

SEVEN REASONS

WHY THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES ARE LITERAL AND FUTURE

them were punished by the first plague, or any of the others. This position, dear reader, will not stand up when put to the actual test of passing events.

Yes, dear reader, there is a definite work for God's church to do today. It is a far reaching and a most important task, and we must not shirk our duty in this time of crisis: Let us put our lives into this message, whether it be money, lands, time or talent. Every follower of our Saviour who has heard the call, and has come out of Babylon, has a part to do in this work, and may God's Holy Spirit so enthuse and enliven every one that he will find joy in sacrifice, and "they himself," taking up his cross and walk with Him all the way.

THE VOICE OF KING PHAROAH HEARD AGAIN

"The heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go." Exodus 9:7.

Now it is Israel speaking to Russia instead of Moses to King Pharaoh, "LET MY PEOPLE GO." Russia instead of permitting the Jews to immigrate to Israel as several hundred thousand wish to do, she is reviving former persecutions, and clamping down on all Zionist activities. Recently the papers of Israel reported that Russia was appealing to Egypt and all other Arab nations not to permit the immigration of Jews to Israel.

The Israel papers have also reported Bulgarian attacks on Israel with false accusations through both the radio and the press. Also no exit permits have been granted to Jews on any grounds in recent months.

It seems very probable that the voice of heaven will again speak to many countries "Let My people go," when the seven last plagues are visited upon them. Note Rev. 15th and 16th chapters.

When speaking of those things happening to Israel in the Wilderness, we are told that "All of these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition." 1 Cor. 10:5-11.

The last plague in Egypt was the destruction of her armies when in pursuit of Israel. The last one of the "Seven last Plagues," brings the destruction of all Gentile armies in their mad effort to destroy Israel, and this too will be literal. Zech. 14, Joel 3, and Ezekiel 38th chapters.

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1. The Seven Last Plagues, also called the Wrath of God are for the purpose of bringing all heathen nations on earth to realize that the Almighty Creator is ruling this world. The plagues of Egypt were for the same purpose. See Exodus 7:5. As a consequence of these judgments, Israel was let go. The Lord tells in Rev. 15:4 that "All nations will come to worship Him when his judgments are made manifest." The Lord here is plainly speaking of the plagues. If they were figurative then the nations would not even know when they came or what they were.

2. When the seven angels come forth to pour out the plagues of God's wrath on the earth the heavenly temple is filled with smoke so that NO MAN can enter until the plagues are poured out. Rev. 15:8 Jesus is now our mediator, between us and God, and he is in the most holy place of the heavenly temple. Just as was the high priest under the old dispensation. He went into the Most Holy place, and interceded for the people. If he could not have done this because of the earthly temple being filled with smoke, then the people during that time could not have had their sins forgiven. If the plagues are in the past, then the door of mercy has closed. Jesus is no longer our mediator, because when the angels come forth to pour out these plagues, we are told that no man can enter the temple till the plagues are past.

3. These plagues are the LAST PLAGUES. Hence none can come later or follow them, because they are the last plagues. We all know there have been numerous plagues such as the Spanish Influenza, the Bubonic Plague, the Black Death, etc., that have come in recent years taking the lives of millions. If some of these seven plagues are past, then they were not the last plagues, and the Lord was mistaken, and gave us the wrong information.

4. In Rev. 15:1 we are told that "All nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest." These judgments referred to are the seven last plagues, and because of their reality and severe punishment upon the nations they will know and recognize God. The word

Knowledge would be increased and many would run to and fro. This was the beginning of the period of inventions. The steamboat, 1807, and the steam printing press, 1811, the locomotive, 1819, etc. This is when the book of Daniel was unsealed and unsealed. It was the steam printing press which gradually brought forth the light to the world of the past events of history, enabling people to rightly identify and locate the beasts of Daniel 7th chapter.

Before this the Third Angel's Message could not have gone forth intelligently because the book of Daniel was yet sealed. Now we are in the days of the Three Fold Message, when all three of these messages are going forth.

For the last one hundred years, the message of beast worship has been going forth to the world. This is the first division of the last message, while its completion will also include the image of this beast, etc., after the deadly wound is healed, which we are witnessing today. The beast is sure to come back, because he takes a prominent part in Armageddon, which is the last great battle. Rev. 16:13.

It is claimed by some that the image of the beast was papal Rome arising around 538 A.D. If this be true, then the Third Angel's Message warning the world about the approach of this image, is past and went forth nearly fifteen hundred years ago. This is wrong for three major reasons: first, the coming of Jesus is an event immediately following the Third Angel's Message, Rev. 14:9 to 14; second, those who worship the image, are to be punished in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb, when Jesus comes, and all of those people are dead long ago, and will not be resurrected until the end of the thousand years. See Rev. 14:9-11; and third, the contents of the Third Angel's Message was entirely out of order fifteen hundred years ago, because the book of Daniel was sealed up until the time of the end, and any message like this one, about the beast, would not be understood until the time of the end when knowledge was increased, and the world understood what a beast meant in Bible prophecy. This symbol of a beast with its meaning is contained in Daniel, 7th chapter.

Furthermore if the first plague of the noisome and grievous sore was poured out about 1750 to 1798 when the punishment against the papacy began, then there was an interval of over one thousand years after the warning went to the world of their approach, before they came. The actual people who were warned of the approach of the im-

"Manifest" means to be made known, clear and plain. See Webster's definition of the word. There will be no figurative symbolism about them. The nations know they are here, and manifest and they consequently come to worship God.

5. Three of these same plagues fell upon Egyptians and all of the Egyptians knew about it. One of them was boils breaking forth Exodus 9:8 to 10. Note that the first one of the seven last plagues is a noisome and grievous sore. Rev. 16:2. The first plague falling upon Egypt was the waters turning to blood and the fish all dying. Exodus 7:17-21. This really occurred, and the people knew it. It was not figurative. Note Rev. 16:3-5, that the same thing occurs again, but it will be upon the whole world this time. It was literal in Egypt and it brought the Egyptians to ruin.

6. The angel Gabriel told Daniel to close up and seal the prophecy, of that book till the time of the end, and then knowledge would be increased, and the wise would understand. Remember, dear reader, that the Third Angel's Message is a warning to the world against worshipping the beast, etc. Hence, this last message could not have been intelligently received or accomplished anything before the book of Daniel was unsealed, because Daniel is the one that introduced the beasts into prophecy, and told us what they meant. See Dan. 7:16-23. This book concerning the beasts was not to be unsealed until "The time of the end," hence the third angel's message which warns the world against worshipping the beast, and the consequence of doing so could not have gone forth until the book of Daniel was unsealed Dan. 12:4-11.

The Lord has never brought his judgments upon any city, to open upon the world without first having warned the people of its approach and of the way to escape. He warned the world before the flood, he warned Sodom and Gomorrah; He warned Tyre and Sidon; He warned Nineveh and Babylon, and He is going to warn this present world of His pending judgments, which are in particular the Seven Last Plagues, known as THE WRATH OF GOD. Rev. 14:9

7. It is generally understood by all prophetic students that the second angel's message, Rev. 14:8, and 18:2, 3 was the message of Protestation against the woman branded with the name of The Great, Rev. 17:5. This message concerning the corruption of this false system has now gone forth to every nation under heaven. It commenced about five hundred years ago at the time of Martin Luther. It reached

... little or much, as they judged most expedient; and "reserve" in teaching the great truths of religion was as essential a principle in the system of Babylon, as it is in Romanism or Tractarianism at this day. It was this priestly claim to dominion over the faith of men, that "imprisoned the truth in unrighteousness" in the ancient world, so that "darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people." It was the very same claim, in the hands of the Roman priests, that ushered in the dark ages, when through many a dreary century, the Gospel was unknown, and the Bible a sealed book to millions who bore the name of Yahshua (Christ). In every respect then, we see how justly Rome bears on its forehead the name: "Mystery, Babylon the Great". — Rev. 17:5. —

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The Daughter Of Jerusalem And The Daughter Of Babylon

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In the Old Testament Israel as a nation was the chosen people of heaven, and mentioned as "The Daughter of Jerusalem," 2 Kings 19:21; Isaiah 37:22; Lamentations 2:13, 15; Micah 4:8; Zephaniah 3:14, also 9:9; Isaiah 6:2, 23. Hence the true religion or the true Church includes the people chosen of heaven, and who rightly represent this woman "The Daughter of Jerusalem."

In The New Testament

In the New Testament also we have "Israel" spoken of as a virtuous woman, and described in the book of Revelation chapter 12, as the accompanying photo shows. Here this "Daughter of Jerusalem" is with child, and pained to be delivered. The 12 stars upon her crown represent the 12 tribes of Israel, and we might say also the 12 apostles during this new period when gentiles are being adopted into this same family of Israel. In Romans 11th chapter the Gentiles are most wonderfully described as branches from the "Wild olive tree" (the Gentiles) being grafted into the tame olive tree (The Israel chosen family) this daughter of Jerusalem. See Gal. 3:27-29.

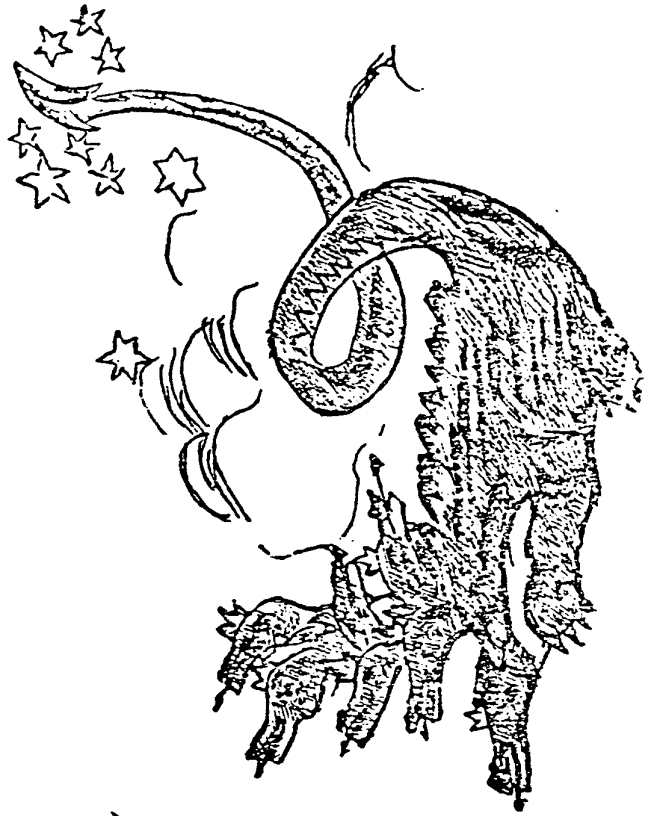
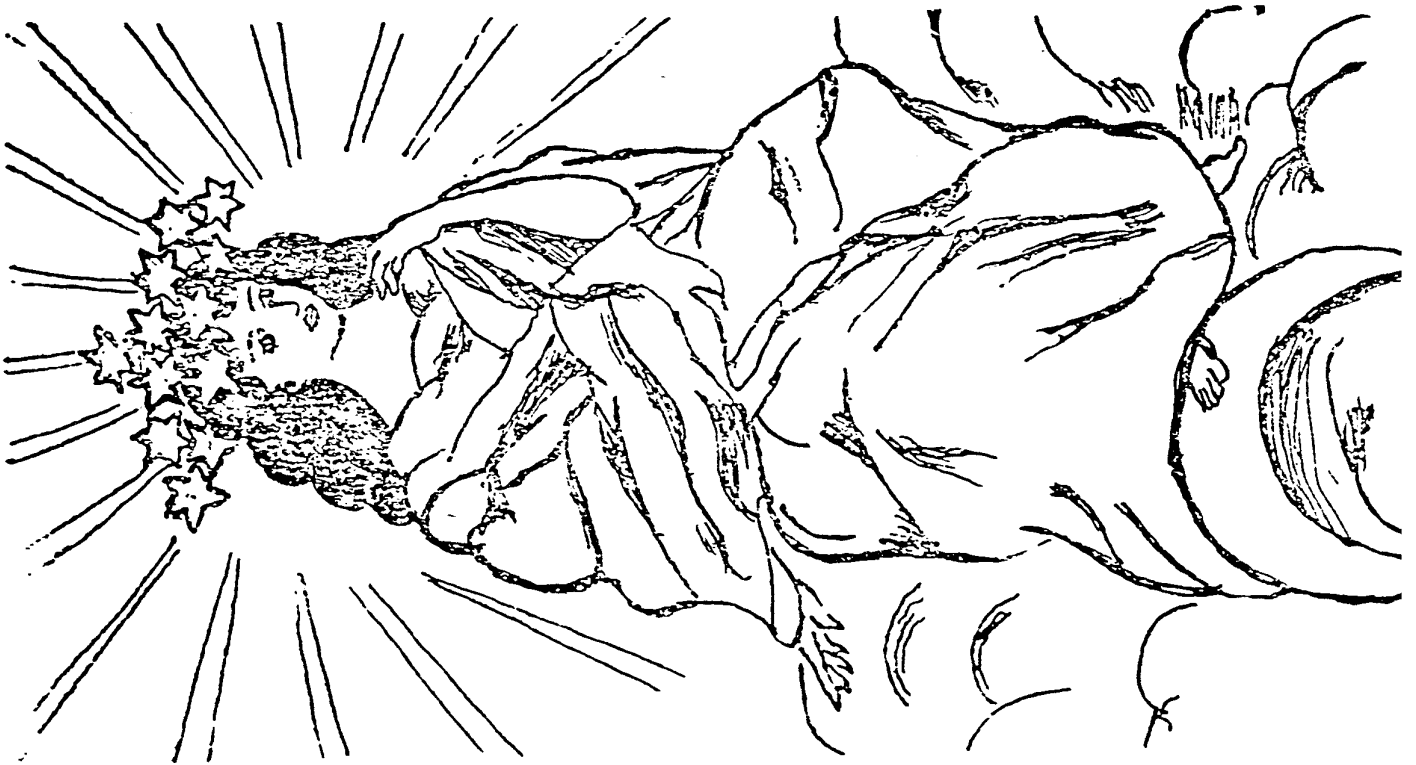
In this remarkable 12th chapter of Revelation given to this Jewish apostle by vision on the island of Patmos (Rev. 1:9), this daughter of Jerusalem was seen about to give birth to this child announced by the prophet Isaiah. He said, "Unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given." Isaiah was a Jew and "Unto us," refers to the Jews and to Israel. He says "The government shall be upon His shoulders, and "of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." verse 7. Note this wonderful preannouncement, of the coming Messiah, this child born to "US" unto Israel, who was caught up to God and to His throne as is stated in this wonderful 12th chapter of Revelation. The description of his ascension to heaven is recorded in Acts 1:9 to 13. Hadrian the Emperor of Rome 130 C.E. or A.D. speaks of this on page 1613 in "The International Standard Bible Dictionary," which the writer purchased here in Jerusalem with five large volumes.

