WHY GOD IS ANGRY WITH THE WORLD

Exposition of the Justice of the Day of Vengeance.

"THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION"

Explains How Jehovah Balances the Books-Wrong Thoughts of God's Wrath-Preparations For the New Dispensation of World-Wide Blessings to Both the Church and the World-Terrible Fruitage Now of



why in God's nation." What

Thy wrath is come."-Revelation 11:18.

ber of corroborative Scriptures-Isaiah 34:1-6; Jeremitch 25:15, 16, 27-38; Isaiah 66:15, 16; Luke 21:24, 26; Revelation 6:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10. Comthe end of the world; properly interupon and inaugurating the New Age-"the world to come."

Only Jews, Gentiles and Saints.

The Pastor declared that the whole world are Gentiles, according to the Scriptural presentation, except the true followers of Christ and the loyal-hearted Jews, who are still God's people under their Law Covenant. In classthe Pastor meant no unkindness; but declared that to understand God's dealing in the present time, nominal Christians, or mere professors, must not be confounded with the "little flock" who have responded to the Gospel Call, "Gather My saints together unto Me saith the Lord; those who have made a Covenant with Me by sacrifice"self-sacrifice. (Psalm 50:5; Romans 12:1.) If we shall recognize these saintly Christians of every nation and denomination as being the one true Church, "whose names are written in Heaven," and if we shall recognize all the eyes of our understanding into true alignment with the mind of God as expressed in the Bible.

Thus seen. God is not merely calling nations to war, to battle, as nations; but in a more particular sense the call is to this Gentile class irrespective of of note that throughout the Scriptures are comparatively ignored. Because they have not come into particular contact with God's Messages they are not so particularly included in the judgments, chastisements, troubles, forefold to be coming upon the earth at the crime to be punished, but a defect to be corrected in due time by the blessings of Messiah's Kingdom.

Wrong Thoughts of God's Wrath.

When thinking of the wrath of God coming upon the world, we are not to think of the Almighty as having exercised great patience for centuries and finally losing His temper and wreaking vengeance upon His creatures. Such a thought might be gathered from some of the expressions of the Scriptures, because of adaptation of language to human comprehension, and more or less loss of the true sentiment in translating and through the mental gloss of the translators.

In any event let us remember that this wrath of God and the judgments coming upon the world are wholly dif ferent from the legends-namely, eter nal torture at the hands of demons taught us by our creeds. Instinctively. a part of the dread we have of death in every form-by war, famine and sickness-is the fear of that eternal torture nightmare thrust upon us from childhood, inculcated by all the creeds of Christendom, but without Bible foundation when the latter is properly translated and rightly understood.

Furthermore, we should remember that while God has feretold the troubles of the Day of Wrath for centuries and indicates that He will have to do with their precipitation upon the world, nevertheless elsewhere He also

ness to take control. Just so soon as and that they are demed a hearing. the storm of human passion shall have And yet there are things in the Scriptaught humanity its needed lesson and | tures which seem to imply that there shall have liquidated the long standing | may be a literal assassination and deaccounts, Messiah's Kingdom, with a struction of God's faithful people in clean slate, will be inaugurated.

Accounts Yet to Be Squared.

In Jesus and in His saintly followers throughout this Gospel Age, the world has had God's Cause, the Cause of Righteousness and truth, more or less clearly manifested. Every persecution against these members of the Body of Christ is a crime against God and against righteonsness. Of such sufferings the Apostle says, "If any suffer as a Christian, let him glorify God on this behalf; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth on such."

As a blessing rested upon all the Lord's faithful people who have suffered unjustly, so correspondingly a Divine curse, or penalty, has rested upon all persecutors of these, their responsibility being gauged by the degree of their knowledge, and their punishment propostionate. On the books of False Doctrines Taught For Centuries Justice, however, God represents that rangement. So here, the civilized the lives of all His faithful ones cry Oct. 25.-A splen- out for vengeance; and that while merdid congregation cy comes to all mankind through the listened spell sacrificial death of the Saviour, this bound to Pas- does not alter the fact that Justice avoid its foretold destruction. tor Russell as his calls for punishments for crimes more address inquired or less wilful and therefore not includinto the reason ed in the Saviour's atonement.

Thus it was in the end of the Jewprovidence the ish Age, which may serve us as a pat- heavy account on the book of Justice port at the November election, and times. world is being tern, or illustration of the ending of to be settled. Saintly Catholics, saint ushered into "a this Age. St. Paul, writing of that by Presbyterians, saintly Baptists. If elected, everyone shall receive Time of Trouble, time, says, "Wrath is come upon this saintly Methodists, saintly people in such as was not people to the uttermost, that all things concerning them should be fulfilled." special sins call upon Justice for ex- Notice, however, the vast difference betraordinary penalty? The Pastor's text | tween these Bible Judgments and the was, "And the nations were angry, and eternal torment judgments falsely declared by every one of our creeds. After some introductory comments which indirectly tell us that every ut on his text, the speaker read a num- | Jew at death goes to eternal torment because he is not a Christian.

But the Scriptures declare that the punishments upon the Jews which culminated in the destruction of Jerusamenting on these Scriptures, the Pas- | lem in A. D. 70 were, some of them, tor claimed that their united testimony for sins committed long before. Noreferred to the present, mistranslated | tice Jesus' words, "The blood of all the Prophets, which was shed from the preted, the end of this Age, lapping foundation of the world, shall be required of this generation; from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, who perished between the Altar

and the Temple."-Luke 11:50, 51. Wherein was the justice in exacting all that of the people living in the close of that Age? We reply that those people had far more responsibility than all fying them and variously injuring them, upon that last generation of the Jewish Age "wrath came to the

"The Recompenses of Zion."

