

When he meets his third defeat, when the tares which he sowed are burned (for as a flood they are swallowed by the earth, but as tares they are burned by the angels), then it is that the Church will appear "Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," she is to go forth into all the world, Vol. 2, No. 16

With the unconverted. Falling to paganize the Church by flooding her child; No. 2—Losing the war in Heaven; No. 3—three defeats: No. 1—Falling to devour the And when this comes to pass Satan shall have met his third defeat. Summarized, here are his practice the Truth, shall be disposed of by a Church for some purpose other than to follow and definitely forecasts that those who join the Dragon, though, is again to miss the mark, for the earth is to open her mouth and swallow up the flood; that is, Inspiration

The Dragon, though, is again to miss the mark, for the earth is to open her mouth and swallow up the flood; that is, Inspiration definitely forecasts that those who join the Church for some purpose other than to follow and practice the Truth, shall be disposed of by a miracle, be swallowed by the earth, as it were. And when this comes to pass Satan shall have met his third defeat. Summarized, here are his tactics and instead compelled the Pagans to join persecuting her followers, he changed his tactics and instead compelled the Pagans to join her, expecting thereby to cause her to be pag-anized—"carried away."

The main point to be noticed in these verses is that after the Dragon and his angels were cast out of Heaven (Satan's second defeat), and after he had persecuted the Church, and she had taken her flight into the wilderness, the Dragon followed her there, but rather than persecuting her, he cast "water as a flood after her," hoping to cause her to be carried away by it. In other words, after he saw that he could not stop the growth of the Christian Church by persecuting her followers, he changed his tactics and instead compelled the Pagans to join her, expecting thereby to cause her to be pag-anized—"carried away."

Jesus Christ. commands of God, and have the testimony of

4. Here we see that there was another truth which could have been recorded, but John was told not to write it. We do not know how extensive a truth the Seven Thunders contain, but possibly as much as or more than the Seven Trumpets. Regardless, however, one thing stands out boldly, and that is that the omission of the Seven Thunders leaves a gap in the chain of recorded, the truth of them cannot be revealed by interpretation, for there is nothing written of them, and therefore nothing to interpret from. It, then, we are ever to know the truth of the Seven Thunders, it is to be shown to us perhaps by the same means as The Revelation was shown to John.

Rev. 10:3, 4—And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. And when I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. You know that man naturally starts out with his right foot. Now, since the angel's right foot was upon the sea and his left foot upon the land, the symbolism shows that he starts out on the sea, the province of Daniel's beasts (Dan. 7), then on earth, the province of the two-horned beast (Rev. 13:10-18). His work, therefore, starts in the Old Country, and should include the very first truth that was disclosed from the book of Daniel. All in all his message and power prove to be world-wide—land and sea.

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THAT WHICH IS TO BE DURING THE SIXTH TRUMPET WHILE PROBATION STILL LASTS
SATAN'S TRIPLE DEFEAT BRINGS THE "TIME OF TROUBLE SUCH AS NEVER WAS"

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There is but one book in the Bible that has had to be opened, and that is the book of Daniel (Dan. 12:4). And since the first thing which the angel did was to open the book, the analysts prove that he actually appears on the scene at the commencement of the time of the

Rev. 10:2—*And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.*

This angel has all the characteristics of a power that sends down "the latter rain," and that causes the spiritual grain fully to develop, for that is what cloud, sunshine, and rainbow, indicate. As a rainbow never appears without rain, the angel is therefore the angel that brings the rain and the sunshine for the development of the final harvest.