This daughter of Jerusalem "Israel" was to bring forth the Messiah as a child, and he was to grow up as a tender plant. Isaiah 11:1 to 4. He was to be born of a virgin, Isaiah 7:14, and was to be born in Bethlehem. Micah 5:2. Note how perfectly this prophecy agrees with

jected, and taken as a lamb to the slaughter, from prison to judgment, numbered with the transgressors and make his grave with the rich, and give his soul for an offering for sin. This chapter was all very wonderfully fulfilled in the life of this child born to Israel verified by John in his vision recorded in Revelation 12.

The Dragon Stood Before This Woman To Devour The Child.

Now wonderfully this vision agrees with the events that accompanied the Birth of Yahshua. The dragon with its ten horns we are told were ten kings. How true this was fulfilled, and has been characteristic of Rome in different periods of her history, having 10 sub-kings. Herod here at Jerusalem was one of these Kings, or horns, and he



tried to destroy this child of whom Isaiah speaks. Note the 2nd chapter of Matthew how he lied to the "wise men of the East," and tried in vain to kill this man child as soon as it was born, just as it says in Revelation 12.

is child born to be king. He did not want any opposition in his kingdom, not understanding the many prophecies of the Old Testament that there was to be a long period after the Messiah came before he would become king of the Jews and king of Israel.

The Daughter Of Babylon

In the book of Revelation we have two women described, one the daughter of Jerusalem and the other the daughter of Babylon. We have in Revelation this daughter of Babylon riding upon a beast, gorgeously decked with all manner of precious jewels, and rich gaudy apparel, precious stones having a golden cup in her hand full of "The wine of Babylon." It says she has a name written on her forehead "Babylon The Great." Did you know that this daughter of Babylon is also spoken of in the Old Testament, the same as the daughter of Jerusalem. Both of them were operating one against the other. "Deliver thyself O Zion that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon." Zech. 2:7. Here are other scriptures also that mention the daughter of Babylon. Psalms 137:8; Isaiah 47:1; Jeremiah 50:40, 42; and 51:33.

Notice the difference between these two daughters in the Vision of this Jewish apostle and prophet, recorded in the Revelations, representing the true and the false religion. One is clothed with the sun, having a crown of twelve stars, and the moon under her feet. See how closely she is associated with heaven, and those things of heaven that bless mankind. Clothed with the sun, representing light, warmth, and blessings, with the moon that rules the period of darkness the night, under her feet and a crown of 12 stars, the handiwork of the Creator.

The daughter of Babylon decorated with worldly apparel, the things that attract those who love the world, gaudy apparel, gold, precious stones, and pearls, exalted seeking after and obtaining a high position of worldly affairs, riding on the beast, which represents the Roman Empire, fully explained in previous issues of this magazine, also in our numerous tracts on Bible prophecy. She represents that woman or church ruling the world from Rome, when she made war on Israel and the Jews during the entire period of this Gospel dispensation when all nations have been given an opportunity of being adopted children into this chosen family of Israel, and inherit the promises made to Abraham and his seed. Galatians 3: 26 to 29 and Romans 11th chapter.

The "Daughter of Jerusalem" divinely arrayed with heavenly apparel about to be delivered of this man child, surrounded with enemies in power was fearful of her future. The daughter of Babylon, now this is what

first child, the voice of the "Daughter of Zion" ex-walleth herself that spreadeth her hands saying, "Voe is me now for my soul is wearied because of murderers." Jeremiah 4:31. Yes, and the murderer came forth. It was Herod, who murdered all the baby boys in Judeah trying to kill this child brought forth "Unto US, a SON is given, who is to rule on the throne of David forever and ever.

It is said of this "Daughter of Babylon" when she goes to her judgment that she is the mother of "HARLOTS." Therefore we may expect that to-day when her judgment is near, other false worldly depraved groups of the Gentiles will be flocking to her, and that is exactly what is taking place. The whole world of so called "Protestant churches is now being gathered together under the banner of Rome where this "Daughter of Babylon" has been for many years enthroned with power. Notice it says, "Upon her forehead is the name written, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots, and the abomination of the earth. Also that all nations have been made drunk with this wine of Babylon. Notice that she holds a golden cup in her hand, full of this wine of Babylon, with which all nations have been made drunk, Sunday keeping, in opposition to the "Daughter of Jerusalem, sprinkling for baptism, forgiveness of sins by men, praying the dead out of so called Purgatory, all counterfeit holidays, heathen substitutes, by which the "Inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with this wine of Babylon." Rev. 17:3. This harlot daughter of Babylon, is now approaching her judgment according to the sure word of Bible prophecy, which has never failed. The seven last plagues are to be poured out upon the whole world (Revelation 16), but the daughter of Jerusalem is promised deliverance. Psa. 91:9, 10, also Daniel 12:1.

We are in the closing period of this Gentile age in the days of the gathering together of all of these Gentile churches into one organization known as "The World Council of Churches," and the message is to this "Daughter of Babylon" — "Come out of her my people." Note this following prophecy, - "After these things I saw an angel come down from heaven, and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried MIGHTILY with a STRONG voice "Babylon the great is fallen is fallen and is become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornications, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have committed fornication with her and the

...even saying 'Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.' Revelation 18:1 to 4.

The seven last plagues described in chapter 16 are imminent. They come at the close of Gentile times, and we are in that period hence this is the message for our day. "Come out of Her My PEOPLE." Those who respond, all over the world, are taking their stand for Jerusalem, instead of Rome, as their Holy City. They are "Returning to the Children of Israel, just as the prophet Micah declared they would at this time. Micah 5:3. These constitute the one family of whom the Creator is our Father. It is Israel clothed with the sun, the light, glory, and power of heaven. It is still, "The Daughter of Jerusalem," about to be united in marriage to the bridegroom soon to come down from heaven. Matt. 25th chapter. In this chapter the coming Messiah is spoken of as the Bridegroom. The engagement to this "Daughter of Jerusalem" is recorded in 2 Corinthians 11:2, 3. His wife is now making herself ready, and is clothed upon with fine 'Linen' clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Revelation 19:7, 8.

The people of this true religion, or the "True Church" of Whom the Creator is the Father, are scattered all over the world. Many have come out of the Harlot church "The Daughter of Babylon," and are yet in the church organizations known as "Daughters," Rev. 17:5. Now the mother and her daughters are banding together in one great worldly federation, known as "The World Federation of Churches" which includes even Communism. This "Remnant" of the seed of the, "Daughter of Jerusalem," known by their creed, "The Commandments of God, and the Testimony of Jesus", (Revelation 12:17) are joining up with Jerusalem. They are finding their rightful place, as this "Bride of Christ" makes herself ready. They are becoming a part of "Israel," and recognizing their place, in these closing days of Gentile times. The beloved Master said of them, and of this time, "Fear not little flock. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Luke 12:32. The Heavenly Father knows who they are. Their names are written on the "Lamb's Book of Life, in heaven. Rev. 20:15, and they are still "The Daughter of Jerusalem."

This is the true religion. The history of these people has never been lost. They have existed right along with the Jews, and have been killed and persecuted together, as the "History of this True Religion," shows,

The True And The False Religion

The people in the Old Testament known as "Israel" of whom there were twelve tribes, are spoken of repeatedly as: "The daughter of Jerusalem".

The daughter of Babylon, the enemy of Jerusalem and Israel, is also mentioned repeatedly in the Old Testament, and thus symbolized by a woman. Note Psalms 137:8; Isaiah 47:1; Jeremiah 50:40,42 and 51:33. In Zech. 2:7 it says: "Deliver thyself O Zion that dwelleth with the daughter of Babylon.

The evils of Babylon are repeated in many scriptures. Note particularly Ezekiel 23, 17 and 18; and Jer. 51:24 to the end. It was Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon who besieged Jerusalem destroyed the Temple of Solomon, and led thousands of Jews into captivity around 600 B.C. It was Rome the Second Babylon that destroyed Jerusalem, with the second Temple, and carried thousands of Jews into captivity in the year of 70 A.D.

We shall now show the striking resemblance of Babylon of the Old Testament to Babylon of the New Testament. Just as Babylon of the Old time was the outstanding enemy of the "Daughter of Jerusalem," so Rome takes her place, as Babylon No. 2 in this Gentile period, and has been and still is definitely against Jerusalem and Israel.

We quote from "The Two Babylons" by Alexander Hislop.

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER OF THE TWO SYSTEMS.

"In leading proof of the Babylonian character of the Papal Church, the first point to which I solicit the reader's attention, is the character of **Mystery** which attaches alike to the modern Roman and the ancient Babylonian systems. The gigantic system of moral corruption and idolatry described in this passage under the emblem of a woman with a "Golden Cup in Her Hand" (Rev. 17:4), "making all nations drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Rev. 17:2; 18:3), is divinely called "**Mystery, Babylon the Great**" (Rev. 17:5). That Paul's "**Mystery of iniquity**," as described in 2 Thess. 2:7, has its counterpart in the Church of Rome, no man of candid mind, who has carefully examined the subject, can easily doubt.

