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The Desire of All Nations.

"I will shake all nations, and the
desire of all nations shall come"
(Haggai ii, 7).

July 31.—Celoron, N. Y.—Today at this place Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle addressed the International Bible Students Association—about 4,000. He said:—

The great Messiah, "King of Glory," has long been waited for by the civilized nations. For thirty-five centuries the Jews have waited for him as the great Prophet foreshadowed by Moses and foretold by him (Acts iii, 22); and as the Great King foreshadowed by their Kings David and Solomon; and as their glorious Priest typified by Aaron, but specially in the former's majesty as king and priest foreshown by Melchisedek—a priest upon his Throne (Psalm cx, 4).

Free masons have waited twenty-five hundred years for the same glorious personage, as Hiram Abiff, the great Master Mason whose death, glorification and future appearing are continually set before them by the letters upon their keystones. He died a violent death, they claim, because of his loyalty to the Divine secrets typed in Solomon's Temple. He must reappear, they claim, in order that the great antitypical Temple may be completed and its grand service for Israel and for all peoples may be accomplished. They claim that his presence is to be expected speedily.

Christians of every shade, in proportion as they are conversant with the Bible (Old Testament and New) believe, also, in a great Temple builder who died because of his faithfulness to the Divine plans, re the spiritual Temple, the elect Church (I Peter ii, 4, 5). Him they expect to come a second time "in power and great glory" to complete the Temple which is his Body, and in and through that spiritual and glorious Temple to bless Israel and all the families of the earth. His second presence in glory and power, but invisible to men, is believed to be imminent.

The Mohammedans, also worshipping the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and David and Solomon, are also expecting a great Heavenly Messenger to bless them and all peoples by the establishment of a heavenly Kingdom. They have awaited his coming for centuries. They believe his Kingdom to be near at hand.

Who is This King of Glory?

The same glorious personage will fulfill all these desires—these hopes. Is it not time that all of these peoples, fearing God and hoping in his promises, should come together in one hope, in one expectation? It must be so, for do we not read prophetically, "The desire of all nations shall come?"

We are well aware that great barriers lie between these multitudes; but we hold that they are chiefly barriers of superstition and ignorance. In the past they have pulled apart, and have slandered and persecuted one another. If now they will sympathetically draw near to each other, surely they will find much to appreciate in each other's hopes and aims.

The Basis of Sympathy.

The fact that the Jews and Mohammedans, Catholics and Protestants and Free Masons, all base their faith on the Old Testament of the Holy Scriptures, is ground for the better understanding pleaded for.

All Christians must accept the authority of the Hebrew Scriptures because the founder of Christianity, Jesus, and his special mouthpieces, the Apostles, taught nothing contrary to the Law and the Prophets. Indeed, they quoted from the Old Testament in proof of every doctrine advanced. They claimed that they neither destroyed nor ignored the Old Testament, but merely noted its fulfillment.

The error in the past has been the general disposition to appeal to superstition and prejudice and bigotry, rather than to facts and Scripture. We must reverse the lever in order to attain the good results—in order to see eye to eye.

What All Can Agree To.

All agree that the world needs the Divine blessing! All agree that we have been laboring under a mistake in supposing that education and civilization are alone necessary to secure human happiness. We perceive that the greater the civilization the greater is the unrest; and the broader the education the greater are the suggestions and opportunities for taking selfish advantage of others.

All are agreed that only the later inventions, telephones, etc., and our modern and costly police precautions make it possible to live in civilized lands and that, despite all these, murders are a hundred-fold what they were fifty years ago. In those days a murder would be detested and discussed for a year. Now we give little heed to several reported in each day's newspapers. Thousands are executed, other thousands are imprisoned for life and we pay little heed—so gradually have we become accustomed to these horrors of our civilization and education.

