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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT

A Prophetic Interpretation of Current Events



★ No Century Like This

Nor long ago in our adjacent community of Harmony, Ontario, Mrs. A. M. Farewell celebrated her one hundredth birthday. This was a notable occasion. Mrs. Farewell, in celebration of the event, planted a red maple tree on the site of the United Church. The Mayor of Oshawa and other distinguished persons were present at the ceremony. Furthermore, Mrs. Farewell received congratulatory messages from Queen Elizabeth, the Prime Minister of Canada, and others.

To live a century is an achievement, and the SIGNS OF THE TIMES takes pleasure in extending its felicitations. This is three decades in advance of that limit of life which God prescribed in the Bible. We conceive that Mrs. Farewell must have been a woman of strength, and that she must have lived well.

The one hundred years of Mrs. Farewell's life have been more remarkable than any previous century in the world's history. Going back to 1852 we have an almost complete absence of life's amenities. Then Canada was in the raw. It was fifteen years before Confederation. There were no transcontinental railways. The horse, the ox, the mule and possibly the donkey provided the principal modes of transportation. Mrs. Farewell was born on a farm, but there were no tractors, silos or silo fillers, combines, or hay bailers; and McCormick had just invented the mower and the reaper.

The home into which Mrs. Farewell was born did not enjoy electric lights, electric refrigeration, washing machines or any of the gadgets so common to modern kitchens. There was no sewing machine, because that device was in its infancy, having been invented but six years before. In those days dentistry and surgery were torturous in the extreme—anaesthesia had come in 1846 and was not then in popular use.

Mrs. Farewell was born eight years before the outbreak of the Civil War in the United States. In those days slaves were being "helped" to freedom across the border. Mrs. Farewell's life span covers the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the present Cold War, and scores of minor conflicts. During the three generations of Mrs. Farewell's lifetime, millions of men have died in battle, other millions have died from accidents, while still more millions have gone to their graves from disease and old age. It might be said, in estimate, that Mrs. Farewell has outlived a billion or two of earth's inhabitants.

We have already said that Mrs. Farewell's century has been the most remarkable of all. It has been remarkable in that it has been different. And it has been different in that it has fulfilled divine prophecy—prophecy made almost two thousand five hundred years ago. Daniel gave this prophecy. He looked down through the centuries, past the lifetime of Christ, past the Dark Ages, past the Protestant Reformation to the "last days" of this earth's history. He foretold conditions and events so accurately that we are now able to recognize the time in which we live. Listen to his words:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the

In the twenty-five years since Lindbergh made his historic flight from New York to Paris, airplanes have become streamlined and jet driven. Another sign of the century.



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words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.

In the past one hundred years we have entered into the machine age, the era of transportation, or as Daniel puts it, running to and fro. The increase of knowledge has made possible the great agencies of transportation—the automobile, the railway, the subway, the elevated railway, the street car, the bus, and the airplane. Today Mrs. Farewell could traverse the entire continent more easily and more quickly than her parents could have made the round trip from the farm to Oshawa.

These things make 1952 significant—significant in that it marks the near return of Jesus Christ. Before His ascension Christ told His disciples that He did not know the day or the hour of His return, but He did give them signs, conditions and events that would take place just before His coming. Almost two thousand years have passed, and now we see coming to pass the identical things foretold in ancient Scriptures.

It is good to be alive at such a time as this, but the Bible speaks of some who are dead while they live. That is to say, they are living in sinful pleasure, not discerning the events of the immediate future. This is a time in the world's history to be "alert," to be alert in the sense that we prepare ourselves for that inevitable event—the coming of the Lord. To be prepared is to be like the "wise" virgins—ready to meet the Bridegroom. To be unprepared is to have Jesus' coming take us by surprise, like

Water is not only indestructible but indispensable. Without it life could not continue on our planet. This indicates the wise providence of the Creator.

the visit of a thief in the night. Those who are unready to meet the Lord will call out for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the "face of Him that sitteth upon the throne."

★ Indestructible Water

THE water with which you washed the dinner dishes may have been in whole or in part Nebuchadnezzar's bath water, or it may have been used by a thousand other ancient dignitaries, ancient industrialists, housewives or slaves. It may have been part of the waters of the Mediterranean Sea that floated Mark Anthony's war galleys more than two hundred years before Christ's birth.

Water is indestructible, and that last clear, cold sparkling glass that so quenched your thirst has been around the earth in one place or another since the time of creation. It is always on the move, always undergoing change. At times it forms the clouds that ride so majestically through the sky; then under proper conditions it precipitates to the earth, making glad the heart of the farmer. It runs off, goes into storage, goes underground, goes into the great bodies of water, evaporates, precipitates and begins the endless round all over again.

Water is one of earth's substances that we use over and over. It has been in use

since the world was born, and will continue in service to all animate creation as long as the earth continues. We see it filled with contamination, or dirty and black from mines and factories, or loaded with muddy silt at flood time as it makes its way to the ocean. Yet after it has passed through filtering sands or after it has been evaporated you may draw it from your tap as clear and sparkling as ever.