The Bishop of Rome was the head of that "Mystery of iniquity." Now, as the system here described is equally characterised by the name of "Mystery," it may be presumed that both passages refer to the same system. But

Babylon of the ancient world. As the Apocalyptic man (Rev. 17:3, 4, has in her hand a cup, wherewith she intoxicates the nations, so was it with the Babylon of old. Of that Babylon, while in all its glory the Lord thus spake in denouncing its doom by the prophet Jeremiah: "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunk; the nations have drunken of her wine therefore the nations are mad" (Jer. 51:7).

Why this exact similarity of language regarding the two systems? The natural inference surely is, that the one stands to the other in the relation of type and antitype. Now, as the Babylon of the Apocalypse is characterised by the name of "Mystery," so the grand distinguishing feature of the ancient Babylonian system was the Chaldean "Mysteries," that formed so essential a part of that system. And to these mysteries, the very language of the Hebrew prophet, symbolical though of course it is, distinctly alludes, when he speaks of Babylon as a "golden cup." To drink of "mysterious beverages," says Salverte, was indispensable on the part of all who sought patri-



This photo describes Revelation 17th chapter, with the inscription on her forehead "Mystery Babylon The Great," the mother of Harlots. The harlots are her daughter churches now joining the "World Federation of Churches" as she invited her spiritual daughters to re-

archal tribes that had nothing whatever to do with institutions, but which adhered to the pure faith of patriarchs.

Idolatry in any shape was held to be a crime. to be visited with signal and summary punishment on the heads of those who practised it. "If I beheld the sun," said Job, "when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; and my heart hath been secretly enticed, and my mouth hath kissed my hand; this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge; for I should have denied the God that is above" (Job 31:26-28). Now if this was the case in Job's day, much more must it have been the case at the earlier period when the Mysteries were instituted. It was a matter, therefore, of necessity, if idolatry were to be brought in, and especially such foul idolatry as the Babylonian system contained in its bosom, that it should be done stealthily and in secret. Even though introduced by the hand of power, it might have produced a revulsion, and violent attempts might have been made by the uncorrupted portion of mankind to put it down; and at all events, if it had appeared at once in all its hideousness, it would have alarmed the consciences of men, and defeated the very object in view. That object was to bind all mankind in blind and absolute submission to a hierarchy entirely dependent on the sovereigns of Babylon.

In carrying out of this scheme, all knowledge, sacred and profane, came to be monopolised by the priesthood, who dealt it out to those who were initiated in the "Mysteries" exactly as they saw fit, according as the interests of the grand system of spiritual despotism they had to administer might seem to require. Thus the people, under the Babylonian system, were bound neck and heel to the priests. The priests were the only deposi-



In 1825 Pope Leo XII struck a medal bearing his own image on one side and on the other that of the church of Rome symbolized as a woman holding in her left hand a cross and in her right hand a cup with this inscription. "Sedet super universum" - or in English "The World is her seat." Many considered this was announced in

be destroyed "by the breath of the Lord's mouth, and consumed by the brightness of His coming" (v. 8). But at its first introduction into the Church, it came in secretly and by stealth, with "all declavableness of unrighteousness." It wrought "mysteriously under fair but false pretences, leading men away from the simplicity of the truth as it is in Christ. And it did so secretly, for the very same reason that idolatry was secretly introduced in the ancient Mysteries of Babylon; it was not safe, it was not prudent to do otherwise. The zeal of the true Church, though destitute of civil power, would have aroused itself, to put the false system and all its abettors beyond the pale of Christianity, if it had appeared openly and all at once in all its grossness and this would have arrested its progress. Therefore it was brought in secretly, and by little and little, one corruption being introduced after another, as apostasy proceeded, and the backsliding Church became prepared to tolerate it, till it has reached the gigantic height we now see." — "The Two Babylons".

In Revelation 17 we see this "Daughter of Babylon" making the whole world drunk by her wine. She holds the golden cup in her hand the same as Jeremiah 51:7 says concerning Babylon of his day that made all the earth drunk, of her wine. This was mainly the idolatry of "Sun Worship."

Just so has this woman of the New Testament with the words "Babylon The Great" written on her forehead (Rev. 17:5) made the whole world drunk by worshipping the day of the Sun "Sun Day" and forsaking the ancient Sabbath of the Bible which in every period of the world has been honored and observed by the true "Daughter of Jerusalem."

Speaking of this New Testament Babylon the command is "Come out of her My People that ye partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18: 4). A mysterious power was attributed to the clergy, which gave them "dominion over the faith" of the people—a dominion directly disclaimed by apostolic men, (II Cor. 1:24), but which in connection with the confessional, has become at least as absolute and complete as was ever possessed by Babylonian priests over those initiated in the ancient Mysteries. The clerical power of the Roman priesthood culminated in the erection of the confessional. That confessional was itself borrowed from Babylon. The confession required of the votaries of Rome is entirely different from the confession prescribed in the Word of God. The dictate of Scripture in regard to confession is: "Confess your faults one to another" (James 5:16), which implies that the priest should confess to the people

on the Roman beast with her golden cup. This is nothing other than the Roman church, for we are told plainly that this beast represents the fourth empire that would rule the world, and all histories affirm that this was ROME.

aries of religious knowledge; they only had the true tradition, by which the writs and symbols of the public religion could be interpreted; and without blind and implicit submission to them, what was necessary for salvation could not be known. ...

Now compare this with the early history of the Papacy, and with spirit and modus operandi throughout, and how exact was the coincidence! Was it in a period of patriarchal light that the corrupt system of the Babylonian "Mysteries" began? It was in a period of still greater light that that unholy and unscriptural system commenced, that has found such rank development in the Church of Rome. It began in the very



The woman with the cup from Babylon. From Kitto's Bible Encyclopedia.

The Chaldean mysteries can be traced up to the days of Semiramis who lived only a few centuries after the flood, and who is known to have impressed upon them the image of her own depraved and polite mind. In the "Mysteries" in which she had the chief hand in forming, she was worshiped as the great mother of the gods.

age of the apostles, when the primitive Church was in its flower, when martyrs were sealing their testimony for the truth with their blood. Even then, when the Gospel shone so brightly, the Spirit of God bore this clear and distinct testimony by Paul: "The Mystery of iniquity

inst the other. This could never have served any purpose of spiritual despotism; and therefore, Rome, leaving the Word of God, has had recourse to the Babylonian system. In that system, secret confession to the priest, according to a prescribed form, was required of all who were admitted to the "Mysteries;" and till such confession had been made, no complete initiation could take place. Thus does Salverte refer to this confession as observed in Greece, in rites that can be clearly traced to a Babylonian origin:—"All the Greeks, from Delphi to Thermopylae, were initiated in the Mysteries of the temple of Delphi. Their silence in regard to everything they were commanded to keep secret was secured both by the fear of the penalties threatened to a perjured revelation, and by the general confession exacted of the aspirants after initiation—a confession which caused them greater dread of the indiscretion of the priest, than gave him reason to dread their indiscretion." This confession is also referred to by Potter, in his "Greek Antiquities," though it has been generally overlooked. In his account of the Eleusinian mysteries, after describing the preliminary ceremonies and instructions before the admission of the candidates for initiation into the immediate presence of the divinities, he thus proceeds:—"Then the priest that initiated them called (the Hierophant), proposed certain questions, as, whether they were fasting, to which they returned answers in a set form."

The etcetera here might not strike a casual reader; but it is a pregnant etcetera, and contains a great deal. It means, Are you free from every violation of chastity? and that not merely in the sense of moral impurity, but in that factitious sense of chastity which Paganism always cherishes. Are you free from the guilt of murder?—for no one guilty of slaughter, even accidentally, could be admitted till he was purged from blood, and there were certain priests, called Koes, who "heard confessions" in such cases, and purged the guilt away.

The strictness of the inquiries in the Pagan confessional is evidently implied in certain licentious poems of Propertius, Tibullus, and Juvenal. Wilkinson, in his chapter on "Private Fasts and Penance," which, he says, "were strictly enforced," in connection with "certain regulations at fixed periods," has several classical quotations, which clearly prove whence Popery derived the kind of questions which have stamped that character of obscenity on its confessional, as exhibited in the notorious pages of Peter Denis. The pretence under which this auricular confession was required, was, that the solemnities to which the initiated were to be admitted were so high, so

to them. For the safety, therefore of those who were initiated, it was held to be indispensable that the officiating priest should thoroughly probe their consciences, lest coming without due purgation from previous guilt contracted, the wrath of the gods should be provoked against the profane intruders. This was the pretence; but when we know the essentially unholiness, both of the gods and their worship, who can fail to see that this was nothing more than a pretence; that the grand object in requiring the candidates for initiation to make confession to the priest of all their secret faults and shortcomings and sins, was just to put them entirely in the power of those to whom the inmost feelings of their souls and their most important secrets were confided? Now, exactly in the same way, and for the very same purposes, has Rome erected the confessional. Instead of requiring priests and people alike, as the Scripture does, to "confess one to another," when either have offended the other, it commands all, on pain of perdition, to confess to the priest, whether they have transgressed against him or no, while the priest is under no obligation to confess to the people at all. Without such confession, in the Church of Rome, there can be no admission to the Sacraments, any more than in the days of Paganism there could be admission without confession to the benefit of the Mysteries. Now, this confession is made by every individual, in secrecy and in solitude, to the priest sitting in the name and clothed with the authority of God, invested with the power to examine the conscience, to judge the life, to absolve or condemn according to his mere arbitrary will and pleasure. This is the grand pivot on which the whole "Mystery of iniquity," as embodied in the Papacy, is made to turn; and wherever it is submitted to, admirably does it serve the design of binding men in abject subjection to the priesthood.

In conformity with the principle out of which the confessional grew, the Church, that is, the clergy, claimed to be the sole depositaries of the true faith of Christianity. As the Chaldean priests were believed alone to possess the key to the understanding of the Mythology of Babylon, a key handed down to them from primeval antiquity, so the priests of Rome set up to be the sole interpreters of Scripture; they only had the true tradition, transmitted from age to age, without which it was impossible to arrive at its true meaning. They therefore require implicit faith in their dogmas; all men were bound to believe as the Church believed, while the Church in

have kidnapped, and falsified about his teaching. He was a Jew and belongs to the Jews, and it is time to rescue him from his abductors, and accept HIM as Israel's Messiah, and the Saviour of the world who is SOON coming again to deliver those who believe in him, and who pray to the Father in His name. He is not another God, but is our High priest in the heavenly Sanctuary according to the book of Hebrews.

The prophet Isaiah said a virgin would conceive and bring forth a son. Isaiah 7:14. This agrees with chapter 9:6-7. All of this is in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Therefore it was a part of our prophets genuine writings.

It is but natural for bad reports to be circulated like those that were about Mary giving birth to this child, when they knew nothing about the repeated visitations of the angels to Joseph and Mary informing them of what was to happen, the records of which we have repeated by different witnesses in the New Testament.

The fact alone that the Creator took from us, by the hands of the Gentiles, the sacred site of the two houses, the only place to offer the blood sacrifice, is certain proof that HE HAD PROVIDED A SACRIFICE. Otherwise He would not have permitted this calamity. He sent the sacrifice to Abraham which He accepted and saved his son Isaac, but our forefathers rejected the sacrifice, and lost their city and nation.

We prayerfully urge you at least to consent that our forefathers may have been mistaken in not accepting this great Jew as the long promised Messiah, who is now soon to return from heaven as Israel's deliverer and KING. Also that you make a prayerful investigation of this matter for yourself, and seek the Father in Heaven to guide you.

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Has Our Messiah Come?

The question "who are you people" is often asked us in Israel, in answer to which we shall again explain that our name in English "Church of God" was given to this people nearly two thousand years ago, and repeated twelve times in the New Testament, in which period we were nearly 100 percent Jews. We have come down from that time with the Jews, and as Jews. Have been persecuted, and thousands died with them under the iron hand of Roman Catholicism.

We have never as a people, embraced the teaching and practices of Rome taken from paganism, or those adopted from Babylon.