Rev. 10:1—*And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.*

The subject of our study is found in Revelation, chapters 10 and 11. We shall begin with—

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TRUMPET WHILE PROBATION STILL LASTS
THAT WHICH IS TO BE DURING THE SIXTH

TEXT FOR PRAYER

Cherished Sin Keeps Truth Out

C.O.L. p. 50—"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.' The gospel seed often falls among thorns and noxious weeds; and if there is not a moral transformation in the human heart, if old habits and practices and the former life of sin are not left behind, if the attributes of Satan are not expelled from the soul, the wheat crop will be choked. The thorns will come to be the crop, and will kill out the wheat. . . . If the heart is not kept under the control of God, if the Holy Spirit does not work unceasingly to refine and ennoble the character, the old habits will reveal themselves in the life. . . . Christ specified the things that are dangerous to the soul. As recorded by Mark he mentions the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things. Luke specifies the cares, riches, and pleasures of this life. These are what choke the word, the growing spiritual seed. The soul ceases to draw nourishment from Christ, and spirituality dies out of the heart."

This reading commands us to pray that the seed sown in our hearts may fall in good soil, that it may take root; that we be free from the cares of this life and from sin, for no matter how impressive the Truth that goes into one's ears, It will never reach the heart if there is any cherished sin therein.

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Nothing in the world is worth as much as having our names written in the book. And there- in we may have our names if we choose to follow the Spirit of Truth and to keep the commandments of God. Here we have seen that those who think that the law, the ten commandments, is "abolished," that their lives need not comport with

Rev. 12:1.
"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1.

Obviously, the remnant are those who are left after the earth opens her mouth and swallows up the flood. They as a body keep the commandments of God, and have the living Spirit of Prophecy, the Spirit Who dictated the Scriptures, through the ages, and who still is. Thus it is that the Dragon's wrath, and the Church's purity, caused by the Dragon's third defeat, are to bring the time of trouble such as never

(Rev. 19:10).
Christ" (verse 17), "the Spirit of Prophecy" the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus will be wroth with the woman and "make war with the Dragon's wrath is to be intensified. He seen that the Church is freed from his flood, Having met such a mighty defeat, and having

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conquering and to conquer."—*Prophets and Kings*.

the law; and those who think that the Spirit of Prophecy is a thing of the past, that God has left the world to get along as best it can, that He no longer bothers Himself to send a prophet; that all such shall find themselves in league with Babylon the Great, the seat of the Dragon, and rather than having their names written in the Book, they will have the mark of the beast, and have a part in persecuting the remnant which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Now is the time for all to decide either to be swallowed up by the earth—cast into the fire—or to be delivered by Michael, our Prince.

Let us therefore choose deliverance rather than defeat. "O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer." Psa. 31:23.

What is symbolized by the moon under her feet?—The fact that the moon of the heavens reflects the light from the sun to earth, the symbolical moon therefore being under the woman's feet, and the sun shining directly upon her, not by reflection through the moon, denotes that her channel of light conveyance, the moon, was passing away, was no longer needed, that the sun itself, the source of her light, shining directly upon her, enveloped her with its bright rays. What could the moon then symbolize but the period before the Bible came, the period

the prophets. Since she was clothed with the sun before Christ's birth, and before the Gospel came, then her sun-clothing must be the Bible, the Word of God that clothed her in the period of

it represent? represent the Gospel of Christ, then what does woman represents the Church clothed with the Gospel of Christ. And if her sun-clothing does not slightest excuse for one to conclude that she stood under her feet. There is therefore not the she was clothed with the sun, and the moon, fore the Gospel of Christ came to the Church, and be-
Moreover, before the child was born, and be-

period? the "world's Redeemer" in the Old Testament Jewish church who travelled and gave birth to this twelve-star-crowned woman is primarily the ing so, then how can we escape the truth that Christian church, but to the Jewish. This be-
We all know that Christ was born, not to the certain of the foundation upon which we build. the subject?—Most assuredly. Let us, then, make

and to unite with him in his evil work against the human family.

Rev. 12:7-17—*And there was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the Dragon; and the Dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great Dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the Dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the Dragon cast out of his mouth. And the Dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the*

The worshippers, the members of the church, they tread under foot forty and two months.