Not only is it indestructible, but it is indispensable. Without it life could not exist upon the earth. Its importance may be seen by its preponderance—three-fourths of the earth's surface is water. Men can live a considerable while without food, but a much less time without water. Vegetables can be grown with chemicals rooted in clear sand, but they cannot be grown without water. We remember the "dust bowl" of a few years ago when the topsoil of Kansas and other midwestern states was blown all over North America. No rain fell for such a long period that vegetation died, leaving the fine-grained soil subject to the force of the wind.

Water is one of God's great gifts to man. It enters not only into his physical life, but into his spiritual life. It is used as a symbol of the cleansing of the soul by the Spirit of God. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born of "water and of the Spirit." He told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well that "who-soever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Jesus, at the Feast of Tabernacles, "stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:37-39.

Water will be present and will occupy a prominent part in God's scheme of things in the eternal future. In the earth made new, when God's throne is resident here, a river of water flows out from it. "And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." On the banks of this "river of life" grows the "tree of life," which is given again to the redeemed. From ancient days poets and writers of prose have told us of the healing virtues of the "river of life," and the life-perpetuating properties of the "tree of life."

Hell-Fire

Preaching

Do We Need It?

By

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Preachers still proclaim an ever-burning hell, but the Bible does not teach it.



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IN 1950 in his annual Lenten message addressed to Roman pastors the Pope urged a revival in the preaching of hell fire. He pointed out a rising tide of godlessness in many nations, and declared that today more than ever before it was urgent to include the doctrine of hell fire in pastoral discourses.

This subject of "hell fire"—the final punishment of unrepentant sinners—is an important one. And if the Pontiff referred to the doctrine of "hell fire" as set forth in the Holy Scriptures, then I could heartily agree that it should not be omitted or "soft pedaled" in our preaching. It is a solemn truth—one of which every judgment-bound soul should be aware.

In the realm of Christian theology today we have two extreme views of how God will deal with the unrepentant sinner. One school of thought, presuming upon God's love at the expense of His justice, says that a God of love will not destroy the creation of His own hands, and that all will be saved.

While it is true that God is love and that grace and equity are the very essence of His nature, yet it is also true that He will in no wise clear the guilty. God is merciful, but He is also just. He requires the lawbreaker to pay the penalty for his wilful disobedience. (See Exodus 34:7.)

Swinging the pendulum to the other extreme we find persons who would send every unregenerate soul into the flames of an ever-burning hell. Here, they say, the wicked must writhe in torture throughout the ceaseless ages of

eternity. One eminent divine, a champion of this school of theology, has gone so far as to say this, "One of the greatest joys which I can imagine eternity to hold is the joy of gazing out over the walls of the Holy City and revelling in the anguish of sinners being lapped up by the eternal fires of hell."

To discover God's teaching on this subject we must turn to His Word.

John the revelator was given a vision of the end of sin and sinners which he has recorded for us: "They [speaking of the wicked, see verse 8] went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

... And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Revelation 20:9, 14. We leave this scripture for the moment to find in the Bible the answers to such questions as *when* this will take place and *what* the nature of this destroying agency will be.

That the time is yet in the future is definitely set forth in 2 Peter 2:9: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve [keep for some future time] the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." Job, too, supports this thought: "Do ye not know . . . that the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." Job 21: 29, 30. Both Peter and Job looked forward to a time when all the wicked who have been "reserved" will be "brought forth" at one time to receive their punishment.

That this punishment is not meted out at death is made clear by Jeremiah: "Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for Thine eyes are open unto all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 32:19. Who would say that the fruitage of a man's life may be finally determined at the time of his death? Does not the world still benefit from the lives of such as Paul and other men of God who have borne a positive testimony for Christ? Such men have left their writings as a precious heritage for their posterity. As long as time shall last men shall be won to faith in Christ as the result of the powerful testimony borne by these men of God.

The context of Revelation 20:9-14 settles conclusively the question of *when* the punishment of the wicked will take place. The fifth verse declares plainly: "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Other Scripture texts assure us that the righteous dead will be raised at the time of the first resurrection at Christ's second advent. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-56.) During the thousand-year millennial period they live and reign with Christ. (Revelation 20:4.) The "rest of the dead" will be brought to life again at the end of the millennium. These can be none other than the wicked dead of all ages, and those who were slain by the brightness of Christ's return. (See 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 6:14-17.)

This thought is in complete harmony with Christ's own teachings of the two resurrections—the resurrection of the righteous and the resurrection of the wicked dead. (John 5:28, 29.) Paul supports the words of his Master in Acts 24:14, 15. The question of "when" the wicked will suffer their punishment is settled by Bible evidence as being the time of the resurrection of the wicked, which takes place at the end of the millennium.

Some have pictured hell as a terrible oven deep down in the bowels of the earth. Others have built iron fences and erected huge gates so that no sinner could escape. The Bible tells us clearly "where" the wicked will be punished.

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:7. Solomon says that the wicked will be recompensed on this earth. (Proverbs 11:31.) John, in writing his revelations, says the same thing. "And they [the wicked] went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about . . . and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20:9. When God cleanses this earth from all trace of sin the wicked will be destroyed by God's great detergent—fire—right here on this earth after the righteous have been placed safely within the walls of the New Jerusalem.