There are several thousand of these people scattered all over the world of this same faith, and the Jews are still, and always have been, their warm friends. The main difference between them religiously, is that they look for the first coming of our Messiah, while we look for His second coming soon. We believe that Isaiah the 53rd. chapter should be replaced in the Synagogue Sabbath readings. This would pave the way, as many leading Jews admit, for the people to accept the Messiah born in Bethlehem, (Micah 5:2) as the sacrifice prepared by the Father for the sins of Israel, as stated in this wonderful chapter.

The TRUE religion of heaven for mankind is not one polluted with Paganism as modern Christianity. Neither is it one of narrow mindedness, where leaders and others "Strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel," or practice coercion to bring people to their way of thinking.

The true religion is that of Abraham, and David, who understood that divine LAW "of The Spirit of LIFE" (Romans 8:2), by which it becomes man's nature to walk in the way of the Holy Commandments, just the same as it is the nature of the orange tree to bear only oranges.

David understood this divine law, and prayed that the Heavenly Father would not withdraw from him "His Holy Spirit." His prayer was "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.— Take not THY HOLY SPIRIT from me." Psalms 51: 10, 11. See also Luke 11:11-13.

Like magnetic electricity in a piece of steel this heavenly virtue is to the human body and soul. The person becomes charged with a Spirit of goodness, and power in accomplishments for the good of others, and men and women are made better and more like God. This is the coming religion of Israel. It is the "Old Time Jewish Religion" founded by Moses, and Christ, revealing to mankind, the power from heaven that charges and transforms people into the likeness of God, so that the golden rule becomes their nature. To do unto others, as you would have them do to you, Luke 6:31.

The true Messiah, born in "Bethlehem" (Micah 5:2), also understood this law, to its fullness, and experienced by Israel's ancient prophets. Jeremiah 33:3. The New Testament is a book rich and overflowing with these mighty works wrought through divine power by a correct understanding of this law, "Of The Spirit of Life."

It was that late Prince of Israel, Doctor Weizmann, Israel's first President, who understanding to a measure this law, accomplished great things for Israel. He recommended that every one read the New Testament.

Jews Remain Jews But Better Jews

When Jews read Isaiah 9:6 7; also 7:14-16, and 11:1-4, and the 53rd chapter, repent and accept Yahshua as their Messiah, they become better Jews than before. They pray to the Father in His name and receive the HOLY SPIRIT according to the promise, which changes stony hearts to hearts of flesh. Ezekiel 36:24-26. They are then better Jews, and remain with the Jews as Jews, the same as before, teaching others this one addition to their faith.

Possessing the power of the Holy Spirit, synagogue prayers are neither read nor memorized, but direct from their hearts, the words are accompanied with power, that softens hearts, and brings them in love and unity with the Father and with one another.

A Jew can believe that the Messiah has come, and is the child born in Bethlehem, and still remain a Jew, much better than he can deny there is a God, become a Communist or an atheist and still be considered a Jew, as commonly practiced to-day in Israel.

A few years ago if a person was found in possession of a New Testament or seen reading one, he was classed as a Christian, and shunned by most all Jews. Now the New Testament is taught in some government schools, found in libraries or on the table of reading rooms in thousands of homes and among most all leaders. It has become popular to own a New Testament, and it is now a common saying in Israel that it does not make a person a Christian to own or to read a New Testament.

Some years ago a person who openly confessed that he believed the Messiah had come, and "Yahshua ha Meshia," born in Bethlehem, that person was put down as a Christian, and firms or business places hiring him were boycotted by the Orthodox and others.

**REVIEW OF THE 333 PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT FULFILLED
IN THE NEW TESTAMENT PROVING THAT OUR BELOVED MESSIAH
HAS ALREADY COME THE LAMB SENT OF THE FATHER**

A question asked: "Do you know His Name and His Son's Name"? Pro. 30:4.

PROPHECY

SPECIFICATIONS

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Micah 5:2	Birthplace Bethlehem	Matt. 2:1
Gen. 49:10	From the tribe of Judah	Heb. 7:1-4
Isaiah 11:1	Family of Jesse David	Rev. 22:16
Isaiah 7:14	Born of a virgin	Matt. 1:18-25
Isaiah 61:1	Preaching Deliverance	Luke 4:16-20
Hosea 11:1	Would be in Egypt	Matt. 2:13-15
Deuteronomy 18:15	A prophet (Matt. 24)	Acts 7:37
Isaiah 9:1, 2	The Light of the World	Matt. 4:12-16
Isaiah 9:6, 7	A child born --- Ruler and King	Rev. 11:15
Isaiah 53:4, 5	A Great Healer	Matt. 4:23, 24
Isaiah 53:3; Psalms 69:8, 9	Rejected by His own	John 1:11; 19:15
Zechariah 9:9	Enters Jerusalem triumphant	Matt. 21:1-11
Isa. 53:3; Psa. 41:9-55:12, 14	Rejected and betrayed	John 13: 18-26
Zechariah 11:12	The betrayal price	Matt. 26: 14, 15
Zechariah 11:13	Purchase of potters Field	Matt. 27:3-7
Isaiah 50:6	Beaten and spit on	Matt. 26:67
Micah 5:1	Struck with a rod	Matt. 27:30
Isaiah 53:7	Silent in persecution	Matt. 27:14
Zechariah 12:10	Manner of His death	John 19:18-24
Zechariah 13:7	Forsaken by His followers	Matt. 26:31, 35
Psalms 22:16	Wounded hands and feet	John 20:25-27
Isaiah 53:9-12	Died among criminals	Mark 15:27, 28
Isaiah 53:9	Buried with the rich	Matt. 27:57-60
Psalms 22:7, 8	Persecutors mocked Him	Matt. 27:39
Psalms 22:1	The very word of His cry	Matt. 27:46
Psalms 69:21	Given vinegar to drink	John 19:28-32
Psalms 22:18	His clothes divided	John 19:23-24
Psalms 34:20	None of His bones broken	John 19:36
Hosea 6:2; Psalms 16:10	His body not to decompose	Acts 2:30-31
Psalms 24:7-10	Would ascend	I Peter 3:22
Zechariah 6:12, 13	Would be our priest in Heaven	Heb. 8:1

maining in favor with the Jews, for they have not joined with, or accepted the Paganized teaching of modern Christianity emanating from Rome, or attending missions.

He is our Messiah and is soon to return and deliver "Israel," and all adopted Gentile children who have become Jews according to Romans 2:28, 29 also, Galatians 3:26 to 29.

"The Lord gave the WORD and GREAT was the company of them that PUBLISHED it." Psalms 68:11. We have our own complete printing establishment, and are putting out tracts by the hundreds of thousands all over the world in many languages reviving this ancient faith, as we prepare for the soon return of our Messiah to be King of the world.

When without prejudice we prayerfully consider the following evidence, we find it to be also overwhelming proof of our Messiah having already come.

He was to come as a child (Isaiah 9:6, 7) to grow up as a son. Born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2. To grow up as a tender plant and to be despised. Isaiah 53:1, 2. Taken from prison to judgment, as a lamb, made an offering for sin, Isaiah 53:7 to 10; given a portion with the great, verse 11. Ascended to Heaven.

Thirty-nine years ago the writer visited the place just freshly excavated where he fed the 5000 with five loaves and two fishes (Matt. 14:17 to 21). It is just north of the sea of Galilee. At that time it was owned by an Arab to whom I paid a little money to see it. There were no buildings there then. It had just been discovered. I saw the pictures of the five loaves and two fishes in mosaic on the floor of the old synagogue, also the baskets full of fragments, and a picture of the building. I took pictures as it was then, and still have them. It has been changed much however, since the Catholics took over there.

Never has there lived such a miracle man, a Jew born of the seed of David, whom the Romanized Christians

These prophecies were all given 500 to 1,000 years before they were fulfilled, and could not possibly have been counterfeited by any imposter. So amazing is this miracle of the pre-written life of our Messiah, as we see it fulfilled in the New Testament, that one instinctively leaps at the conclusion that THE HAND THAT DREW THE IMAGE IN PROPHECY also MOLDED THE PORTRAIT IN HISTORY. He is the only person ever born into this world whose ancestry, forerunner, birth-time, birth-place, birth-manner, infancy, manhood, teaching, character, career, preaching, reception, rejection, death, burial, resurrection and ascension were all pre-written in the most marvellous manner centuries before He was born.

Millions have died for Him, while millions of others have lived and witnessed the satisfying peace and lasting joy they have found in accepting Him as their friend and Saviour, and receiving the Holy Spirit He sends into all who are baptized in His name. This Holy Spirit will whisper His invitation to you as He knocks at the door of your heart. When being baptized, perform this ceremony in the Name of Yahshua ha Messiah, and you will receive a spiritual blessing.

Abraham accepted the offering our Creator provided, and the life of his son Isaac was saved. Israel rejected the offering the Creator provided for her, and she was lost, carried away in exile. The birth of this child (Isa. 7:14, and 9:6, 7) was no greater miracle than the birth of Isaac when Sarah was past the age.

Those who accept him as their Messiah born in Bethlehem, receive baptism in His name are better Jews than before, and should not separate from the synagogues or from their Jewish brethren, but teach them to also pray in His name, and thus receive the Holy Spirit, according to the promise. There are many now in Israel, and also among the Rabbis who have accepted Him as their Messiah, but remain Jews, and are known as Jews re-

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no difference whether we are prostituting the worship of God under the mother or the daughters, the voice from heaven says, we are become "the habitation of devils and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev. 18:2).

In order that Jesus "might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5: 27) another voice is heard from heaven saying "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18: 4) the wrath of God. (Rev. 15: 1) which every one who worships at the pagan shrine of spiritual prostitution, must drink. (Rev. 14: 9-10, also 16:21).

We plead with all who have "committed whoredom," (Hosea 4: 17-18) to return to their God of salvation.

"THE FEAST OF DEDICATION," instead of Christmas, is gift time in Israel. It commemorates the cleansing of the Sanctuary by Judas Maccabees 1166 B.C., after exactly 2300 sacrifices had been missed. There was an evening and morning sacrifice, of two each day. Why not fall in line with Jerusalem and Israel instead of Rome?

See Acts 20: 28; 1 Cor. 10: 32; also 15: 9; and Ephesians 3: 14, 15; also read carefully John 17: 6, 11, 12, 26.

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THE ORIGIN AND CHARACTER OF SUNDAY, EASTER, AND CHRISTMAS.

WELL-MEANING CHRISTIANS

No doubt there are many well-meaning Christian people, who have been taught, and therefore believe that Easter, Christmas and Sunday are Biblical institutions, established by Christ, and kept by his apostles, and hence are very sacred

It is not our intention in this article to unsettle any of God's children on what is truth, or bring undue unhappiness to such as are enjoying their religious belief; but as true happiness only comes to "the man whom God correcteth," (Job 5:17) and who does not get "weary of his correction," (Prov 3:11.) therefore let us ever be ready to receive correction, "for whom the Lord loveth He correcteth." (Prov 3:12)

SEMRAMIS

Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod, became a great queen, and in order that the people would love her, she told them that she would take possession of the moon after she died just as her husband Nimrod had taken possession of the sun

Semiramis never married again after the death of Nimrod, but a few years after the death of her husband she gave birth to a son, on the 25th day of December. This son they called Tammuz. This great queen Semiramis, claimed that the spirit of the sun, her husband Nimrod was the father of Tammuz.

TAMMUZ

Tammuz was considered as the son of the sun. The first letter of his name T was ever afterwards considered the symbol of sun worship

Sun worshippers sacrificed their human offerings to the sun god, upon a wooden cross, the initial letter T of the name Tammuz.

Tammuz was a great hunter like his supposed father Nimrod. But while yet quite a young man he was killed by a wild boar, in the spring of the year. This caused much

weeping throughout the whole kingdom. The forty days before the time of the celebration for the moon were set apart as days for weeping for Tammuz. Especially did the women take the lead in this weeping for Tammuz during these forty days.

SUN WORSHIP

The origin and character of sun-worship was, is, and always will be pagan. By whatever name or under whatever form the sun was worshipped, there was always a female divinity associated with it. As the sun was the great god, the supreme lord, and as he exerted his most glorious powers in reproduction, it was held to be the most acceptable worship for his devotees so to employ themselves and their powers. Consequently prostitution was the chief characteristic of all sun-worship wherever found.

