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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-8

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MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO

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When the Magi started on their uncertain journey following the Mysterious Star, the long pilgrimage stretched into months. A day's journey was about eight miles. After some centuries the horse became the agency of transportation, adding three or four times the distance covered by the caravan. When Andrew Jackson was president, it required three weeks to reach the White House from "The Hermitage" in Tennessee. This distance can be now made in as many hours as in then required days.

Columbus spent months in his little fleet crossing the Atlantic Ocean; the same distance is now covered in four days—same tides, same season. In the days of the Revolution, it would have taken eighteen months with good luck to travel across to the Pacific Ocean; the big "Limited" now requires less than five days, leaving the Grand Central to see the sun set at the Golden Gate. This transcontinental trip was made recently in twenty-seven hours. By the same aerial route, one may go around the world in less than ten days.

What of all this, what may we glean from these wonders passing strange? "Many shall run to and fro," said the sage of the Euphrates in the long ago. These words were spoken when Rome, the Eternal City, was in its swaddling clothes. Far away, under the silent stretches of the Orient, a man in touch with God, was allowed to see beyond the millenium into the blazing hours of the twentieth century. He saw what we are seeing: When the Anglo-Saxon people were savages, living in mud huts, eating raw meat, this Seer was sweeping the land-scapes of our America in apocalyptic realism.

What John saw on the Island of Patmos, Daniel saw amid the gilded scenes of Babylon. What they both saw has tremendous significance, when examined in the light of these pregnant days. These are times incompre-

sible—overwhelming; if we examine these days, under the microscopic powers of revelation, the mind is dazed by their potency, without laying claim to deep prophetic insight, we wish to gather only a few of the nuggets on the surface.

First, the Book of Daniel is related to the great body of truth recorded in the Old Testament, as the Book of Revelations is related to the New. Both have to do primarily with the things and happiness of the last days; or to be more literal—the "end of these days." Daniel gave us a keleidoscopic vision of the entire "Time of the Gentiles;" from the Golden head of the Babylonion Empire to the crumbling of the "feet of clay and iron." The four big Empires have come and gone as Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. We are undoubtedly approaching a culmination or a crisis in human history. Among the many things which Daniel saw that would obtain "in these days"—which are now these days—"Many shall run to and fro." These words were written just before God told him to close the book until the time of the end.

Second, we wish to make this observation of the caption of this discussion. For twenty-five centuries there appeared on the horizon of human achievements, not one indication of the fulfilment of this prophecy. The race struggled onward and upward—gaining in all lines of human betterment, but no improvement in travel and transportation. For more than two thousand years the horse and carriage bore man to and from his destinations, except the slow progress of winds and tides. No dreamer since the days of Christ saw any connection between Daniel's vision, and its fulfilment, until the recent decades. Behold the new era. Old things have passed away. A network of railroads in every state in the union. Scarcely any locality, but may be reached by rapid flying trains. When the Crusaders left Europe to rescue the Holy Sepulchre, it took a year to make the trip. We can now go from London to Jerusalem and Bagdad in a few days. Travel—it is the wonder of the age. Before the World War, in order to secure passage on any ocean liner, arrangements must be made a week

in advance. World travel has about resumed its pre-war record. Four thousand people took passage at New York each week during the past summer season. In the year 1921, there were as many railroad tickets sold in the United States as there are people in the world. Three hundred thousand people get on and off trains daily in New York. Fifty thousand in St. Louis. It is estimated that ten million people visit Atlantic City every year: one-tenth of the nation's population. Think of the thousands of other resorts visited by other millions.

Then, when we consider the commercial and industrial travellers, carrying men everywhere—even into the byways and remote regions, we can see how literally the vision of Daniel is being fulfilled before our eyes. "Many shall run to and fro." Again when we realize that all these things have occurred within the memory of the present generation—it becomes more significant and startling. Oh, many will say: "All this is the advanced civilization and we are only coming into our own as all these things are the unfolding of man's genius." This is man's day, and he wears the crown, and takes all the glory; but that does not alter the fact of prophecy. Daniel was recording scenes that were to obtain in the closing of the times of the Gentiles. Christ said that when the fig tree began to bloom and put out leaves, summer was at the door. Again we shall not dogmatize concerning those prophecies; but who will dare to deny their tremendous significance when they are being unfolded before our eyes in such convincing realism.

If our transportation facilities go forward with such leaps and bounds for another decade as the one just past, it can only give added emphasis to a truth that is rapidly becoming more obvious daily. To what climax is this mobilization of events moving? "Close the Book until the time of the end," was the charge given to the Seer. For twenty centuries these prophetic books have been closed; closed because the things written therein were sealed. Does it not seem that it is now being opened? "Many shall run to and fro."

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Rev. L. E. Williams, Wilmore, Ky., Evangelist. We are expecting a great meeting. Let there be united prayer on the part of the Saints everywhere.