These texts make it clear that the sinner will be punished and that the punishment will be by fire. This refutes the Utopian philosophy that envisions a whole world converted to Christ with everyone saved. This writer would like to believe that all will accept Christ and be saved. But facts are facts and must be faced. These facts, taken from the Bible, prove not only that the whole world will not accept Christ, but that the great majority of earth's millions will choose the way of the transgressor and be lost. (Matthew 25:46.)

Paul makes crystal clear what this everlasting punishment will be. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. Eternal death—forever shut out from the presence of Christ and the glories of heaven—this is the fate of the sinner.

When Jesus hung upon the cross of Calvary He died the death of a sinner. Paul says He became sin for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21.) The greatest suffering that came to the Son of God was not the physical agony caused by the cruel nails tearing His tender flesh. His greatest suffering was expressed in that heartbreaking, agonizing cry of time and eternity, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

Yes, preaching on hell fire is essential—we should not omit it. The unrepentant sinner should know what is in store for him if he persists in his obstinate course of evil. Yet I am so thankful that God takes "no delight" in the death of the wicked! His great heart of love years over each one of us with tender compassion and pity. He longs to see us respond and accept His invitation of grace—to accept of His proffered salvation made possible through Jesus' spilled blood. God wants us to be looking forward, not to the fires of hell, but to an eternity of bliss spent with Him and His people.

Friend of mine, for which is your present life preparing you?



BIBLE ANSWERS



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

It is said that God has a purpose for good in everything. Please explain what good purpose is served in the extremes of heat and cold. Sometimes sudden changes take the lives of people. Also what good purpose is served by electric storms and high winds which cause much damage and death?

In Romans 8:28 we have the promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." As far as I know God has never promised to make all things work together for the best good of His enemies. The promise here is to those who love Him. The Bible is clear in showing that the earth at present is in the hands of God's enemies. Satan is said to be the god of this world. He is declared to be the "prince of the power of the air."

Since Satan is the "prince of the power of the air," we can reasonably assume that the high winds and destructive storms are attributable to him. It is his purpose to cause destruction. We see that from his attack upon Job in Old Testament times. Job suffered great losses by wind and fire. It is not different today. If it were not for the protection God gives His people, Satan would destroy them from off the face of the earth.

The present extremes of heat and cold that are now found on the earth are the result of sin. It is a known fact that such ice-locked lands as Alaska and Siberia once enjoyed a tropical climate. Tropical animals are found there buried in the ice and mud. Furthermore, tropical (fossil) plants are found in these places.

At the time of the flood the ends of the earth were moved out of their place. Couple this fact with the astronomical fact that the earth is tilted 23½ degrees to the plane of its orbit and you may have the explanation of the extreme heat and cold that the earth now has. This writer can do little more than guess at the reason why God did this. But this is a well-known fact: Men get along better spiritually when suffering the rigours of life than when enjoying tropical luxuries. Remember, Sodom's sin was idleness and fulness of bread.

Is it true that the seventh-day Sabbath came to an end at the cross?

I know of no place in the Bible where

that is stated. Christ said at one time that He had not come "to destroy the law, or the prophets." The Sabbath being a part of God's law, the fourth of the ten commandments, it could not have been abolished any more than the other commandments.

The Sabbath is a part of creation. It is a "made" day. God made it as surely as He made man on the sixth day, the fowls on the fifth day, or the sun, moon and stars on the fourth day. He made it by resting on it. The Sabbath became the "birthday" of the world. God commanded that it be honoured as the memorial of His great creative power.

The trouble with most people's thinking is that they fail to recognize the "miraculous" in God's creation. Man cannot create, for to do so is to make something exist where nothing existed before. In other words, God has the power to speak, and a world or a system springs into existence—not made from pre-existing materials, but made from nothing. This is the kind of power that produced the vast, illimitable universe in which we live. It is unique to God alone, and since it is, since it is possessed by no created creature, God desires that He shall be honoured because of it.

In order to perpetuate His great act in the creation of this earth, He set apart a portion of time, the seventh day of the week, and commanded that it be kept holy. Had men always done this there would be no unbelievers today. There could not be, because to keep the Sabbath of creation is to acknowledge the God of creation.

Does the parable of the rich man and Lazarus teach everlasting torment?

No, not at all. Parables are not to be interpreted literally, and Christ did not intend that this one should be. The difficulty arises only when people try to interpret them literally. It will be remembered that the beggar was taken to Abraham's bosom. Surely all will agree that Abraham must possess an enormous bosom to play host to all the redeemed. The only conclusion, therefore, is that this is figurative language. So if the part pertaining to Abraham's bosom is figurative, so must all the other parts of the parable be figurative.

TOMORROW'S

GREATEST SPECTACLE

AS WE travel over the world today we see symbolic crosses—crosses reminding us that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified in Jerusalem nearly twenty centuries ago. These are displayed in many different ways and in many places. They stand high on church spires and towers. They hang as ornaments from the necks, ears, and girdles of many people. They are stamped and printed in a multitude of books, pamphlets, and papers of varied sorts. They gleam from stained-glass windows in elegant houses of worship. They abound as a decoration on tombstones and burial crypts. In some lands they are often seen here and there in lonely spots by the roadside or on distant hilltops to mark either a solitary grave or a rustic shrine.