When God established His worship with the children of Israel in the very midst of the sun-worshipping nations round about, He required of them to make the door of their Temple always toward the east, in order that all who worshipped the Lord would in so doing turn their backs upon the sun and its worship; and that whoever joined in the worship of the sun had first to turn his back upon the Lord. But even though the Lord was so careful in His dealing with His children, yet Israel did apostatize from Him, turn their backs towards the Temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they did worship the sun toward the east. Ezek. 8:16.

Sunday came from this sun-worship and was dedicated to the sun god. It was on this day that the worst sun-worship features were practiced. The origin and character of Sunday, like sun-worship was, is, and always will be pagan. No matter how this child of paganism is dressed up so to make it look christian, it is pagan in both origin and character. Sunday is the wild, solar holiday of all pagan times

The Lord has given His children a rest day. He has finished the earth with the fullness thereof and made a Sabbath rest for the children of man. "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had

rested from all his work which God created and made." Gen. 2:3. Of this day He says it is "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Ex. 20:8-11. Why not do the thing the Lord tells us to do, and when He wants to do it?

Sunday laws are a natural out growth of sun-worship and Sunday. It is claimed that Sunday laws would make the world better, and bring in the everlasting Kingdom of God. But no matter what the claims may be, Sunday laws always were, and always will be a scourge of persecution to the people of God. Sun-worship, Sunday, and Sunday laws, are carved out of the same pagan block.

CHRISTMAS

To ancient as well as modern pagan thinkers, the key to the hidden secret of the origin and preservation of the universe, lay in the mystery of sex. Two energies or agents, one an active and generative, the other a feminine, passive, or susceptible one, were everywhere thought to combine for creative purposes; and heaven, and earth, sun, and moon, day, and night, were believed to co-operate to the production of being. Therefore all paganism is nothing else but nature worship in some form or another, and in all such false religions the deepest and most awe-inspiring attribute of nature was its power of reproduction.

Nimrod, as claimed, had taken possession of the sun. His wife, Semiramis, was the Queen of heaven, taking possession of the moon. The spirit of the sun, Nimrod, came to visit his wife Semiramis, the spirit of the moon, who conceived and gave the world Tammuz, on the 25th day of December. As the sun and the moon so this Tammuz was born in such a mysterious way through the great gods, the sun and the moon, so that the evergreen played its part to represent the wooden cross which the first letter T in his name placed before its worshippers.

When Christ came as the real promised seed to bruise the serpent's head, Gen. 3: 15, Tammuz, was here with his title to the promise. Since the date of Christ's birth was not known, so that God's children would not practice idol-

atry upon that day, Satan placed into the Christian church the day of Tammuz, December 25th, as the birthday of Christ, and the Bishops of the church accepted it, with all its Christmas presents and jocularities and revelry and drunkenness. The giving of the presents was a heathen custom. The Yule-tree and the Yule-log are remains of the old Teutonic nature worship. Jeremiah 10: 15.

No church can encourage Christmas and its spirit without going to the rocks. It is a part of sun-worship and must be given up by the Remnant People of God.

EASTER

To honour Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod, or moon goddess they set aside a time in honour of the moon goddess. This time was to extend from the first full moon after the vernal equinox, or the twenty-first of March until the first Sunday after this full moon.

Christ came, the true Passover lamb, and was killed on the date when the passover lambs were killed, the 14th day of the month Nisan or Abib (Ex. 12: 6; 13: 4) without regard to the day of the week. But Satan was ready to help the Christian church out in their dilemma for harmony. Easter Sunday was accepted as a Christian institution, and with it came all its heathen customs. "The cakes to the queen of heaven (Jer. 44: 28) became the hot cross buns. The forty days of weeping for Tammuz became Lent, and at the close of Lent came Easter Sunday.

What an insult and blasphemous exchange of this is! Could humanity bring any greater of-

fense to God and His dear Son than to offer Him such pagan substitutions? Sunworship, Sunday laws, Christmas, Easter, and Halloween, etc., are pagan in origin and character. These things came to us branded with the mark of paganism and christened with the name of the sun god, when adopted and sanctified by the papal apostasy bequeathed as a sacred legacy to fallen Protestantism.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

JOHN: "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation." Rev. 14:9-10.

JOHN: "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having, the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Rev. 15:1.

The warning of the third angel is against the worship of the beast and his image. All such as give homage or reverence unto the mandates of this image, shall drink "the wrath of God," which we find to be "the seven last plagues."

This beastly power "commands us to keep holy," Sunday, Christmas and Easter. To give homage or reverence unto these mandates of the beast, is the very worship against which we are warned in the third angel's message. No man can claim he is worshipping God while he himself is still banqueting in the balance concerning the mandates of the beast and his image. No church can claim to be giving the third angel's message, while the leaders and laity are trying to bolster up any of the mandates of the beast or his image.

For its outward form and expression, the idolatry of the beast and his image, in these mandates, have always centered in the sun. And as the Lord God wants a clean cut worship, free from any and all such pagan customs,

we would call unto the saints of God to flee for their lives.

Under this theory, the worship of the sun, as represented by these mandates of the beast and his rider, was set up by a system of direct opposition to the worship of God. The Lord therefore brings this pagan theory and the whole scheme carried on under this theory, to such a test as to demonstrate the true character in His saints. The Controversy between the Worship of the beast and his image, is on, and the spirit of Elijah the prophet, which was to come again in these last days, is calling unto us "HOW LONG HAIT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? IF THE LORD BE GOD FOLLOW HIM: BUT IF BAAL, (The Beast and his image) THEN FOLLOW HIM." 1 Kings 18:21.

SUMMARY

We have found in this study that, no man or church, is giving the third angel's message while following in the path of pagan customs. The message is unto us, as it was to Israel of old. "How long halt ye between two opinions." All these pagan, insulting and blasphemous, remains of prostituted nature and sun-worship must go. EASTER and all pagan ceremonies under the cloak of Christ, connected with it most go. CHRIST-MASS and all the pagan ceremonies under the cloak of Christ, connected with it must go. The origin and character of these great pagan luminaries, no matter how they might be dressed up to disguise their real intent are contrary to the true worship of an eternal God.

Of any or all idolatry there is none so great as the idolatry which prostitutes the divine worship of the eternal God. And because this beastly power against which we are warned in the third angel's message, (Rev. 14:9-10) has prostituted the worship of God through these pagan rites and ceremonies, the rider thereof, is called "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev 17:5.

This rider of the beast is a mother and in her footsteps the daughters are prostituting the worship of God. It makes

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DEATH IN THE KITCHEN

says in **verse 28**, will no longer misrepresent this lesson, but will teach it as Peter tells us to teach it.

Another fact worth noting here is that this was eight years after Pentecost and Peter says, "I have never eaten anything common or unclean". Verse 14. Surely, if the swine had been cleansed by the shed blood on Calvary, as many claim, Peter would have known it and would not have been abstaining from eating the unclean meats for these eight years.

Another text frequently used is found in 1 Timothy 4:3-5. It says the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some will forbid people to marry, and command them to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving. Every creature of God is good and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified (or set apart), by the Word of God and prayer.

Many honestly believe that they sanctify swines flesh through prayer and make it clean. But notice just what it says here. It says it is sanctified (set apart) by the WORD of GOD. Now what meats are set apart by the Word of God and what meats were created to be received? In this text we have two positive statements, that it is the meat **CREATED TO BE RECEIVED**, and the other is the meats **SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD OF GOD**. The word "sanctify", means to set apart for holy use. The unclean animals were never created to be received for food neither are they sanctified (set apart) by the Word, for food. In the previous scripture given in Leviticus 11th ch., it is very easy to learn the meats that were set apart by the Word of God for food, and those created to be received. Let us not wrongly interpret these scriptures.

"And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and he cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you".

Leviticus 11:7

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The United States Medical Association, has sent out many broadcast warnings about the danger of eating swines flesh. A Post Mortem examination showed Trichina in the bodies of 75 per cent of dead people over 60 years of age in a certain large city of America, and this city was no exception. Others were supposed to rate just as high.

All pork (swines flesh) is infested with a small serpent like worm so small that they cannot be seen without a strong magnifying glass. These worms are called "Trichina". In different ways, when pork is used, they get into the human body, and lodge in some organ, bring on a diseased condition and death, which occurs sometimes after a few months or weeks, and sometimes causes a lingering illness.

One writer describes the case of a sufferer in these words, — "An intelligent lady, a teacher in the public schools, who died of this horrible disease in consequence of tasting a single mouthful of uncooked sausage said to the writer, as she was panting for breath, after suffering untold agonies from myriads of those horrible parasites which were working their way through every fibre of her body: **WARN PEOPLE NOT TO EAT PORK!**"

These little worms get into the blood stream and are carried to all parts of the body. If they set up their breeding quarters in any organ, that person dies of that disease without mentioning its cause. It has been claimed by medical authorities in the U.S. that 50 percent of the deaths of people over 30 is caused by this infection.

In thousands of grocery stores in America they sell different kinds of meat along with the cheese. People pur-

chase cheese cut by the same knife and on the same block with the meat, which is contaminated. Then it is eaten without any cooking and the person takes the eggs and larva into their bodies. They even buy pork and smear it around in the dishes before cooking it and thus it is spread. The eggs are so very small fifty of them in one lump cannot be seen with the naked eye. It is almost impossible to detect them and if the truth were known they are to be found in every piece of pork. It is said that cooking thoroughly, will destroy the larva and eggs, but they have been found to be fertile after rendering the lard from the fat. From time to time we read of entire families having been wiped out by this dreaded disease.

Dr. Owen S. Parret, who has made an extensive study of diseases in food animals, declares:

"Anciently unusual medical knowledge was given the Hebrews through the prophet Moses. Referring to him Virchow, known as 'the Father of Modern Pathology,' said, 'Moses was the greatest hygienist the world has seen.' Depending upon revealed knowledge and possessing no scientific equipment, Moses taught in its essentials nearly every principle of hygiene now practiced. Among them we find disease prevention, disinfection by fire and water, epidemic control by reporting and isolation of communicable disease or its carriers followed by thorough disinfection of all possibly contaminated articles. Personal cleanliness was enjoined, and sewage disposal was enforced, so that the Jewish camp was as clean as a modern city. Though exercise was provided, overwork was guarded against by frequent forced periods of rest and relaxation."

"Very rigorous food inspection was carried out by the priests who served as medical officers. We still go to Moses as authority for the clean and unclean meats. Moses forbade the use of both swine's flesh and shellfish; and it may be pertinent to remark that the Gentile world which largely ignores these health rules, shows an estimated occurrence of trichina infection among adults in the United

States, of an alarmingly high percent.

After man sinned there was a curse brought forth upon the earth, and the earth produced thorns and briars, we are told. Also there was death. Then there needed to be buzzards, vultures and pigs for scavengers to eat up the rotten flesh of things that died. The pig is a scavenger. It has four canals one running down each leg with the outlet in the bottom of the foot. When this outlet gets stopped up the pig gets down in the back and can't walk. I well remember my folks calling an animal doctor when I was a boy at home to see what was the matter with the hogs, as they had a big pen full of them. It had been a long spell of rain and the mud was thick. This outlet had got clogged up with mud. When the veterinarian saw them, he knew at once what was wrong. He dug the dirt and mud out of this outlet, and the matter and puss squirted out in a stream. When eating pork the puss in these canals is eaten too, as food.

Hogs are scavengers, created for that purpose. Strychnine will not kill them. They eat poison and it passes off in this way. A rattlesnake infested patch of hills in the western part of the U.S.A., not so far from where we lived, was cleaned up by fencing and turning in a bunch of swine. Bell Isle between Michigan and Canada, was also infested with rattlesnakes, a very poisonous snake, and it was cleaned up the same way. The hog is a product of the curse, and by nature scavengers like the buzzard and vulture.

When I was a young man at home with the folks, there were three women, shown in the accompanying photo all members of our religious group known as "The Church of God". They abstained from eating pork. Everyone else ate it because they wrongly interpreted certain scriptures, as many honest people do today. I always believed there must be a reason for the Creator setting the swine aside as unclean for food. I wondered many times if it were possible that the eating of forbidden food shortens the lives of people.