The Bible intimates that similar aggregations of punishment are to be expected in the end of this Gospel Age. The great Time of Trouble, or Day of Wrath, is the "recompense of the controversy of Zion"-the saints, the true Church. For eighteen hundred years has Jesus prophetically declared that the Kingdom class would suffer vioothers as Gentiles, we shall be getting lence; and the violent have usurped the place of the true by force.

All the while, the violent have outwardly been posing as the True Church of Christ, while the saints of God in every epoch and in every century have suffered-"as deceivers and yet true; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things." (2 Corinthians 6:8-10.) "Heirs the great masses of India, China, etc., of God and joint-heirs with Christ' (Romans 8:17), they have been counted "the filth and offscouring of the earth," "of whom the world was not

But the sin of their persecutors must be liquidated, even though the perseclose of this Age. In other words, un- cutors themselves will all eventually intentional ignorance of God is not a be forgiven. From this viewpoint, the since there was a nation," and which is now beginning gradually to be consummated, will be the squaring of God's accounts with the world, preparatory to handing the Kingdom over to

Messiah for the blessing of all. As illustrative of this principle, note the lesson of Revelation 6:9-11; The cry is, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" The message for all these martyrs of Jesus was, Wait a little not until all of this class shall have hundred thousand professed ministers experienced their share of "the suffer-

ings of Christ." To these martyrs the suffering blessings to be given to them in the First Resurrection-the chief Resurrection, referred to by our Lord in Revelation 20:6. Then will be accomplished the binding of Satan; and then Messiah's Kingdom, with all its blessed and uplifting influences, will bless the whole world with the longpromised "Restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth | Love and Wisdom, Justice and Power. of all the hely Prophets since the

world began."-Acts 3:19-23. Modern Persecutions Differ

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the end of this Age, as well as a figurative one. But the Lord's grace will be sufficient for them; and the more they shall suffer for His sake, for the Truth's sake, the greater will be their glory and station in the Kingdom.

Who shall be punished for these crimes against the Saints of God? We answer, Babylon; and Babylon signifies what is today known as "the Christian world"-a very anomalous term: for the world has no identification with Christianity nor Christianity with the world. The so-called "Christendom" of our day corresponds exactly to the Jewry of Jesus' day. Then Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, were banded together with the Sadducees and the Herodians, the worldly and infidel politicians. Their object was one, namely, the perpetuation of their own institution, regardless of God's arworld, misnaming itself "Christ's Kingdom," is intent upon the preservation of the great Babylon which it has constructed, and willing to do anything to

Hypocrisy the Greatest of All Sins. Taking into account the persecutions endured by God's saints throughout this Gospel Age, there must be a and out of all denominations have sufwritten in the Law and the Prophets | fered; and Jesus' words still stand true - namely, that whosover would give to the least of His followers even a cup of cold-water would not fail of least of these would be punished.

Are we asked what are the special election will be appreciated. sins of our day? We reply that here. as in Jesus' day, hypocrisy is the greatest of all sins. There were thefts, murders, adulteries, and injustices of various kinds in Jesus' day; yet while denouncing all these in spirit, He practically ignored them all in His denunciations of the hypocrisy of the religious rulers of His time. We believe that His judgment of so-called "Christendom" today is the same.

There was a time when the world ignorantly thought that the kings of terests of the people. earth were ruling as part of Christ's Kingdom. There was a time when men really believed that their ever lasting destiny was in the hands of the clergy, Protestant and Catholic, who preceded them. They had a great and that unless they had the good of-

Our Bible is better understood; the clergy are no longer deceived. They know that the word Sheol of the Old Testament and the word Hades of the New Testament represent the state or condition of death, into which the whole world goes-good and bad. They know that these words could not repmore clearly; they perceive that the kingdoms of this world are merely political institutions permitted for a time, waiting for the glorious epoch of Messiah's Kingdom to bring in the New Order of things.

But notwithstanding this knowledge. the Divine character is still blasphemed. The kings of the earth, told during the "dark ages" that they were the Church, have not been undeceived. Hence the Czar of Russia, the Head of | will be appreciated. the Greek Church, believes he is working out a Divine destiny; the British under King George are equally convinced that they are working out a great destiny as God's Kingdom. The German Kaiser is similarly deceived into thinking that he is the sword of the Almighty, as indicated in his reported proclamation to his army in Poland.

These false doctrines of the "dark ages" are bearing a terrible fruitage in ings of eternal torment, misrepresent- ability. ing and blaspheming God's character. are bearing an evil fruitage. Millions of people are being turned away from faith in a God of Love and from faith in the Bible as His Message by the most monstrous blasphemies of the "dark ages." I charge the responsibilicreeds of Christendom.

A great fraud, a great hypocrisy, you say? I answer, Yes; the most astounding the world has ever known. Two of God and Christ are standing before will be appreciated. the world today telling the legends of the Dark Ages and seeking to hinder brought polishings of character, test- the people from coming to a knowledge of the Truth, meanwhile receiving the people's money and reverence. Does not such hypocrisy, such blosphemy against God, such deception of the people, such keeping of them in darkness.

deserve a great punishment? What shall we do, do you ask? I answer: Be honest! Be true! Come out of Babylon. Stand free from all such slandering of the Almighty God and His gracious provisions. Stand for the Bible, the Truth, the God of thing; and I will receive you."

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