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EDITORIAL

WHAT SHALL WE LOOK FOR NEXT?

In past years, and especially since the two recent world wars, there have been many books and pamphlets written on the second coming of Christ. Many of the writers have erroneously fixed the dates of His coming, and also tried to describe in detail our Lord's acts, and place of abode when He comes, which of course is all absurd because these things have not yet been revealed. But we think that our Lord and some of the apostles, especially Paul, did say things which tend to encourage us to watch for signs of His coming, and of the end of this world.

Jesus said when the trees put forth their leaves, ye know that summer is near; likewise when ye shall see all these things (things which he had spoken of, found in Matt. 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21) ye know that it, or He, (as some commentators say it should read), is near, even at the door. Also read what the Apostle Paul said on the subject. I. Thess. 5-1: But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you, for yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief, etc. Hence these scriptures imply that God's people whom Paul calls the children of light, should be able to discern by the things which are taking place in this world, perhaps at the present time, that the coming of Christ draweth near.

In the gospels which I mentioned above, our Lord prophesied of the coming of two great events, viz., the destruction of Jerusalem with the end of the Jewish constitution, and also of His second coming. It is not easy for the ordinary Bible reader to tell perhaps, just which event our Lord is referring to in all the things he says about them, for He seems to carry both prophesies along together. Nevertheless, we think that He said things which refer specifically to His coming back to earth again. He referred to His activity in social life. He said as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, etc.

He said also: There shall be distress of nations, with perplexity, etc. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.

He also spoke of conditions in the religious realm. He said because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. I will leave it to my readers to judge whether the foregoing conditions spoken of by our Lord obtain today.

I think that Bible readers will find it quite interesting to study the Book of Revelations in the light of the present war and international conditions, especially chapters 15 and 16, where John saw the seven angels with the seven vials filled with the wrath of God which they poured out upon the earth. As the angels one after another emptied their vials upon the earth and sea, certain results followed, which may refer to great calamities which God sent, or permitted to come upon the earth, or on certain nations in past ages, like the plagues of Egypt, or the destruction of Jerusalem, as well as some of the wars and plagues of modern times. I am especially interested now in the sixth angel who poured out his vial upon the river Euphrates, which seems to be near to the location of the world war of 25 years ago, and made some radical changes in international relations among those eastern countries. And John said that the waters of that great river were dried up, which might mean the waning power of some of the great religious denominations in those countries. The writer says that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared: Rev. 16-12. Or it might mean that paved the way for those eastern rulers to act in this present war. Note some results which followed the six plagues: "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet." Did it ever occur to you, friends, that these three unclean spirits might refer to Communism, Nazism and Fascism. Note where they came from—out of the mouth of, referring to the teaching of those religious powers in the east, which became so corrupt that multitudes of the common people rebelled against religion, and substituted these three anti-religious organizations, known as above named. Note also Rev. 16-14, they are the spirits of devils, etc., which go forth unto the kings of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Are not the promoters of Communism, Nazism and Fascism the instigators of this present war? We are not saying that this is the correct explanation of these scriptures, friends, but these suggestions will give us something to think about. Well! what next?

We don't know how long this war will last, or what will come next, but read the following verses: Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, etc. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Notice also there is one more vial to be poured out, which is the seventh, and there came a voice out of the temple of heaven from the throne saying, It is done. Watch therefore, for ye know not when the Son of man cometh.

Of the 295,000 priests of the Orthodox Church of Russia, the government claims that not one remains. When a priest dies, he can have no successor. When a pastor dies, the church ceases to exist.—Selected.

CLAY

"I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded at my will.

"I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it, it still bore,
But I could change that form no more.

"I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

"I came again when years were gone—
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change him nevermore."

—Selected

WEEP NOT FOR ME

I have waited so long at the river,
For the voice of the Boatman to call,
For the wings of the Angel of Twilight—
For the shadow that comes to us all.

My beautiful robe is preparing,
I can vision its radiant sheen,
And can sense all the glories of Heaven,
With only the veil in between.

Bend low for my voice now is feeble,
As I wait for the hour of farewell—
Up there is the City of Zion;
And, children, down yonder is Hell.

Weep not, I am happy, my children—
I have passed o'er the threshold of time;
All conflict is past, and my spirit
Is glowing with rapture sublime.

JUDSON A. SANDERS

THE BOOK OF BOOKS

... No fragment of an army ever survived so many battles, no citadel ever withstood so many sieges; no rock was ever battered by so many hurricanes and so swept by storms, and yet it stands. It has seen the rise and downfall of Daniel's four empires. Assyria bequeaths a few mutilated figures to the riches of our national museums. Media and Persia, like Babylon, which they conquered, have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Greece faintly survives in its historic fame, and iron Rome of the Caesars has long since ceased to boast. And yet the Book which foretells all this still survives.

While nations, kings, philosophers, systems, institutions have died away, the Bible engages now men's deepest thoughts, is examined by the keenest intellects, stands revered before the highest tribunals, is more assailed, more defended and more denied, more industriously translated and freely given to the world, more honored and more abused, than any other book the world ever saw.

It survives all changes, itself unchanged; it moves all minds, yet is moved by none; it sees all things decay, itself incorruptible; it sees myriads of other books engulfed in the stream of time, yet it is borne along till the mystic angel shall plant his foot upon the sea and swear by Him that liveth forever and ever that time shall be no longer.—H. L. Lane, in the Religious Telescope.