I watched these three women for many years, and as time went on all the men and women of that neighborhood died from early fifties to middle sixties. These three women were all that were living of our aged people in that whole neighborhood for miles around.

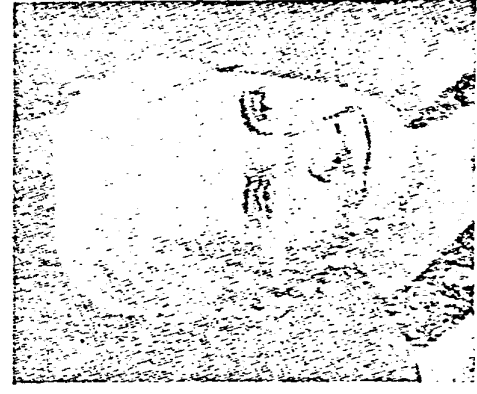
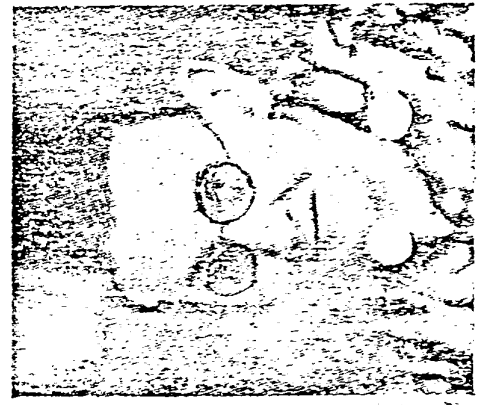
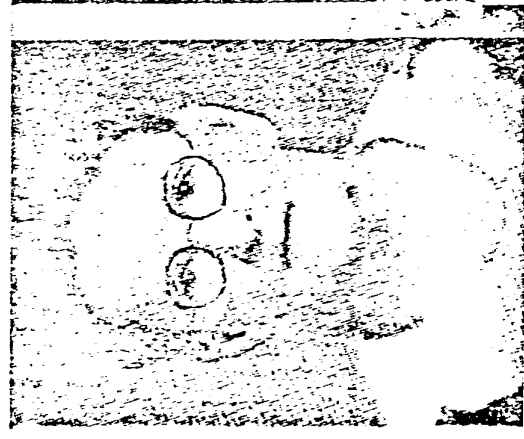
Twenty five more years passed by, and behold they were still living, going strong and enjoying life. My mother to the left and Aunt Jennie McCance, center my Father's sister, both lived well into the nineties, and Sister Jane Childs, as we called her, to the right lived to over 100 years. The age of 104. I became fully convinced by this and by the following scripture found in Isaiah 66:15-17 as follows, "For behold the Lord will come with fire and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire

and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh, and he shall slay of the Lord shall be many. They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the garden behind one tree eating swines flesh and the abomination and the mouse shall be consumed together, saith the LORD".

This text is future but near at hand, when He will render His anger with flames of fire.

It says that the people eating swines flesh stand behind one TREE. A tree symbolizes a person. Jeremiah 17:8, Psalms 1:3. Many Gentiles stand behind their pastor, who misunderstands the scripture and mis-applies it, as the following fully explains.

Others single out a person who eats the swine and still lives to an old age. They stand thus behind one person and go on eating what the Creator said was not good.



Left to right - The Editor's Father, Elder A.F. Dugger, both lived well into their nineties and Mrs. Jane Childs a neighbor and life long friend of the former, and also a Sister in the church, lived to the age of 104. Right - The Editor's mother Mrs. Virginia Bell Dugger - Lipincott, Mrs. Jennie McCance (Aunt Jennie as we knew her), a Sister in the church, lived to the age of 104.

There are a very few people, maybe one out of a thousand that will not be seriously affected, just like a flock of chickens. A disease comes among them and perhaps a half dozen will not take it. The same with cattle sometimes one or two from a large herd will not take a disease that all the others have.

You can find old people who went through a war, and were not hurt. Are we to assume from this that war is not dangerous to life? Just so with eating the swine, one gets through while ten thousand die prematurely.

You select out ten people in any community around 60 years old who eat the pig. Then select ten who do not eat it. Go away and come back in ten years and you will be convinced. Most of one class will be dead while most of the others will be living. This has been tried out many times.

For Those Who Read The New Testament

How terrible is the curse, and in a land where they profess to know the Creator and believe the Bible, yet by taking certain texts in the New Testament, without the correct application and meaning, they find an excuse for eating that which the all wise Creator told us was unclean. Millions are paying dearly for this as they make good business for the undertaker.

One of the texts is where the Master in speaking about washing and not washing of hands said, "Not that, that entereth into the mouth defileth the man, but that which proceedeth from the heart". Even drunkards misuse this text, and many who take poison to commit suicide find in it an excuse.

It was spoken of concerning the coming Messiah that "He would magnify the law and make it honorable". Isa. 42:21. He did magnify it. He said, "He that looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart". Adam and Eve had sinned even before they plucked the forbidden fruit. They were sinners when

they had it in their hands before eating it. It was not the going into the mouth that defiled them but the defilement proceeded from the heart. It is just the same today."

The command was given to Noah after the flood to "Kill and eat". There was a surplus supply prepared, for all vegetation was destroyed. It was necessary for them to eat, but as the clean beasts entered the Ark by sevens, while the unclean were taken by twos. Gen. 7:2, it was not intended for Noah to eat the unclean ones. Therefore the very nature of the animal was such that it was not fit for food long before the days of Moses, when definite laws were made regarding food.

In the 11th chapter of Leviticus it is very clearly given what kind of flesh was intended for food, and the kind that was unclean. There are, however, certain texts in the New Testament that people wrongly interpret, like the one mentioned above.

Another text which is taken for an excuse to eat the swine is found in Acts 10th chapter, where the apostle Peter was shown in vision a sheet let down from heaven with all manner of four footed animals, and a voice said to him, "Arise Peter. Kill and eat. What God hath cleansed call thou not common". It is claimed that the swine and all kinds of unclean creatures were cleansed, and can therefore be eaten as good food without danger to ones health. This is man's interpretation of the intention of the vision but in verse 28 we have the Spirit's interpretation. Peter says, "God hath SHOWN ME that I should call NO MAN, (not the animals) common or unclean". So ear reader, let us believe what Peter says about it, and not some man's statement contrary to the scripture.

Peter was undergoing a test as to whether he should go in among Gentiles or not as you will gather from reading the chapter. This was the way the Father chose to show him that all men were the same and the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Gentile had been broken down. Those led by the Spirit after knowing what it

The poor man — the Gentile. (Ephesians 2:11;12), — "Wherefore remember that ye being in times past Gentiles in the flesh That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world".

Here we have Israel spoken of as wealthy (the rich man) and the Gentiles having no hope and without God. The next verse (Verse 13) says they are made nigh by the blood of Christ. In (Romans 6:10, 11), it speaks of the Gentiles as follows: — "For in that he died, he died unto sin once Wherefore reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God. This is how the poor man, (the Gentiles), died, and then they are received into the family of Abraham. (Gal. 3:27 to 28) reads: "For as many of you as have been baptised unto Christ, have put on Christ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Hence when the Gentile die in this way they are received into the bosom of Abraham. as was the poor man, who in this parable ate the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, the Jewish table, "for to them were committed the oracles of God". (Rom. 3:1, 2).

In (Eph. 2:14), we read of the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Gentile, just as it is spoken of here in (Luke 16:26), as a gulf fixed so that one cannot pass to the other, in the parable. Also the rich man, the Jew, says he has five brethren (Verse 28), which refers to the five religious sects among the Jews at that time, viz. the Pharisees, Saducees, Herodians, Essenes and Nazarites.

The last two verses of this parable again show that it pertains to the Jews and that these five brethren were Jews, for it says, "because they would not hear Moses, neither would they be persuaded if one rose from the dead, and they were not persuaded after the resurrection, of Christ who did rise from the dead.

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HELL, WHAT AND WHERE IS IT?

MT. ZION REPORTER

From letters and literature I have been receiving at my desk, it seems that reports are being circulated among certain classes that the Reporter and its staff does not believe in hell. One minister recently wrote a very sarcastic letter, deriding us considerably, because he said we did not believe in "Hell-Fire". His remarks indicated that by removing the fear of "Hell-Fire", we were encouraging people to sin and lead ungodly lives.

This minister, however, should understand that it is not fear, but love that leads people to repentance and to salvation. When people are taught fully about our loving Creator, what He has prepared for such creatures as us, and all about His beautiful character and attributes of goodness and love, this brings people to genuine repentance and salvation. Notice the following texts. .

"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance". - Romans 2:4.

"Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation". - II. Cor. 7:10.

"This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous." I John 5:3.

During a testimony meeting, while I was engaged in evangelistic work in the U.S.A., I remember well of a woman rising in the audience, and saying, — "I thank God that I am a Hell scared Christian." This woman like thousands of others taught by ministers ignorant of the foregoing scripture has missed the joy of real salvation. Prompted by the knowledge of the goodness of our loving Creator. To know Him best is to love Him most. And when one learns of having disobeyed Him, and walked in sin, contrary to His will, they are sorry for their past life of disobedience, and thus — "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." -II. Cor. 7:10. The Reporter and its staff all believe in heaven and hell, which we will tell you about later.

THE TRUE CHARACTER OF OUR CREATOR

In more than 200 scripture we are told that our Creator is a merciful being. - "Be ye therefore merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful." - Luke 6:36. He is rich in mercy. -Eph. 2:4. His mercy is great above the heavens. -Psalms 108:4. See also Psalms 130:7; 90:14; and 118:64, etc., etc. This page could be covered with similar scripture. That He is a merciful, loving, compassionate

dutiful in paying the preachers salary and keeping the expenses of the church the Creator is responsible for it. He made it, planned it, and fashioned it, because of a cherished hate and savage desire for vengeance, and craving for such heathenish amusement as wails and cries of millions upon millions of these unfortunate creatures. This devilish teaching stems from remote heathenism, invented for the one purpose of gain, prompted by the "love for money."

This writing in defence of the character of our Heavenly Father came very definitely to the writer one whole night here on my bed in Jerusalem. My sleep broke from me, and all of these horrible and unjust accusations, with which the minds of the whole world are poisoned, weighed so heavy on me, that I could not sleep. I was impressed over and over that I must do something in His defense, and remove this infamous and disgraceful slander against His majestic, noble and loving character as set forth in the Bible.

PURGATORY

Purgatory a supposedly lake of fire where sinners and others are declared to go for purification, etc., and their length of stay depends on the prayers of the priests, who claim to have the power to pray them out, and get them through to the other side safely. The priests of the Roman Church charge immense sums from the rich for getting their loved ones out quickly and thus lessening their suffering.

The Protestant Clergy, teach also that "Hell" is, a lake of fire where conscious, people suffer, but instead of these clergymen praying the sinners out for a price, they increase their congregations, and keep the people supporting their ministry. If they do not, and lose interest and their membership in the church, they are sure to go to Hell and suffer the pangs of torment forever. In both cases this devilish, erroneous and unscriptural doctrine is used for mercenary interests. Many of the clergy care little for thus defaming and debasing the character of the Almighty, putting Him lower than the most depraved and savage villain of mankind. There is no human scoundrel so cruel and pitiless as to burn and torture another human with fire for 30 days and say nothing about eternity. Remember the scriptures teach us that it is the goodness of God that leads people to repentance, and the Love of God that prompts obedience, and not the emphasis of a brutal monster more depraved than our worst criminals.

being. The definition to the word "Mercy", as given in Webster's dictionary is, - "Pity, favor. A refraining from harming or punishing offenders, enemies or persons in ones power. Kindness in excess of what may be demanded as fairness."

If I were standing before this great audience of Reporter readers, and should ask you all to raise your hands who believed that the Creator is a merciful being, I am sure you would all quickly raise your hands. Every person who believes in the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures would do so in view of the hundreds of texts repeating over and over that He is merciful loving and good.