We oppose these with Church and mission influences, with Sunday

Schools, Y. M. C. A.'s, with courts, Juvenile and Superior, and yet they increase. We penalize the carrying of weapons and bombs and wisely prohibit inflammatory speeches; and the better informed know that Christendom is like a powder-magazine which some unlucky friction between the classes may any day explode.

All Hopes Really One.

Admitting that all mankind are imperfect, "born in sin and shapen in iniquity," we nevertheless cannot assent to the doctrine of Total Depravity—that there is nothing good in any man; or in all men. Each one who prays "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others" should concede that others, as well as himself, would prefer righteousness to sin, if the environment were different—if his appetite were not so perverse, if his will power were not so inadequate. So, then, whether Jew, Mohammedan, Catholic, Free Mason or Protestant, do we not all really desire the one thing? And do we not admit, after centuries of endeavor along different lines, that God alone can send us the aid which the whole world so greatly needs? We do!

Let us now formulate this "desire of all nations" from those Holy Scriptures which we all acknowledge. Let us see that it is exactly what we all have been looking and praying for under different names: It is the Kingdom of God!—the Kingdom of Allah! Its rule is to be "under the whole heavens" however heavenly or spiritual the great ruler will be (Daniel vii, 27). Under its beneficent and uplifting influence the glorious result will be that God's will shall be done on earth as completely as it is now done in heaven. This is exactly what the Scriptures declare—that sin and ignorance will fill the whole earth. It means a strong government exercised for the restraint of sin and for the freeing of mankind from slavery to sin—the slavery of inherited weaknesses entailed by Adam's disobedience. The great Heavenly King, the Son of David, who will do these things, according to the Law and the Prophets, will have many titles indicating various features of his greatness. "He shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty Elohim, the Prince of Peace, and the Father (life-giver) of eternal life (Isaiah ix, 6).

He is called the Savior by the Prophet Isaiah (xlv, 15), for he shall "save from their sins" and from the penalty of sin all who shall become "his people." And all who will wickedly refuse his rule of righteousness and his assistance out of sin and death conditions will be esteemed "wicked" in the proper sense of that word; and of these we read: "All the wicked will be destroyed."

Love Righteousness—Hate Iniquity.

We have had too much of hatred and persecution because of the differences in our degrees of knowledge as expressed in our differences of belief. Let this cease. Let us unite in our love for righteousness and in our hatred of unrighteousness—in equity. Let us cultivate such a sympathy for the coming reign of righteousness to be established by Messiah (by whatever name he and his Kingdom may be handed down to us) that our characters shall be more and more influenced and transformed by the prophetic view. We are all agreed that Messiah's Kingdom is nigh, even knocking at the door of the world. In the wonderful inventions of our day we have the very foregleams of that Kingdom as outlined in prophecy. The necessities of the case also corroborate this: The tension between Capital and Labor will soon be to its limit and break; the grasp of monopoly will soon be so strong that the masses will be ground between the upper and the nether millstones; our high-tension living is calculated soon to have our race in the madhouse; specialists say, within one century, let us believe the Word of God delivered by the prophets of old. Let us prepare our hearts for the Great King and know that such will have the chief blessing.

"He Must Reign—Until"

According to the Bible the reign of the promised Great King shall not be an eternal reign. Eventually the dominion of earth originally given to Adam and lost by disobedience and consequent incapacity, is to be restored to such of Adam's race as shall attain earthly perfection and Jehovah's approval. Messiah's Empire will be a Mediatorial one and, according to the Scriptures, will continue only one thousand years. But we are assured that the period will be quite sufficient for the great work to be accomplished. Father Adam, after being sentenced for sin—"Dying thou shalt die," experienced the dying processes for 930 years. Contrariwise the world will, under the Messiah's rule as King and Priest (Melchisedek, Psalm cx, 4), gradually rise up, up, up, out of sin and death conditions during a very similar period of time.