Verse 2—*But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall*

(Rev. 7:9), the second fruits. they bring all their brethren out of all nations are the ones who finish the Mystery of God as and also who are sent to the nations. Yes, they they are the ones who are numbered, who escape, 4), the servants of God (7:3), it follows that 144,000 (Rev. 7:3), the first fruits (Rev. 14: as there is but one numbered company, the there is to be a numbering of its people. And following the Seventh-day Adventist Movement by the numbering of them. And so you see that The measuring of the worshippers is in reali-

Rev. 11:1—*And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*

probation to a close and the world to an end. finish the work, "the Mystery of God," to bring nations, then they must be the last, the ones to they are to bring all their brethren out of all not to many nations, but to all nations. If ization. And the commission at last is to go, slaying of the unfaithful, presupposes a reorgan- Sending the faithful to the nations, after the preach to the Gentiles that know nothing of God, in the Church, for those who escape are sent to "all nations." Plainly, then, the slaughter is and they are to bring all their brethren out of who have not seen God's glory, or heard His fame, slaughter of the Lord are sent to the nations

Rev. 10:5-7—*And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by Him that liveth for ever and ever, Who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to His servants the prophets. (At the beginning of the sounding of the seventh trumpet, the Mystery of God is to be finished.)*

What about the statement, "there shall be time no longer"?—The answer is found in verse 6, which in actuality proves that there shall be time no longer for the Mystery of God to be finished; that the remaining days of the sixth trumpet, the time to the sounding of the seventh trumpet, is the time for the Mystery of God, the Gospel of Christ, to be finished. In fact, the very first announcement of the seventh angel is that the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord,—that the Gospel work is finished.

Rev. 10:8-10—*And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.*

In these verses we see a slaughterer taking place, a slaughterer which takes away the transgressors of the Truth. Those that escape the
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set into the house of the Lord." Isa. 66:15-17,
dren of Israel bring an offering in a clean ves-
mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the child-
upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to My holy
upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and
an offering unto the Lord out of all nations
"And they shall bring all your brethren for
among the Gentiles.

seen My glory; and they shall declare My glory
off, that have not heard My fame, neither have
the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar
nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw
will send those that escape of them unto the
"And I will set a sign among them, and I
the Lord.

and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith
midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination,
themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the
"They that sanctify themselves, and purify
slain of the Lord shall be many.

will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the
flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword
der His anger with fury, and His rebuke with
and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to ren-
"For, behold, the Lord will come with fire,
How will the reorganization come about?—

signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas
and theories, habits and practices."—*Christ
Our Righteousness*, pg. 121, 1941 edition.

To eat the book is, as it were, to "swallow"
its sayings. The honey sweet must be the joy
that comes from its promises, and obviously the
bitter denotes inability to digest, to comprehend
all, and thus a disappointment. These, you know
met fulfillment in the days of the First Advent
Movement, when through the study of the book of
Daniel, they learned that the cleansing of the
Sanctuary (Dan. 8:14) was to begin in the year
1844, but who misunderstood the cleansing to
mean the end of the world and the return of
Christ. The disappointment came after the set
date had passed and after the expectation of the
people failed to materialize.

Rev. 10:11—*And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

After the disappointment they were commanded
to prophesy *again*; that is, again to proclaim
the cleansing of the Sanctuary. This work they
were to do among *many* peoples, nations, tongues,
and kings, obviously not to all.