Here in Jerusalem we often see donkeys pulling carts filled with vegetables from the market, and suppose one of these donkeys would become unruly, and run away, scattering vegetables down the street. Then in punishment the owner would tie the animals head to a post and stretch out his hind feet to another post, then put fire around its feet and gradually singe and burn it to death. Would this man be described in the papers as a loving merciful man, or would he be considered as a base, cruel savage?

The donkey might live a day or so in this slow torture, but death would finally end its suffering. Then for intelligent men and women to put our loving Creator down even lower and more brutal and cruel, because they say He has power to keep unfortunate boys, girls, men and women alive in a lake of fire torturing them forever. How can this be when He is repeatedly spoken of all through the Bible as a God of LOVE, a compassionate, merciful Father.?

I have received a number of tracts recently with pictures of a lake of fire, a place they call "Hell" with children and people of all ages wreathing in pain and agony, crying for mercy, and being thus torured, fried and singed month after month, year after year, day and night throughout all eternity. The Bible does not teach any such doctrine, as we shall prove later. Ministers should be ashamed of themselves to lower the character of our Creator below that of the most debased, cruel fiend or savage that ever lived. What does the Almighty think of such men calling themselves preachers, and leading millions of people to consider our Loving, Merciful Creator, a depraved inhuman savage villain lacking mercy or pity, who delights Himself in the pain, misery, torture and endless suffering of human beings of His own creation?

Should there be such a place as they delight in picturing to scare people into their churches and make them

"No murderer hath eternal life standing in his own name." - John 8:15.

ROBERT INGERSALL

In the "Life of Ingersall's Early Days", the story is told of what made him one of the most notorious infidels the world has ever known..... The Sunday School teacher told the class of children, that if they were not good children they would go to the lake of Hell Fire, and be tormented and tortured forever. He asked the teacher what that word meant, "Forever", and how long it would be. She gave this illustration. She said, "suppose a little bird would come from one of the stars, down here and take a pebble of sand and carry it up there once every year. You will be in Hell just as long as it would take that bird to carry this whole world up there to that star. Then he asked her who made this place of torment. She said it was God the Creator.

Little Robert, it is said, resolved to be an enemy to that God, and to His Book the Bible, as long as he lived, and he was. His books against the Bible are everywhere, and in many tongues. Thus this unscriptural defamation of our loving Creator has in this one case destroyed the faith and robbed countless thousands of their eternity.

It's a doctrine of lying deceitful robbery. Used to swindle widows and orphans to feather the nests of priests and clergymen. It is made to thrive on the wrong interpretation of certain texts or scriptures, which when so interpreted involves the whole Bible, in direct contradictions, also destroying the faith of honest intelligent souls, giving birth to thousands of infidels.

Frightening people to join the church, and remain loyal to the work of the Master is just the opposite to His teaching, and gives birth to church members, but not to born again Christians. . .

THE FATE OF THE WICKED

Here are just a few of the many scriptures describing the final fate and end of the wicked. "But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs. They shall consume into smoke, shall they consume away." -Psalms 37:20.

"While they are drunken as drunkards they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry." -Nahum 1:10.

"All the proud and all that do wickedly shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD OF HOSTS, and shall leave them neither root nor branch They shall be ashes under the soles of your feet." Malachi 4:1-3.

"Yea, they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been." -Obadiah 1:16.

"They shall be punished with everlasting destruction." -II. Thes. 1:9.

I wonder what these "Eternal Torment Preachers" who claim to believe all of the Bible, are going to do with such scriptures as these? Why do they never use them in their sermons? The answer is obvious. They teach that the wicked have eternal life in Hell, which many of them know is a lie. Eternal life only comes through the presence of the Holy Spirit in the person. Life and death are opposite terms. Eternal life for the righteous and death for the wicked, stated over and over, throughout the scriptures, hundreds of times.

A correct understanding of this subject is almost a necessity to Christian steadfastness. For centuries it has been the teaching of "orthodoxy," of all shades, that God, before creating man, had created a great abyss of fire and terrors, capable of containing all the billions of the human family which he purposed to bring into being and this abyss he had named Hell; and that all of the promises and threatenings of the Bible were designed to deter as many as possible (a "little flock") from such wrongdoing as would make this awful place their perpetual home.

Christian people have so long been taught that the foundation of this awful blasphemy against God's character and government is deep laid and firmly in the Word of God — the Bible — and consequently, to whatever degree their belief in Hell is shaken, to that extent their faith in the Bible, as the revelation of the true God, is shaken also, but the Bible does not teach any such thing when rightly understood.

"HELL" IS AN ENGLISH WORD!

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and the New Testament in Hebrew and Greek. The word Hell is an English word sometimes selected by the translators of the English Bible to express the sense of the Hebrew word sheol and the Greek words hades and gehenna, and tartaroo.

The word Hell in old English usage simply meant to conceal, to hide, or to cover; hence the concealed, hidden or covered place. In old English literature records are found of the helling of potatoes — putting potatoes into pits; and of the helling of a house — covering or thatching it. The word Hell was therefore properly used synonymously with the words grave and pit, to translate the words sheol and hades, as signifying the secret or hidden condition of death.

The Hebrew word sheol occurs sixty-five times in the Old Testament. In the King James Version it is translated hell thirty-one times, grave thirty-one times, and

put three times. If the translators of the Revised Version had been thoroughly disentangled from error, they would have done more to help the English student than merely to substitute the Hebrew word sheol and the Greek word hades as they have done. They should have translated the words. But they gave us sheol and hades untranslated, and thus permitted the inference that these words mean the same as the word Hell has become perverted to mean. Yet anyone can see that if it was proper to translate the word sheol thirty-one times grave and thirty-one times hell, it could not have been improper to so translate it in every other instance.

A peculiarity to be observed in comparing these cases, as we will shortly do, is that in those texts where the torment idea would be an absurdity the translators of the King James Version have used the words Grave or Pit; while in all other cases they have used the word Hell and the Reader long schooled in the idea of torment, reads the word Hell and thinks of it as signifying a place of torment, instead of the grave the hidden or covered place or condition. For example compare Job 14:13 with Psa. 86:13. The former reads: "O, that thou wouldst hide me in the grave (sheol)," etc. while the latter reads, "Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell (sheol)." The Hebrew word being the same in both cases, there is no reason why the same word grave should not be used in both. But how absurd it would have been for Job to pray to God to hide him in a hell of eternal torture!

As before noted, the word hell occurs thirty-one times in the Old Testament, and in every instance it is sheol in the Hebrew. It does not mean a lake of fire and brimstone, nor anything at all resembling that thought; not in the slightest degree! Quite the reverse; instead of a place of blazing fire, it is described in the context as a state of "darkness" (Job 10:21); instead of a place where shrieks and groans are heard, it is described in the context as a place of "silence" (Psa. 115:17); instead of representing in any sense pain and suffering, or remorse, the context describes it as a place or condition of "forgetfulness." (Psa. 88:11,12). "There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, in the grave (sheol) whither thou goest." — Eccl. 9:10.

The meaning of Sheol is, "the hidden state," as applied to man's condition in death, in and beyond which is all hidden, except to the eye of faith; hence, by proper and close association, the word was often used in the sense of grave -- the tomb, the hidden place, or place beyond which only those who have the enlightened eye of the understanding can see resurrection, restitution of being. And be it particularly noted that this identical word she-

ol is translated grave thirty one times and pit twice times in our common Version by the same translation more times than it is translated hell; and twice are it seemed so absurd, according to the present accepted meaning of the English word hell, that scholars have felt it necessary to explain in the margin of modern Bibles that it means grave. (Isa. 14:9 and Jonah2:2). In the latter case, the hidden state, or grave, was the belly of the whale which Jonah was buried alive, and from which he cried to god.

THIRTY-ONE TEXTS IN WHICH SHEOL IS TRANSLATED HELL

Duet. 32:22 -- "For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn in the lowest hell." (A figurative representation of the destruction, the utter ruin, of Israel as a nation -- "wrath to the uttermost," as the Apostle called it, God's anger burning that nation to the "lowest deep," as Leeser here translates this word sheol -- I Thess. 2:16.

II Sam. 22:6 -- margin -- "The cords of hell compassed me about." (A figure in which trouble is represented as hastening one to the tomb.)

Job 11:8 -- "It (God's wisdom) is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell (than any pit); what canst thou know?"

Job 26:6 -- "Hell (the tomb) is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering."

Psa. 9:17 -- "The wicked shall be (re) turned into hell (the condition of death), and all the nations that forget God." (That the application of this text belongs to the coming Age is evident, for both saints and sinners go into sheol or hades now. This scripture indicates that in the time when it applies, only the wicked shall go there.

In further proof of this, we find that the Hebrew word sheol, which in our text is translated turned, signifies turned back, as to a previous place or condition. Those referred to in this text have been either in sheol. If then they are wicked, they, all who forget God, shall be turned back or returned to sheol.

Psa. 16:10 -- "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (This refers to our Lord's three days in the tomb. Acts 2:31; 3:15).

Psa 18:5 -- margin -- "The cords of hell compassed me about." (As in II Sam. 22:6, trouble is represented as hastening on to the tomb.)

Psa. 55:15 -- Let them go down quick into the "hell"-margin, "the grave".

Ps. 136:13 — "Thou shalt deliver my soul from the
lov'ly." — Margin says the "grave".

Ps. 116:3 — "The sorrows of death compassed me,
and trouble at the figurative hands of the grave to
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me. I found
Ps. 139:8 — "If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou
art there." (God's power is unlimited; even over those in
the tomb he can and will exert it and bring forth all
that are in the grave. — John 5:28.)

Prov. 5:5 — "Her feet go down to death; her steps
take hold on hell" (i.e., lead to the grave).

Prov. 7:27 — "Her house is the way to hell (the grave),
going down to the chambers of death."

Prov. 9:18 — "He knoweth not that the dead are there,
and her guests are in the depths of hell." (The harlot's
guests are represented as dead, diseased, or dying, and
many of the victims of sensuality in premature graves
from diseases which hasten their posterity to the tomb).

Prov. 15:11 — "Hell and destruction are before the
Lord." (Here the grave is associated with destruction
and not with a life of torment)

Prov. 15:24 — "The path of life leadeth upward for
the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." (This
illustrates the hope of resurrection from the tomb.)

Prov. 23:14 — "Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and
shalt deliver his soul from hell" (i.e., correction will
save a child from vicious ways which lead to premature
death.

Prov. 27:20 — "Hell (the grave) and destruction are
never full: so the eyes of man are never satisfied."

Isa. 5:14 — "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself and
opened her mouth without measure." (Here the grave is
a symbol of destruction.)

Isa. 14:9 and 15 — "Hell (margin, grave) from beneath
is moved for thee, to meet thee at thy coming" . . .
"Thou shalt be brought down to hell" (the grave — so
rendered in verse 11).

Isa. 28:15-18 — "Because ye have said, We have made
a covenant with death, and with hell (the grave) are we
at agreement: when the overflowing scourge shall pass
through, it shall not come unto us, for we have made
lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid oursel-
ves: Therefore, saith the Lord . . . Your covenant with
death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell
(the grave) shall not stand." (God thus declares that
the present prevalent idea, by which death and the grave
represented as friends, rather than enemies, shall cease;
and men shall learn that death is the wage of sin, and
that is in Satan's power (Rom. 6:23; Heb. 2:14) and not
an angel sent by God.)

Isa. 27:2 — "And will increase thyself with wine . . .
(Here figurative of deep degradation.)

Ezek. 31:15-17 — "In the day when he went down to
the grave . . . I made the nations to shake at the sound
of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that
descend into the pit . . . They also went down into hell
with him, unto them that be slain with the sword." (Fig-
urative and prophetic description of the fall of Babylon
into destruction, silence, the grave.)

Ezek. 32:21 — "The strong among the mighty shall
speak to him out of the midst of hell with them
that help him." A continuation of the same figure, rep-
resenting Egypt's overthrow as a nation to join Babylon
in destruction — buried.)