Paradise restored will no longer be a

garden merely, but the whole earth, as God's footstool, shall be made glorious (Isaiah lx, 13). The promises of God to the children of Isaac and Jacob are not heavenly or spiritual, but earthly. From Genesis to Malachi there is not a suggestion of a heavenly or spiritual calling. If Christians have a heavenly calling it is no cause for offense to Mohammedans and Jews—neither of whom have conflicting hopes. There is no need for conflict—every reason for harmony.

"Times of Restitution."

Not only do the ancient prophecies foretell coming blessings of the Lord upon Jew and Gentile, bond and free, but the Law typified the same. Every fiftieth year with the Jew was to be a Jubilee year—a time of release from debts and from all bondage. The lesson is that Messiah's reign will be the great time of jubilation to men, to all who will accept and obey his rule. The cancellation of debts represents that God (through Messiah) will thus cancel the debt of Original Sin and set free Adam and his race. All will then be given a fresh start for life eternal. The setting free from bondage in the Jubilee Year typed man's release from the weaknesses inherited through Adam's fall. It will include the resurrection from the dead, the great prison-house mentioned by the Prophet (Isaiah lxi, 1).

If we see this great fact about to be accomplished need we quarrel about how it is to be done? Since it offers blessings to all who love God's righteousness, why dispute over details? Shall we contend with God and his plans and promises except to our injury? Let us rejoice with the Jew. God has decreed for the natural seed of Abraham a glorious share in the great work of blessing the world—to the Jew, first, this means a blessing; to the others later! The Scriptures clearly teach that Messiah will establish the New Covenant with Jacob—natural Israel. Let all who reverence the Lord acquiesce in his arrangements. And if the Jews shall some day see that the Oath-Bound Promise to Abraham meant two seeds, let them be glad and rejoice in their portion. If the great Messiah soon to be revealed in power and great glory be composed of "many members" on the spirit plane, what matters it to Jacob, all of whose promises are on the earthly plane? Moreover there is no room for jealousy anyway, for these "elect" who shall be on the spirit plane are of all nations—the Jew being there given also the preferred place. Furthermore the select or "elect" few are not either Christians or Jews in the ordinary usage of those words, but saintly, holy ones chosen by the Lord from every sect and party, because of their love for righteousness and faithfulness under trials.

"I Will Shake the Earth."

The context shows us that "The desire of all nations" will be realized as the result of a great shaking of the heavens and earth and sea and all nations. This is prophetic of the great time of trouble, with which the collapse of present institutions will come about as precedent to the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom—"the desire of all nations."

We are not left to speculate respecting the import of these words, "shake the heavens, the earth and the sea." The great theologian, St. Paul, quoted this very passage in his epistle to the Hebrews (xii, 26-28). He pointed out that the literal shaking of Mt. Sinai and the terrible sights associated at the time of the inauguration of Israel's Law Covenant was but a feeble picture of the awful commotion which will prevail in its antitype—when Israel's New (Law) Covenant will be instituted at Mt. Zion in the end of this Age at the hands of the antitypical Moses—Messiah.

The prophet intimates that it will be a short, sharp, decisive shaking, quickly accomplished. And the Apostle explains that it will be so thorough-going that everything that can be shaken will be shaken and will be removed. In other words, everything that is in the nature of a temporary make-shift for righteousness, truth, equity, will be shaken out of the way—not be allowed to remain, because the Lord will make a thorough work. St. Paul intimates that the Kingdom which the Church is to receive will be the only institution which will stand the shaking time and that only because the "Church of the First-born, whose names are written in heaven," will have the Divine approval; they will "be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye"—established enduringly on the heavenly plane at the Right Hand of God, principalities and powers being subject.

"The Prince of Peace."

Notwithstanding the fact that Messiah's Kingdom will be introduced by a period of universal trouble, anarchy, etc., which will overthrow civilization and uproot every sinful and imperfect human organization, nevertheless this will eventually lead to the most profound and most enduring peace. In that one great lesson humanity will learn the futility of its own endeavors and will cry unto the Lord for help and for the desired peace—then "the desire of all nations shall come."