Thus the world at large knows that Christ has *died*. Yet how little is made of the fact that He arose from the tomb, and said: "I am alive for evermore." Revelation 1:18. The world needs to be awake to the fact that Jesus is *alive*—a living Saviour—and that He is coming back to earth again. "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.

Shortly before His departure from this world, Jesus said to His disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again*, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3. In Holy Writ it is taught over and over, as a fundamental Christian doctrine, that Christ is really coming again.

There has been considerable speculation about the manner of Christ's second advent. Some suppose that it will be a spiritual coming, as when the Holy Spirit comes into one's heart at conversion. Others think that Christ comes invisibly to the righteous at death to take them away to the regions of bliss. Still others imagine that He is to appear in spirit form, unseen by the world at large, to snatch away His own in a se-

cret rapture. And in some circles it is said that He appears from time to time as a ghost in spiritistic seances to communicate with men.

These and other fantastic views need to be considered in the light of what Jesus Himself said about His second advent. Otherwise, there is danger of being deceived by false teaching on the subject. In speaking of this the Master said: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:4, 5. "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; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before." Verses 23-25.

Christ said in the plainest of language that miracles *alone* do not prove that a man is sent of God. In a vision of the last days, the apostle John was shown "the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:14. And

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we are warned elsewhere that Christ will come "after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." 2 Thessalonians 2:9. Note that expression "*lying wonders*." Marvellous things will be done. Satan will perform wonders to deceive, if possible, even God's elect. In view of this peril our only safety is in taking heed to the plain teaching of the Holy Scriptures.

What do the Scriptures say about the manner in which our Lord will return? Jesus ascended to heaven from a spot near Bethany, on the Mount of Olives. (Luke 24:50, 51.) On that memorable

day He led His little band of disciples to the place. There He paused and gave them some final instructions. "While they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 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 1:9-11.

The disciples "beheld" Christ go up into heaven. He did not leave by mysteriously vanishing from their midst without them seeing Him. They beheld Him as He rose from the earth. They stood there gazing in awe and wonder at their ascending Lord until He finally disappeared from their view.

The promise given by the angels to the disciples is that "this same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." His second coming to earth will be truly personal—"this *same* Jesus." He will not come by proxy, by someone else serving as a substitute. The same Jesus who lived and died in this world nearly twenty centuries ago is the very Jesus who will come again.

And not only that: He will come "in like manner" as He was seen to go up into heaven. That is, His coming will be *visible*. "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and *every eye shall see Him*, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." Revelation 1:7. Note that "*all kindreds of the earth*" will be aware of His presence when He comes. We see from this that the second advent of Christ will be no secret affair. "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.

"Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and *they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven*

with power and great glory. And He 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." Matthew 24:30, 31. Not only will "all the tribes of the earth" see Christ's coming, but they will hear it. His advent will be announced by angel heralds "with a great sound of a trumpet." It will be the grandest spectacle of the ages.

Christ, as the passage of Scripture quoted above shows, will not come alone. He will be accompanied by a mighty retinue of angels. He Himself has said: "The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16:27. "Then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven." Mark 13:27. This agrees perfectly with Christ's statement that "the reapers are the angels" in the harvest of the world. (Matthew 13:39.) They have a very important part to act in the fulfilment of the Saviour's precious promise: "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." John 14:3.

"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.

This prophecy from God's Word shows that at the coming of Christ in glory the rapture of the living and the dead who have been faithful to Christ will take place. They will be caught up together to meet Him when He comes. The general resurrection of the righteous will then take place. The resurrected saints will be caught up together with the living righteous who have not tasted death, to meet their Redeemer in the air.

But how different will be the effect of Christ's glorious appearing upon those unprepared to meet Him! Their sad plight is described in the following words from a vision that John saw:

"The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and

said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:14-17.

The catastrophic nature of this event is indicated by the effect that it has upon the mountains and the islands. Christ's second advent will not be a secret event. It will shake the whole world. Earthquakes and tidal waves will announce, in no uncertain language, that the great day of God's reckoning has come. (See also Revelation 16:15-21.)

The coming of our Lord in glory has



Jesus' first advent was a turning point in human history. His second coming will be the end of history as we know it today. It is the grandest, the most sublime and the most important event of the future.



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been the hope of God-fearing men and women in all ages. Enoch, in antediluvian days, preached about it. (Jude 14.) Job, one of the patriarchs of old, declared as he lay at death's door: "I know that My Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth . . . whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job 19:25-27. Only in the hope of the resurrection of the dead at our Lord's second advent could Job utter those words millenniums ago. Isaiah wrote seven centuries before Christ was born: "It shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25:9.

Paul, who nineteen centuries ago awaited execution by the Roman sword, wrote: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 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 4:6-8.

"The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," dear reader, "teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:11, 12.



