat going to vanish just as the tea party had?

"I do want to hear about your trip—and everything," the mother's voice came from the hall. "But I have promised Bob to help him make a snow man. You know how seldom we get snow in this part of the country—and how soon it goes. How would it be if I rang you later? Would two o'clock do? I'll call you."

Soon joyful shouts sounded from the lawn outside my window, as a fat snow gentleman took shape, and how mother's and son's faces glowed. I was thrilled, but I wondered if this mother was, perhaps, spoiling her child.

After lunch my friend said, "Bob, I'm going to phone now. You take your books and curl up on the couch with them until I've finished."

"All right, Mum."

The phone conversation continued without interruption and all seemed happy.

Surely children should be treated with the same consideration as adults—and with even more understanding. We can hardly realize how much a little one depends upon us for his fun. "Pretend" games are fragile, fairy things—easily destroyed. The delight of having mother's or father's help in any play is so wonderful as to be almost "out of this world." When children know they are being treated fairly they are far more likely to be fair, too.—National Kindergarten Association.



The DOCTOR'S VOICE



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Insomnia

Question: I have been sick for quite a while. I do not feel hungry at all. My feet and legs burn all the time. I cannot sleep properly and I dream all the time. I have consulted several doctors. What is your opinion?

ANSWER: The symptoms you describe of poor appetite and insomnia might be due to vitamin B deficiency. Good natural sources are wheat germ, whole-wheat bread and cereals, legumes (beans, peas), nuts, and prunes. If you are young and have been working too hard or have had excessive worry, then you would have to make adjustments accordingly. It is possible in such a case that ten or twelve days in a hospital where dietary supervision and physiotherapy are available, would hasten your recovery.

Earache

Question: Ever since a recent attack of earache, which was treated with penicillin, I have had an impairment of hearing and a sensation as if there were water in my ear. Will this go away?

ANSWER: Sometimes there is a serous exudate remaining in the middle ear after an acute inflammation, particularly if treatment is discontinued too soon. Earache is somewhat of a medical emergency, as the earlier the treatment the more effective and the more rapid the recovery, and the less likelihood of impairment of hearing. Ear specialists consider that if exudate is persistent after the inflammation has subsided it should be removed while it is still in the liquid state. Later it becomes jelly-like and difficult to remove, and hearing is to

some extent permanently impaired.

Falling Hair

Question: A woman of forty-two years has trouble with falling hair and eyebrows. She has a great deal of dandruff and her eyebrows are itchy and heavy feeling. Could you advise?

ANSWER: For ordinary dandruff, shampooing the hair once or twice a week with a bland soap such as Ivory is often all that is necessary. For severe cases coming under the classification of "seborrheic dermatitis" it is said that pyridoxine (vitamin B₆) is helpful. Pyridoxine is mixed with a vanishing-cream base in proportions of 10 mg. per gram. It would be well to have your local doctor examine your hair. A lack of thyroid might be a contributing factor. A basal metabolism test would help establish the diagnosis.

Laryngitis

Question: My son, age five years, occasionally is troubled with laryngitis, or hoarseness. This lasts only about a day or so. What could be the cause of this and what is the remedy?

ANSWER: Laryngitis, of course, often follows a cold or any strain of the voice at play or otherwise. It may develop as a result of emotional strain, apparently due to tenseness of the vocal organs, but this would be more likely to affect an adult in this way. Steam inhalations and resting the voice are helpful. Penicillin is sometimes required in severe cases.

Boils in Ear Canal

Question: How can recurrent at-

tacks of boils in the ear canal be prevented?

ANSWER: Diabetes can predispose to boils in any part of the body. The urine collected an hour or two after a full meal would most likely have sugar present in a mild case of diabetes. These infections are notoriously common at the Christmas season and are associated with the free use of candy, cake, and puddings, which would raise the sugar content of the skin.

Peptic Ulcer

Question: I have a peptic ulcer and have been on a strict diet for nearly eight months. I never go off my diet. I also have milk every hour. How long does it take a peptic ulcer to heal? My X ray showed that it had begun to heal at the end of two months. I had been on a milk-and-cream diet nearly four weeks before the X ray was taken.

ANSWER: Ordinarily a peptic ulcer will heal in about three months provided a programme such as you have been on is adhered to fairly rigidly, and provided there is freedom from worry and anxiety.

Warts

Question: What can be done for warts? I have one on my right hand. It cracks, bleeds, and scabs over, but never heals.

ANSWER: The best treatment for warts on the hands is to have them sparked off with the electric cautery under local novocaine anaesthesia "freezing." If the treated areas are kept dry and protected with an antiseptic ointment, they heal quite rapidly.