Referring to this time of trouble the Prophet David declares of the Lord's work at that time, "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear assunder" (Psalm xlv, 9). Then wonderfully he announces the climax of it all, "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted amongst the nations. I will be exalted in the earth." The only basis of peace is righteousness and on this firm foundation Jehovah through his Anointed One will shortly establish it (Psalm xlv, 14).

BANKERS PLAN TO STOP THEFTS

Steps Will Be Taken at Los Angeles Meeting.

MANY LOSSES NOT REPORTED.

Thirty-Five Million Dollars Stolen by Trusted Employees in Last Five Years—Elaborate System of Safeguarding Funds to Be Inaugurated. Clerks' Wages May Be Raised.

A FEW BIG BANK THEFTS

Edwin Wider, cashier, Russo-Chinese, charged with theft of \$600,000.
Officials of Denver Savings bank, \$1,700,000.
T. Lee Clarke, Enterprise bank of Pittsburg, \$1,200,000.
Henry Rieber, paying teller; John Young, cashier, Farmers' National bank, Pittsburg, \$1,105,000.
August Ropke, Fidelity Trust company, Louisville, \$1,140,000.
Oliver M. Douglas, bookkeeper, Trust Company of America, \$1,300,000.
C. S. Nixon, bookkeeper, Union Trust company, Pittsburg, \$125,000.
J. Howard Lowrey, cashier, Utica (N. Y.) National bank, \$111,000.

New York, Aug. 1.—When the Bankers' Association of America convenes in Los Angeles shortly steps will be taken to establish safeguards about the banks which will prevent financial institutions from being looted in the future by unscrupulous officials and employees. Alleged thefts from New York banks and a big financial institution in Louisville, Ky., recently have compelled the attention of the American Bankers' association and when the annual convention is held a movement will be inaugurated with a view to protecting the funds of the depositors more carefully in the future than they have been protected in the past.

An elaborate national system of safeguarding banks from thieving employees will be inaugurated. The fact that more than \$35,000,000 has been embezzled from banks and trust companies in the last five years brings the question of embezzlement looming up as one of the most important things to be considered in modern banking. Many bank thefts never come to light.

Bankers Aroused.

The bankers are alarmed is evident from the preparations which are being made for the handling of this subject. In a majority of cases the money stolen from banks has been lost in stock and grain gambling. In New York city embezzling employees are lured by fortunes to be made in Wall street. In the south, of fending bank clerks have played the cotton market and in the west and middle west much money has been dropped in the wheat pit and in bucketshops.

Temptations to crime are often held out in alluring get-rich-quick circulars of brokers and others. The underpaid clerk steals to make money; he gets in debt and steals more in the attempt to recoup his loss. The next thing he knows he is so involved that the end soon comes.

The bankers will put a ban on all literature like the "get-rich-quick" circular. They will also ask that stricter rules be laid down by brokers in the dealing with customers. Bankers claim that if brokers would investigate conditions of clients they would find, many times, that they were receiving stolen money for stocks and bonds.

Whether the question of raising the wages of bank employees will be considered has not been made known. However, something will be done, and something very drastic, too.

Madriz Attorneys Protest.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Attorneys representing the Madriz government in Nicaragua filed protests with the departments of state, justice and commerce and labor against the sailing of the yacht Hornet, now at New Orleans, with a cargo of arms and ammunition supposed to be intended for use of the Estrada government.

Lesser Sent to Prison.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 1.—James E. Lesser, a Kansas City newspaper artist, who was found guilty of bigamy in the Pike county circuit court at Petersburg, Ind., was sentenced to the state prison for a term of from two to four years. He took his sentence without apparent concern.

Two Killed by Explosion.

Ossining, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Two men were killed, one was seriously injured and another made permanently deaf by the explosion of ten pounds of dynamite 300 feet below the surface of the earth in the tunnel for the new Croton aqueduct at Kitchawan.