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By the use of prophetic symbols God has made known the history of the world. The ram above represented Medo-Persia; the he-goat symbolized Greece; and the great horn was a symbol of Alexander the Great.

Four Great Prophecies

THERE are four great lines of prophecy in the book of Daniel that give the history of the world. These are found in chapters 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11. These four prophecies cover 2500 years and reach down to the closing climax of human history, the second coming of Christ. The fascinating thing about these prophecies is the way each succeeding prophecy gives more and more minute details of coming events.

Beginning with the key prophecy we have the great image of Daniel 2. The head of gold represents Babylon; the arms and breast of silver, Medo-Persia; the belly and thighs of brass, Grecia; the legs of iron, Rome; and the feet, part of clay and part of iron, represent the divided nations of the Roman Empire which would exist at the second coming of Christ. The prophet saw a stone hit the image on the feet and destroy it. Then the stone grew, became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This stone represents Christ's coming to establish His kingdom. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." Verse 44.

The second line of prophecy as found in the seventh chapter brings to view four beasts. A beast represents a world empire. "A beast, in the prophetic style, is a tyrannical idolatrous empire," says George S. Faber in his book *A Dissertation on the Prophecies*. "Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the image, and Daniel's vision of the four beasts and the little horn of the fourth beast, contain predictions relative to the four great empires

and the domineering tyranny of the Papacy."—Page 149.

The four beasts represented: the winged lion, Babylon; the bear, Medo-Persia; the leopard beast, Greece; and the indescribable beast with the horns, the Roman Empire. The ten horns represented the "ten kings" (kingdoms) into which the Roman Empire was broken, A.D. 331 to 538. The "little horn" represented the Papacy and destroyed three kings or nations, the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths, which stood in its way to temporal power. The last nation to be destroyed was the Ostrogoths in A.D. 538. It was then that the temporal power of the Papacy began. It was to continue for 1260 years, and consequently would end in 1798. At this time the pope was taken prisoner by General Berthier, thus ending the 1260 years of Daniel's prophecy.

Daniel goes into detail as to the things this "little horn" would do during this period of 1260 years, or "until a time and times and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:25. Daniel sees that the next event to

consume and to destroy it unto the end." The judgment is followed by the second coming of Christ. "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." Verse 27.

The third line of prophecy as found in chapter 8 of Daniel symbolizes Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome as a ram, a he-goat, and the little horn that "waxed exceeding great." It is this "little horn" that stands "up against the Prince of princes"—Christ. Daniel views in vision the opening of the judgment in heaven in 1844.

Daniel introduces the prophecy with a ram which is so strong that no other beast can stand before him. The angel tells Daniel that "the ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia." Daniel 8:20.

Reverend A. R. Fausset on this prophecy states: "The king of Persia wore a jewelled ram's head of gold instead of a diadem, such as are seen on the pillars at Persepolis."—Commentary on Daniel 8:3. Adam Clarke on this same verse says, "A ram was the symbol of the Persians; and a ram's head with two horns, one higher than the other, appears as such in different parts of the ruins of Persepolis." The Bible and history agree on our starting point of this prophecy. The ram is the empire of Medo-Persia.

"As I was considering, behold, an he-goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the

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take place after 1798 was the opening of the judgment in heaven. In verse 26 we are told that "the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to

ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes." Verse 5. The prophecy declares that the ram is destroyed and the he-goat rules the world. Gabriel, the angel, tells Daniel who the he-goat is, "the king of Grecia." Verse 21.

The great Protestant commentator Adam Clarke says of the he-goat: "This was Alexander the Great; and a goat was a very proper symbol of the Grecian or Macedonian people. Bishop Newton very properly observes that, two hundred years before the time of Daniel, they were called Aegeadae, the goats' people; the origin of which name is said to be as follows: Caranus, their first king, going with a multitude of Greeks to seek a new habitation in Macedonia, was advised by an oracle to take the goats for his guides; and afterwards, seeing a herd of goats flying from a violent storm, he followed them to Edessa, and there fixed the seat of his empire, and made the goats his ensigns or standards." Edessa was called "the goats' town" and the people "the goats' people."—Commentary on Daniel 8:5.

The prophet sees Alexander's armies "flying low" in their speedy conquest. The four wings of the leopard denoted speed. Adam Clarke's remarks on the statement that the he-goat "touched not the ground" are as follows: "Seemed to fly from conquest to conquest. By the time Alexander was thirty years of age he had conquered all Asia: and, because of the rapidity of his conquests, he is represented as a leopard with four wings, in the preceding vision."—Commentary on Daniel 8:5.

The prophet says that Alexander was "moved with choler against" Medo-Persia. Fausset quoted Bishop Newton as saying:

"Alexander represented the concentrated wrath of Greece against Persia for the Persian invasions of Greece; also for the Persian cruelties to Greeks, and Darius' attempts to seduce Alexander's soldiers to treachery."—Commentary on Daniel 8:7.

The prophet states that when Alexander was strong "the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven." Verse 8.

"The great horn that is between his eyes is the first king," explained the angel. Alexander was Greece's first king. It was he who conquered the world, and died in the very prime of his life. Prophecy stated that his kingdom was to be divided at his death into four kingdoms, and not in Alexander's "power" or family.