Thus it was that the first Advent Movement was
reorganized and renamed, Seventh-day Advent-
ists. The Seventh-day Adventist organiza-
tion, therefore, will not finish the work. Its
message does not go to all people, to all na-
tions, tongues, and kings. Consequently, the
Church, too, is to be reorganized if the Gospel
of the Kingdom is to be preached to all nations.
" 'A revival and a reformation must take place
under the ministration of the Holy Spirit.
Revival and reformation are two different things.
Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a
quickenning of the powers of mind and heart, a
resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation
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18. This he endeavored to accomplish
was born. and from then on he watched her closely, hoping
to destroy the world's Redeemer as soon as He
and the Church was to give birth to the "man child,"
made, it was then that the dragon learned that
When the promise of the coming Saviour was

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followers), "the remnant of her seed." Verse
and that gives birth to all His "brethren" (His
true wife, the Truth that gave birth to Christ
times, and that she is His saving Truth, His
symbolical of God's everliving Church for all
whole, they positively show that the woman is
Taking all these points into one common
born.

shows that she continued after her child was
stands for in contrast to a vineyard), again
Gentiles, for that is what wilderness symbolically
and going into the wilderness (the lands of the
leaving the vineyard (her homeland—Palestine)
time, and times, and half a time." Moreover, her
the wilderness, there to be nourished "for a
a great eagle, and was thus enabled to fly into
came into being, the woman was given the wings of
child was born, and after the Christian church
time. This we see from the fact that after the
to symbolize something in the New Testament
we have already seen, she nevertheless is seen
bolizes something in the Old Testament time, as
Though this twelve-star-crowned woman sym-

the messages of God but verbally passed them on.
is, the prophets before Moses never wrote down
reflected on them by men of God, the medium, that
(for they had no Bible in those days), but was
shine directly on the people as it does to-day
before Moses, in which the Word of God did not

through Herod, when he caused a multitude of
little children to be slaughtered. The child
Christ, nevertheless escaped, and the Devil met
his first defeat in this connection.

Now the Dragon being fortified with seven
heads and ten horns, denotes that he controlled
all the civil and religious powers in that day
(for the symbolical number "ten" denotes univer-
sality, just as do the ten toes of Daniel 2,
the ten horns of the other Bible beasts, and the
ten virgins of Matthew 25).

The horns represent all the civil powers,
while the heads represent all the religious
powers, for the Biblical number "seven" denotes
completeness. Moreover, the fact that the
Church (the Jews), the only agency through
which God worked up to that time, crucified the
Lord, is in itself sufficient proof that the
Church had apostatized, that she had become the
Dragon's seventh head, and that thus was the
Dragon armed with ten horns and seven heads,—
with all the civil and religious powers. And,
so, you see, the Dragon with his horns and heads
represents the world captured by the Devil.

Thus it is that the world was lost in that
day, and thus it was that Christ came to redeem
it. To do all this He started a new church
organization. In this light we see Christ, the
world's Redeemer, and His mission even more
important than we have ever seen it before.

The Dragon's drawing from heaven a third
part of the stars (angels, verse 9) with his
tail, not with his claws, denotes that in the
beginning of Satan's universal rebellion the
angels *volunteered* to follow the rebel leader,
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If you wish to study the eleventh chapter of Revelation in all its details, read the Tract, "Final Warning", pp. 106-118.

And the Temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldst give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and thou shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

And the fourth and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldst give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and thou shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

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Rev. 12:1-6—*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red Dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the Dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

We all somewhat agree, I know, that this woman of Revelation 12 is symbolical of the Church; that the Dragon is symbolical of Satan; and that the child represents Christ. But inasmuch as we may not agree as to whether the woman is symbolical of the Old Testament church or of the New or of both, it is essential that we study to see eye to eye.

Now, the questions naturally arise, If Christ is the One Who brought forth the Christian church, then how can she be His mother? And was not Christ born at least thirty years before the Christian church came into being? Is not the egg laid before the chicken is hatched? And finally, is it not true that if we blunder forth on an erroneous premise that we shall find ourselves further and further from the truth on 16.