John G. Carlisle Is Dead.

New York, Aug. 1.—John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, who had been critically ill for the last two days, died at his apartments in New York of heart failure accompanied by edema of the lungs.

LOUISVILLE.

(Courier.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gess, Sunday, July 24, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stohlman entertained a few friends and relatives at their home last Sunday.

Miss Dawn Boyles returned to her home in Des Moines after a pleasant visit with Miss Olga Ragoss.

Mrs. Mike Tritsch and children returned home Monday from a week's visit with relatives in the country.

Will Lehnhoff of Lincoln and F. H. Ossenkop of Omaha came down Thursday to attend the Ossenkop funeral.

Mrs. Higgins, mother of Father Higgins of Manley, returned home this week after an extended visit in Vermont and other eastern points.

Ote Petersen returned to Pierce the first of the week after a visit with the home folks in Louisville. Ote is holding down a good job in a drug store at that place and is pleased with his location.

Peter Vogler was given a pleasant surprise Saturday evening, it being his 68th birthday. His sons and daughter who are married came with their families to extend hearty congratulations and to spend the evening.

Mrs. Frank Fetzer, of Omaha visited at the home of Charles Fetzer this week. This is the first visit Mrs. Fetzer has made to Louisville since moving away nine years ago. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Fred Gobel of Fairbury.

UNION.

(Ledger.)

The Missouri Pacific painters arrived the first of the week and commenced work on the depot.

Mrs. W. F. Tracy arrived Tuesday afternoon from Pawnee, and will spend several days visiting with her Union friends.

Miss Jessie Todd arrived home on Tuesday night from Kearney, where she spent several weeks visiting with relatives.

C. R. Frans was a Monday evening passenger to Omaha where he accepted a position with the M. P. bridge crew.

Miss Case, the trained nurse who has been caring for Mrs. Hallie DeLaney, returned to her home in Omaha Monday evening.

Amos McNamee, one of our rural mail carriers, is enjoying his fifteen days' vacation, and Charles Niday is carrying the mail.

Dr. R. L. Newell was last week chosen president of the Old Settlers' association, and has taken hold of the office with a good spirit.

The personal property of the late Olive Dye, deceased, was sold at public auction last Saturday, Luther Hall being the auctioneer, and Administrator L. R. Upton was clerk.

The clock at J. B. Nichols' store stopped Wednesday at 12:29, and several were on hand with their ticket. The lucky ticket was held by Mrs. Barbara Taylor, who received a fine set of dishes.

Fremont Daily Discontinued.

We regret to note that the Fremont Daily Herald has been discontinued after Sunday morning's issue. Mane G. Perkins, the editor and publisher, says he will launch a weekly to be issued Fridays. It will be known as the Weekly Herald. Mr. Perkins went to Fremont three years ago with Edgar Howard of Columbus. They bought out the Herald Publishing company. They greatly improved the paper. After a few months Mr. Howard retired and went back to Columbus where he still retained his ownership of the Columbus Telegram. Henry G. Richmond was made editor of the Herald to succeed Mr. Howard. After a meteoric career of a year he retired. Since then Mr. Perkins has been editing the paper himself. He makes announcement that the patronage has not been sufficient to justify the publication of a daily edition. Fremont is nearly twice as large as Plattsmouth, and this leaves that city with only one daily. There is not many towns the size of Plattsmouth that can boast of a daily, and our people should be proud that they can boast of a paper such as the Journal.

Here for a Visit.

Terry Johnson arrived from St. Joe, Mo., Saturday on the noon train for a several weeks visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson. They were very much surprised when Terry walked in on them as he had not written them of his coming. Terry made an extended visit in this city several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have not seen him since and Terry having grown considerable, was not recognized by his grandparents at first.

Everett Eaton was a passenger to Langdon, Mo., Saturday evening, where he will remain until Thursday to enjoy an outing. Mrs. Eaton and little daughter Laura Elizabeth, who have been down there for the past two weeks, will return with him.