Ezek. 32:27 — "And they shall not lie with the mighty
that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone
down to hell with their weapons of war: and they
have laid down their swords under their heads; but their
iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were
the terror of the mighty in the land of the living." (The
grave is the only hell where fallen ones are buried and
lie with their weapons of war under their heads.)

Amos 9:2 — "Though they dig into hell, hence shall
mine hand take them." (A figurative expression, but
certainly pits of the earth are the only hells men can dig
into.)

Jonah 2:1 and 2 — "Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord
his God, out of the fishes belly, and said, I cried by rea-
son of mine affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me;
out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou hearest my
voice." (The belly of the fish was for a time his grave -
see margin.)

Hab. 2:5 — "Who enlargeth his desire as hell (the
grave) and as death, and cannot be satisfied."

THIRTY-ONE TEXTS IN WHICH SHEOL IS TRANSLATED GRAVE, AND NOT HELL

Gen. 37:35 — "I will go down into the grave unto my
son."

Gen. 42:38 — "Then shall ye bring down my gray
hairs with sorrow to the grave." (See also the same ex-
pression in 44:29, 31. The translators did not like to
send God's servant, Jacob, to hell simply because his
sons were evil.) Therefore he put the word grave, for
Sheol.

I Sam. 2:6 — "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he
bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up."

I Kings 2:6, 9 — "Let not his hoar head go down
to the grave in peace . . . his hoar head bring thou down
to the grave with blood."

Job 7:9 — "He that goeth down to the grave."

Job 14:13—"O that thou wouldst hide me in the grave, thou wouldst keep me secret until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time, and remember me" (~~resurrect me~~)

Job 17:13—"If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness." (Job waits for resurrection — "in the morning.")

Job 21:13 — "They spend their days in mirth, and in a moment go down to the grave."

Job 24:19 — "Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned." (All have sinned, hence "Death passed upon all men," and all go down to the grave. But all have been deemed by "the precious blood of Christ"; hence all shall be awakened and come forth in God's due time—"In the morning."—Rom. 5:12, 18, 19.)

Psa. 6:5—"In death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"

Psa. 30:3 — "O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit." (This passage expresses gratitude for recovery from danger of death.)

Psa. 31:17—"Let the wicked be ashamed; let them be silent in the grave."

Psa. 49:14, 15—margin—"Like sheep they are laid in the grave: death shall feed on them; and the upright (the saints—Dan. 7:27) shall have dominion over them in the morning (the Millennial morning); and their beauty shall consume, the grave being an habitation to every one of them. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave."

Psa. 88:3—"My life draweth nigh unto the grave." Psa. 89:48 — "Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"

Psa. 141:7—"Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth."

Prov. 1:2—"Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit" (i.e., as of an earthquake, as in Num. 16:30-33).

Prov. 30:15, 16—"Four things say not, it is enough: the grave," etc.

Ecc. 9:10—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Song of Solomon 8:6—"Jealousy is cruel as the grave."

Isa. 14:11—"Thy pomp is brought down to the grave."

Isa. 38:10 — "I shall go to the gates of the grave; I am deprived of the residue of my years."

Isa. 38:18—"The grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit can-

Ezek. 31:15—"In the day when he went down the grave,"

Hosea 13:14—"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction. Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." (The Lord did not ransom any from a place of fire and torment, for there is no such place; but he did ransom all mankind from the grave, from death, the penalty brought upon all by Adam's sin, as this verse declares.)

THREE TEXTS IN WHICH SHEOL IS TRANSLATED PIT

Num. 16:31 to 33 — "If . . . They go down quick into the pit, then shall ye understand. . . The ground clave asunder that was under them, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They and all that appertained to them went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them; and they perished from among the congregation."

Job 17:16 — "They shall go down to the bars of the pit (grave) when our rest together is in the dust."

The three lists given foregoing include everyone of the sixty-five occurrences of the Hebrew word sheol in the Old Testament. From this examination it must be evident to all readers that God's revelations for four thousand years contain not a single hint of hell, such as the word is now understood to signify.

HELL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament, the Greek word hades corresponds exactly to the Hebrew word sheol. As proof see the quotations of the Apostles from the Old Testament, in which they render it hades. For instance, Acts 2:27, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell (hades)," is a quotation from Psa. 16:10, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell (sheol)." And in I Cor. 15:54 and 55, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave (hades), where is thy victory?" is an allusion to Isa. 25:8, "He will swallow up death in victory," and to Hos. 13:14, "O death I will be thy plagues; O grave (sheol). I will be thy destruction."

Those who love the Creator, and wish to remove from Him a slanderous stain of merciless cruelty, will gladly change their poisoned minds, and accept a

3 reasonable explanation, which also clears the
of otherwise numerous contradictions.

The foregoing is a plea in defense of the character of
our Creator, and we humbly beg that all of these preachers,
and everyone who reads the following, will, because of their
love for God be willing and happy to receive our interpretation
and thus remove this dishonorable and infamous slander from our Creator.

The Holy Scriptures being the product of the Holy Spirit,
speaking through inspired men, there cannot be contradictions
involved in the testimony. If so the Holy Spirit would be impeached
as a dependable witness from heaven, and all testimony thrown out
as commonly practised in our courts of justice when any witness contradicts his own testimony.

We ask the reader to prayerfully bear in mind these texts previously given in (Malachi chapter 4), that the wicked will be left neither root nor branch, but will be ashes under the soles of the righteous feet. Also Obadiah 1:16, that they will be as though they had not been, and II Thes. 1:9, that their punishment will be "everlasting destruction". Many more similar texts can be found.

THE CORRECT EXPLANATION OF APPARENT CONTRADICTORY TEXTS

While in America I have held many public discussions with ministers on this subject, and here is a text that everyone of them have ignorantly used in these debates. "And they went up on the breadth of the earth and compassed the camp of the saint and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the Devil that deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." Revelation 20:9,10.

They always told the people that this was the wicked sinners thus tormented, when it says plainly that it was the Devil that deceived them.

Here is my answer. Notice in verse nine in speaking of the wicked people it says: "FIRE CAME DOWN AND DEVoured THEM." It does not say this fire preserved them alive or tormented them forever, but "DEVoured THEM." The definition to "DEVOUR", is to "DESTROY AND MAKE A FULL END." Hence this scripture is in full harmony with all of the others relative to the ultimate fate of the wicked.

As to the "Devil", however this phrase, "Forever and Ever", in Hebrew has a limitation. It refers to the time the thing itself lasts. I might give some one a knife. They would say, "How long may I keep it?" I would say, "O, keep it forever." That means as long as the knife lasts.

This is the same meaning of the text regarding the Devil. But remember, it says that fire devours the wicked people which is in full harmony with the scripture.

Daniel 12:2, reads as follows: — "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt". This verse does not say everlasting torture, or everlasting suffering, as modern preachers interpret it. It says "everlasting contempt". Webster's Dictionary gives the following definition for the word "Contempt" — "The feelings or actions of a person toward something he considers low, worthless, or beneath notice". This simply means the feelings and actions of people toward the wicked, and has nothing to do with torture, or endless suffering of these wicked people. Let us leave it just as it is and believe just what it says, and not try to add something different, that defames the character of the Almighty.

Matthew 25:45 reads, — "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal". If the wicked were tormented and suffering forever in a Hell, they would also have eternal life. The reward to the righteous is "eternal life", but never was such a statement applied to the wicked. To the contrary we are told that: — "No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him". I John 3:5. Eternal life comes to the person only through the abiding presence of the indwelling of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, which no wicked person possesses, and they do not therefore have eternal life anywhere.

This text tells us that the wicked will have everlasting punishment, but it does not tell us what that punishment is. Other scripture, some of which has already been given tells us what this punishment is, and over and over tells us it is death.

If our courts had the power to kill a man and leave him dead for five years and then bring him back to life, his punishment would be five years. If they could sentence him to death for 50 years and then bring him back, his punishment would be fifty years. The wicked go into this kind of punishment forever. It is everlasting. They are to be "As though they had not been". — Mark 9:47,48, — "If thine eye offend thee pluck it out, it is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched".

If you have a Bible with references along the margin as many Bibles have, you will notice that there is a small figure by the word "Hell", which you trace to the margin, where it says "Gehenna". All Bible Diction-

will tell you that the word "Gehenna" is the name of the valley joining Jerusalem on the South. Known also as the valley of "Hinnom". It was in this valley where the garbage of the city was dumped, and also the bodies of Donkeys and camels, etc. Fires were constantly kept burning to consume them. While around the edge where the fire did not burn all of the flesh the maggots or worms were constantly eating that which remained. Look up the word "Gehenna" also in Webster's New World Dictionary. Here is what it says: — "The valley of Hinnom near Jerusalem where refuse was dumped and fires were kept continually burning to prevent pestilence hence a place of burning".

This is exactly what Christ referred to, and nothing more or less. He said: "Gehenna", and that is what you find in the Greek from which our English was translated.

When I lived in Jerusalem thirty years ago, the fires were still burning in this valley. Since that time, however, trucks have taken the place of the donkey and camel, which for thousands of years previous were used, and owing to the ground being so full of rock it was impossible to bury the carcasses of these animals, therefore they were disposed of in this way, in this very deep valley.

Luke 16: 19 to 31, — "The rich man and Lazarus". This is the scripture used most by the "Hell Fire Advocates", to put fear into the hearts of the people of eternal torment, thus lowering the character of the Almighty who is declared all through the scriptures to be a merciful, loving Creator.

They claim that this account of the rich man and Lazarus is a literal fact, and that it applies therefore to all of the righteous and the wicked people, who are all to be treated thus, but there is not a word said here about good or bad, or one being righteous and the other wicked, only one was rich and the other poor. Consequently if this is a literal fact, and not a parable, as it is set forth to be, this will be the fate of all rich men and the future of all poor men.

Furthermore if this describes the future for all of the righteous and the wicked as they claim, then Heaven and Hell are in seeing, and in speaking distance, and the unfortunate people in Hell will recognize their acquaintances in Heaven and beg them to come to Hell and help them. (verse 23). It says the rich man SAW Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham. Hence Heaven and Hell will be in seeing and speaking distance, surely Heaven would not be a pleasant place when the people that know you here would be begging you to come

down and cool their tongues in the flames. For more Abraham told Lazarus that those who would go from Heaven down to Hell to help them could not go there because a gulf was fixed between them. (Verse 26). So there would not be satisfaction or contentment in Heaven, because of the agony of the unfortunate people in Hell, Abraham said: — "They that would go cannot." hence people in Heaven wanted to go to Hell, but could not go.

This is a parable of the Jew and the Gentile as we shall here-in prove, and it is not a literal fact to reproach on the character of a wise and merciful Creator, and also destroy the pleasures of life eternal for the righteous, who would be called on by their acquaintances in Hell to come and help them.

To prove it is a parable, ch. 15: 1, says: — "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and the sinners to hear him". In Matthew 15: 34, we are told that he only spoke to the multitude in parables. Hence this was a parable for he was speaking to the multitude. In the beginning of ch. 16 we have the parable of the "Unjust Steward", which is generally understood and admitted to be a parable of the Jewish nation whose stewardship was taken from them. (Verse 3) says of this steward: — "I cannot dig, and to beg I am ashamed." The Jews in their dispersion all over the world after having lost their stewardship have not been diggers, that is, farmers, neither have they been beggars, but they have dealt in merchandise, and made friends of the mammon of riches, just as this parable sets forth.

Likewise in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man who died spiritually was the Jewish nation, and the poor man Lazarus, represents the Gentiles, and this we shall prove. The stewardship was taken from the Jewish nation, and they were: — "Led away captive into all nations". (Luke 21: 24). They have been under the fires of persecution, plundered and murdered. Destroyed in gas chambers, shot and imprisoned, during this whole period of Gentile times. The Lord said: — "I will scatter you among your enemies, and draw out the sword after you, punish you seven times more for your sins. (Lev. 26: 21 to 31). In (Ezra 9: 7). He said that they would be given "to the sword. to captivity, to the spoil, and to confusion". In (Deut. 32: 24), it reads concerning the Jews: — "They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning heat and with bitter destruction". This has all happened to them. They truly went into a world of punishment just as stated in the parable.