The historian Myers, writing about the four divisions of Greece, says: "Four well-defined and important monarchies arose out of the ruins. . . . The great horn was broken; and instead of it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven."—*History of Greece*, 1902 edition, p. 457. Once more prophecy became history in advance in the division of Greece. But the prophet showed an unusual interest in one of the four divisions of Alexander's kingdom. "And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land."

In the east a horn "is the symbol of power and royalty."—Fausset. Charles David Maitland, who was minister of St. John's Chapel at Brighton for forty years, says that this little horn which waxed exceeding great is Rome. The "Roman power is the little horn of this vision."—*A Brief and Connected View of Prophecy*, 1814 edition, p. 48.

Fausset says of the little horn of Daniel 8:9: This horn "is not an independent

fifth horn, after the four previous ones, but arises out of one of the four existing horns."—Commentary on Daniel 8:9.

The angel interpreting the prophecy speaks of this horn as "a king of fierce countenance." Verse 23. Clarke says this represents "the Roman government." The angel says that this Roman Empire was to "stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand." Verse 25. Christ is the "Prince of princes." Adam Clarke says that "it was by the Roman authority that He was condemned to death and crucified."

This prophecy refers to both pagan and papal Rome.

The last prophecy mentioned but not explained in Daniel 8 is, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Verse 14. Daniel fainted, verse 27, when he was shown the crucifixion of Christ. This prophecy of 2300 days was explained later in the ninth chapter.

The cleansing of the sanctuary in Jewish days meant that the day of judgment had come. The San Diego *Union*, speaking of the Day of Atonement when the sanctuary was spoken of as being cleansed, says, "According to Jewish tradition, the Day of Atonement marks the sealing of God's final decree of judgment on every creature."

William Cunningham of Lainslaw, Ayrshire, who wrote on prophecies for forty years, in his *Dissertation of the Seals and Trumpets*, 1810, page 287, says that the 2300 days begin in 457 B.C. and end in A.D. 1843. That means that he has located the opening of the judgment in heaven 1843 years after Christ, which is A.D. 1844.

When the work of judgment closes according to type, every name registered in the books of heaven will have come in review before God. Those who have not made their peace with God will be cut off from heaven. This brings us to the termination of all Daniel's prophecies, the end of all world empires, and the establishing of Christ's kingdom. This is the hope of all Christians.

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SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN (1632-1723) built the Chelsea and Greenwich hospitals. He was also the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral. St. Paul's had been destroyed three times, the last time during the great fire of London. Wren, a young man at the time, determined to build it again if given the opportunity; and he was. Digging among the ruins he found a brick with the Latin inscription, "I shall rise again." This was the first brick he laid in the new building. St. Paul's was thirty-five years in building, and every few days Wren was drawn up to the tower in a basket to oversee the construction. He lived to see the work completed, and over his tomb in the choir section in the cathedral are these words, "If you would behold his monument look around you." Providence wills that we be successful in our sphere of activity, humble though it may be, and that we have our fair share of happiness.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and were it not so, unhappy would be our lot. Hope is the best antidote for mistrust and the sense of "detachment" that may lead to lack of pleasure and even to mental illness. Tomorrow, as we all know, is the day that may never come, and most anticipations are worse than the realities. Anxious forebodings use up energy that we need for today's duties. Wasteful also are melancholy, discontented thought and feelings, and time spent brooding over real or imaginary wrongs. These diminish our capacity to eat, sleep, and rest.

Excessive fatigue is usually accompanied by an increased consciousness of bodily discomforts, numbness or prickly sensation in the limbs, unsteadiness of gait, and even vague pains throughout the body. Persons with low vitality (constitutional inadequacies) may seldom be free from these symptoms. Needless to say much hard-earned money is spent trying to cure such a patient, if the cause of his trouble is not readily recognized.

Frustration brought about by failure of achievement, disappointed hope of promotion, disappointment in love, financial reverses, and betrayal by friends are things which wreak havoc in one who is under par. Since these things are the lot of most people, it is important that everyone guard his health, and that particular attention be given to diet, adequate rest, and outdoor exercise. Our actual need for these things usually is in direct proportion to the extent of our mental activity.

Our lot may be similar to that of Joseph in prison, David in the wilderness, Moses herding sheep, or Job with his afflictions. David Beatty, admiral of the

Your Mental Health

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British Grand Fleet during the First World War, was very devoted to his wife and son. Unfortunately, Mrs. Beatty was always in poor health, tended toward depression at times, and was reckless in her spending. She travelled much in search of health. However, she was a brilliant woman and was keenly interested in political affairs. She was appreciative too, of her husband's station, and knowing the place he would occupy in history, preserved all his letters. They read like Nelson's. He often spoke of frustrations, the futile planning day after day of naval engagements that never took place because of unfavourable weather and other conditions.