HOG CHOLERA TO BE THING OF PAST

Serum Experiments Begun at South Omaha Stock Yards.

THIRTY SHOATS AWAIT FATE.

Eighteen Healthy Hogs Treated With Serum and Put in Pen With Four Sick Ones—Eight Animals Not Treated Also Added—Results to Be Shown at State Fair.

Omaha, Aug. 1.—Hog cholera is to be a thing of the past in Nebraska, if a movement now being strongly urged by President F. C. Crocker of the Nebraska Swine Breeders' association succeeds.

To interest the swine breeders and growers of the state in the serum treatment, Mr. Crocker and General Manager Buckingham of the Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha have arranged with the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture at Washington to conduct the most extensive experiments in the use of serum ever conducted in the state, and the results of these experiments will be shown at the Nebraska state fair.

Under the direction of Dr. Niles of the government station at Ames, Ia., the experiments have begun at the Union Stock yards in South Omaha. Mr. Buckingham furnishing the hogs.

The first thirty shoats which may be sacrificed to science were furnished by the stock yards company July 23. They were as healthy specimens as the farms of Nebraska ever produced. Four of them were given shots of blood from cholera hogs. Within five days these four were very ill with the cholera.

Eighteen of the healthy hogs were then treated with serum and put in a pen with the ill hogs—the hogs with well developed cases of cholera. Eight hogs which had not been treated were also put in with the sick ones.

Thirty Shoats Await Fate.

Now thirty valuable shoats await their fate. The four hogs given the cholera will die sure. The eight unprotected hogs also stand a good chance of dying with cholera, while the eighteen given the serum treatment and made immune should survive, refuse to catch the disease and make good prize winning hogs.

If this experiment proves successful the eighteen hogs rescued from a cholera death will be taken to Lincoln and exhibited at the state fair. Another pen of hogs will go through the same treatment and all visitors to the stock yards will have an opportunity to see the experimental work, while those who see the eighteen shoats at the state fair will have a chance to see how the cholera is going to be stamped out.

President Crocker of the Swine Breeders' association says there is still a great deal of doubt among the farmers as to whether the serum will do the work and the association is anxious to demonstrate to every Nebraska farmer that hog cholera will become a thing of the past if every grower will give the work some attention.

AUTO SCORCHERS PAY FINES

Six Violate Speed Regulations at Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 1.—Three automobile drivers drew fines for speeding in the police court and there are three more to come up today, with the probability of still others. Mrs. Mattie Wall was found guilty of speeding on Fifth street and drew \$25 and costs; George Robertson, an Omaha man, admitted that he had been a little too reckless, but tried to excuse himself on the ground that it was very late and few people on the street. He got \$10 and costs. Guy Kelley acknowledged that he had violated the ordinances and contributed \$24.30 to the city. James Shephard pleaded not guilty and Luther Larson and Chris Hansen were out of the city.

The automobile law has been a dead letter here, not only in regard to speeding, but running without lights and without numbers on the rear of the car. Chief Peterson has had a special man out keeping tab on the speeders and a wonderful difference is noticeable in the way cars are now run around town.

Annual Pow-Wow of Omaha Indians.

Walthill, Neb., Aug. 1.—The Omaha Indians are going into camp for their annual pow-wow. The largest camp will be on the hill five miles from Walthill. Dances of different descriptions will take place and old time customs will be performed. There will be an old-time parade on horseback, such as used to take place when starting on the warpath or on the buffalo hunt. Many Indians from South Dakota and Oklahoma are already here visiting.

Another Beer Raid.

Lincoln, Aug. 1.—Another raid was made by the police on a South Ninth street house and a quantity of beer and other liquors was confiscated. Three arrests were made, a man, his wife and daughter. The police are working overtime to shut up the joints in Lincoln and raids are of frequent occurrence.