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause

so foresaw this shaking: finished. The Spirit of Prophecy in our day also shaking takes place before the gospel work is here shown to take place during the sounding of the sixth angel, the Truth stands out that the sound, and also the fact that the shaking is Moreover, the fact that the Mystery of God is finished when the seventh angel begins to Lord's part, the time, so to speak. The earth-

A tenth part of the city must represent the true people will have to be rescued from it as Egypt, it denotes that it is holding God's people Now that the city is spiritually called the Lord was crucified there.

there is no way of escaping the conclusion that the beast which came out of the bottomless pit is symbolical of Christendom. Thus it is that the Lord was crucified there.

the tribes of Israel, are to be numbered, but those who are to fill up the court, those of the Gentiles, are unnumbered: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Rev. 7:9.

Seven times seven, forty-nine, determined the year of Jubilee, the liberation of the people and of the land, the type of the Kingdom complete. Besides any other significance, the forty-two months being only six sevens, it signifies that the holy city, Jerusalem, will not be "trodden down" all the way up to the time of the anti-typical Jubilee,—the Gentiles are to be driven out of it before the Mystery of God is finished, before the seventh angel begins to sound.

Verses 3, 4—*And I will give power unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*

When the prophet Zechariah asked what the olive trees of his vision symbolize, the angel answered, "the Word of the Lord." Zech. 4:6.

The two olive trees, then, are figurative of the Old and New Testaments, the Bible (*The Great Controversy*, pg. 267). As to the symbolization of the candlesticks the Lord Himself points out that they are figurative of the churches (Rev. 1:20). The two candlesticks in connection with the olive trees are therefore figurative of the Old and New Testament churches,

Now we may ask who is the beast of the bottomless pit? If the star that came from Heaven and opened the pit is Christ, and if the locusts that came out of the pit are the Christians, then

Moreover, the fact that the Angel of Revelation 20:1 (Satan's great enemy), is the One Who has the key of the bottomless pit, it follows that the Angel of Revelation 20:1 and the Star of Revelation 9:1 are the same, for the One to Whom the key was given, is the only One that could have it.

The Bible points out that but one bottomless pit was opened, the pit out of which the locusts came (Rev. 9:2), and it was the heavenly Star that opened the pit to let out its captives,—the locusts who were to hurt only those men who have not the seal of God in their foreheads. Since the locusts were capable of knowing who had and who had not the seal of God in their foreheads, and since they were friends to God's sealed people, the truth is obvious: The Star that liberated them from the pit is Christ, and the locusts are the Christians, the people that were rescued from apostate Judaism.

Verses 12, 13—And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

will find a detailed explanation of them in Tract No. 2, *The Warning Paradox*, pp. 47-48, revised edition.

the churches which gave us the Bible.

Verse 5—And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

From this we see that though the Bible is the best friend to Its friends, It is a terrible enemy to Its enemies. When Truth cannot save, it kills.

Verses 6-11—These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

I need not say more on these verses, for you

Now let us kneel and pray that we shall thoroughly realize these things and that we shall place our full trust in our Master. We have a good Master, and we are His sons, not His horses, remember.

Horses, you see, have more faith in their masters than most Christians have in God. They know that they are worthy of their hire. burden for food and shelter to their masters. serve their master's will. They leave all the about their next meal. Their only aim is to be better off. As you know, horses do not worry carry for us. Had we horse sense, we should be in this reading we are instructed not to

comfort, separate them from Him." should drive them to the Saviour for help and upon Him. Therefore the cares of life, which try their burden, because they do not cast it trust to His constant care. Christ can not care-learn from the flowers of the field. They do not followers forget the lesson He has bidden us titude of anxious cares. Many of Christ's dens. To the rich come fear of loss and a mul- and the fear of want bring perplexities and worldly care. To the poor, toil and deprivation to "No class is free from the temptation to

I shall read from *Christ's Object Lessons*, pg. 51, paragraph two.

"The Cares Of This World"

TEXT FOR PRAYER

SATAN'S TRIPLE DEFEAT BRINGS THE "TIME OF TROUBLE SUCH AS NEVER WAS"

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Our subject this afternoon is found in Revelation 12, and is illustrated on the following chart—