He chafed at inactivity and inability to bring the war to an end. He was one who felt keenly the loss of every vessel and its complement of men. His courage and foresight were rewarded at the Battle of Jutland. Because of circumstances beyond his control the engagement was not entirely decisive and he was severely criticized for not having done

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better. He did not retaliate or mourn his lot, but waited patiently for history to be the final judge. In 1936 he was buried among the great in Westminster Abbey. No signal recognition may come our way, but it will be well with us if we have done our part.

Anxiety states are most common, and are accompanied by palpitation of the heart, breathlessness, sweating, tense feelings in the muscles, a sense of weakness after the crisis is over, and perhaps even headaches, and temporary elevations of blood pressure. Undue concern over these symptoms may cause them to persist and perhaps develop further. Such seems to be the evolution of the "hyperventilation syndrome" with its spells of breathlessness and faintness.

As treatment Doctor Brillinger in the Canadian *Medical Association Journal* recommended sharing one's grief with a sympathetic listener; it might be a physician or a minister. Sir Edward Beatty was the long and distinguished president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. On the night of a blizzard in 1925 when, because of hard times consideration was being given to laying off a large number of

The brain, like any other organ of the body, is subject to disease and degeneration. The stress of present-day living puts great strain on the mental machinery.



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yard men, he remarked to his advisers, "This is an awful night to turn the men out. Let's forget about it." It is also said of him that when he could not sleep and felt lonesome (he was a bachelor) instead of taking a sleeping pill he would call up his friends in the middle of the night to come and visit with him.

Personal prayer and faith in God strengthen weak resolves and give needed courage for life's duties. Probing to the depths of the psychological debacle to get at the first symptoms of emotional tensions may actually do more harm than good, according to recent medical writers.

Drs. Billings, Chalke and Shortt of the R.C.A.M.C., speaking of "battle exhaustion," mention some of the biggest worries that have hindered recovery in men under their care. These include: "difficulty in obtaining employment, marital disharmony, wife overseas, housing problems, poor relationship between subject and his family, and financial difficulties." Faith needs strengthening in these times, and "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Time spent in study of the Scriptures not only gives one a proper psychological outlook on life, but strengthens the intellect as well.

Another factor having to do with mental health which has not escaped the notice of public health workers is that of environment, particularly in the cities. Even small cities of 15,000 population are confronted with "zones of transition" as the city grows, with invasion of former residential areas by small industries, commercial establishments and homes of transient industrial workers. It is in these areas that social life breaks down, disease is rampant, and juvenile delinquency ranks high. There are three cities in British Columbia, Vancouver being one, where such conditions exist. Unfortunately in these new areas new immigrants often get entrapped, and here they are exploited by the ever-waiting liquor interests.

Dr. A. E. Grauer, president of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company of Vancouver, said that in these "transition zones" there is a marked relationship between "areas of cultural breakdown and areas of social and individual breakdown." He recommends that families must be protected either by moving out of the congested areas or by finding a remedy for "disorientation, feeling of inadequacy, hurt, or dissatisfaction." He advised everyone to take a keen interest in at least one community project outside of his own business or profession. At the worst he suggests following John Bright's philosophy, "You should link yourself with a great cause; you may never do the cause much good but the cause will do you a great deal of

good." The first great enterprise that one would think of would be religion and all it stands for in the truest sense.

But if at the moment you are not inclined to take part in church activities, just try, in the words of an anonymous writer in the *Reader's Digest*, "giving yourself away." Give freely without

thought of reward of your ideas, your sympathy, your appreciation for the efforts of others, and a little of your time to other people. After all, one of the prime purposes in life is to contribute toward the happiness of others. "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."



CHILDREN AND FLOWERS

As I walked to the library this morning I witnessed a little scene that has troubled me all day long.

Mrs. Endicott has a lovely garden and two attractive little girls. The wide stretch of shady lawn, with its border of bright flowers, has always seemed to me an ideal place for children to play. Where could they learn to love and appreciate beauty better than amid such surroundings?

This morning three-year-old Betty was following her mother around as she gathered an armful of roses. A bed of pansies lifted smiling faces to the child, who stooped to pick a blossom and then handed it to her mother with the exclamation, "Pretty! Pretty!"

Betty looked very much like a small sweet pansy herself as she stood there in the sunshine, but Mrs. Endicott answered her sharply, "No! No! Betty must not touch! Baby must never pick Mother's flowers!"

Preoccupied with her own pleasant task of cutting roses, the mother did not see the light die out of Betty's face as the blossom she had picked so joyously dropped unheeded to the ground.

In one corner of the garden someone had stationed a painted wooden figure of a child with a watering pot. Strange that the wooden form should stand continuously among the flowers, while the real child was never allowed to share her mother's interest and joy in them.

I'd like to take Mrs. Endicott to visit the garden of my friend, Flora Barron. There isn't much space in her back yard, and I do not see how so many children and flowers can grow and thrive together, for some of the neighbours' children are always playing there with Flora's four.

When I asked my friend how she managed to raise both children and flowers successfully, she laughed and said, "Oh, the children do most of the work in the

garden. I'm too busy to do very much of it myself."

Knowing how Flora has always liked to grow flowers, I can guess that she would find some time for gardening if she did not feel that her children needed the responsibility.

"Of course, those fine old lilac bushes were here when we came," she continued. "Dot has her playhouse under the one in the corner. We've added a few rose bushes from year to year. This season we had so little money to spend that we just gave each of the children permission to buy a few packets of seeds and have a garden of his own."

"Jack planted those hollyhocks along the back fence. Did you ever see taller ones? He sprays the rose bushes for me and takes care of the lawn."

"Helen is specializing in sweet peas. They're just coming into bloom now and they're going to be lovely."

"Dot takes more interest in making hollyhock ladies to live in her playhouse than in growing flowers for herself, but she takes care of the pansies and keeps them picked so they'll continue blooming."

"Bobby seems to have inherited my fondness for gardening, because, little as he is, he spends more time with his small garden plot than any of the other children spend with theirs. He'll bring you some bouquets this summer."

Sure enough, at the very moment when I was recalling this conversation with Flora and wishing that Mrs. Endicott could learn to let her children share her flowers, Helen Barron came into the library to return some books. Small Bobby was with her, carrying a bunch of marigolds that he had picked for me from his garden. The blossoms were almost wilted in the tight grasp of his chubby little hand, but I could honestly tell him they were beautiful.

It would be a better world if every child had a garden!—Lucia Mallory, in *National Kindergarten Association*.



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Flushes

Question: I am a woman 77 years of age, and my trouble seems to be peculiar for my age. About once a month I have flushes which last for a day, similar to what women experience at menopause. I don't remember having had them at that time. I am in fair health, and weigh 92 pounds. Can anything be done to stop this condition?

ANSWER: Your condition is likely due to a disturbance of the carotid sinus in the neck. When this nerve structure is stimulated it causes the blood vessels to dilate, the blood pressure to drop, and with this comes a sense of faintness. This serves one well in the case of high blood pressure, but the condition is not necessarily associated with high blood pressure.

There is no particular treatment that can be prescribed. But persons with high blood pressure should restrict salt in the diet. Tea, coffee and cola drinks are best avoided. Tobacco should not be used. All these have an adverse effect on the autonomic nervous system, of which the carotid sinus is a part.

Height

Question: I am only five feet tall, and I would like to know if I can grow taller. My weight is about 145 pounds and I am twenty-four years old. I would like to be at least five feet five inches tall.

ANSWER: It is altogether unlikely that you will grow any taller at your age. Sunshine, fresh fruit and vegetables have caused Californians to be a little taller than the average. Heredity has a great deal to do with height. If your parents are short it is likely that you will be short also. The proper function of the glands has a great deal to do with height,

but these have to be treated in childhood to have a favourable effect on growth.

I judge that you are about twenty-five pounds overweight. Cakes, pastries, fried foods, sweets (including jams, jellies, candy, et cetera) should be carefully avoided. Butter and margarine should be used very sparingly. Use no salad dressing, and substitute cottage cheese for cream cheese. Meat, if used at all, should be lean.

Moles

Question: I have a daughter in her thirties. She has brown marks on her neck, also some on her body. They look like freckles but are slightly raised. She worries about them, but is so sensitive that she will not go to a doctor. I wonder if you could tell me what they are, and what she should do for such a condition. I wonder, too, if she is lacking in vitamins. If so, what should she take?

ANSWER: Under local anaesthesia the brown moles you describe could be removed by a surgeon with a minimum of discomfort. This no doubt would improve the personality of your daughter, and would at least relieve her of any self-consciousness concerning them.

Indigestion

Question: I have suffered from indigestion for a number of years. For breakfast I eat toast and a little marmalade or jam. Milk does not agree with me although I do use it in puddings. I use tea and coffee in moderation, but I do not eat pork in any form. Sometimes when I get too uncomfortable I take "proprietary" as a stomach medicine. Often I am nauseated, particularly after the evening meal. X rays of my stomach and gall bladder have failed to reveal anything.

ANSWER: Many proprietary stomach medicines contain baking soda, and in the end do more harm than good. You should not use in your diet, syrups, jams, jellies and marmalades. A small amount of honey would be least objectionable. Puddings and cakes made from milk, sugar and eggs should not be used. Tea and coffee contain drugs which make them undesirable beverages.

In your case I would recommend omitting the evening meal. You can get along very well on two meals a day. Breakfast should be eaten at 7:00 or 7:30 and the noon meal at 12:30 or 1:00 P.M. A glass of milk could be taken in the evening if you feel the need of it. Margarine is less irritating to the stomach than butter. And it would be well for you to keep in mind that whole-wheat bread is easier to digest than toast.

Psoriasis

Question: My husband has psoriasis. What is its cause? Is diet important, and if so what foods should be avoided? Does heredity have any bearing on this disease?

ANSWER: Psoriasis seems to be a disorder similar to dandruff, but more widely distributed. It has remissions and exacerbations. If you get unusually tired the disease grows worse. This is the case, too, if you eat a large quantity of sweets. The best diet should contain but little salt, and but little animal fats, including butter, and protein. It is well established that the overweight should reduce. And since most meat eaters get an excess of protein, flesh foods could well be left out of the diet. According to Dr. Julius Bauer, heredity does have something to do with it.