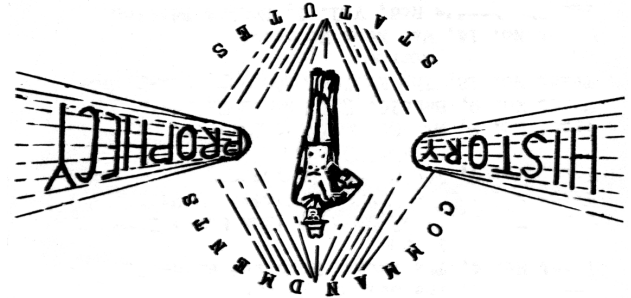


For the summary of our study, I would have you seriously look at this illustration. Look at it, store it in your mind, and study it at your leisure. Yes, be convinced of the truth which I have tried to present to you, for it is your life, your prosperity, your health and happiness, your eternity.



And now, since you are privileged to hear all these things, "happy are ye," says the Lord, "if ye do them." Job 13:17.

Here the prophetic Word of God plainly declares by both Isaiah and Nahum the prophets that whose feet are seen upon the mountains (and this is now taking place for the first time since the prophets wrote), it is to be a sign that the wicked, the violators of the laws of Moses, are soon to be cut off from among God's people.

Nah. 1:15—Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that PUBLISHETH peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the WICKED shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly CUT OFF.

Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Why crowns on the one and no crowns on the other?—The only logical and scriptural answer Daniel that the horns on the non-descript beast that can be given is this: The angel explained to them that the horns on the non-descript beast they would someday arise, take up their crowns and reign. (Daniel 7:24). And history records that

In contrast to the crownless horns on the non-descript beast (Daniel's fourth beast) you see the crowned horns on the leopard-like beast of Revelation 13.

If the beasts of Daniel, the first four beasts on the chart, represent four periods of time, one following the other, then why should not the last three likewise represent three periods of time, one following the other?—Logically they should. We need not, however, wholly depend upon logic, for the symbols themselves should define the time and the systems they portray.

We and the majority in Christendom commonly believe that the lion represents the ancient empire of Babylon, the bear Medo-Persia, the leopard Grecia, and the non-descript beast in his two phases the empires of Pagan and Papal Rome. But as to the leopard-like beast, and the scarlet-colored, we may not hold views alike. And that is why we need to study now as never before if we are to know the Truth.

On this charted symbolism is seen the world in prophecy from the prophet Daniel's time down to our day, and beyond. In this symbolic prophecy, therefore, we must search to see if there is any information given on the subject in question.

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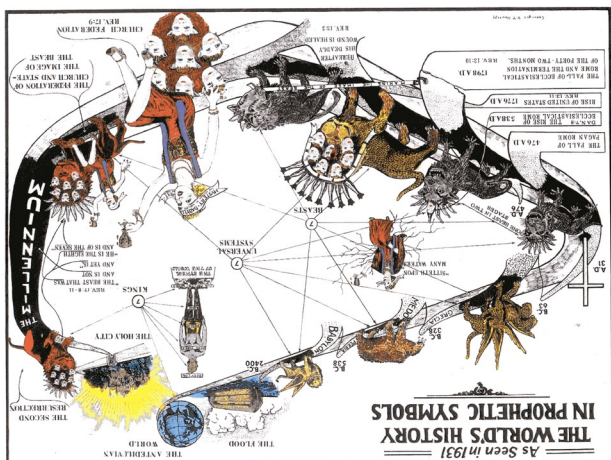
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DEMOCRACY, COMMUNISM, CATHOLICISM, OR
PROTESTANTISM—WHICH RULES NEXT?
HISTORY AND PROPHECY, COMMANDMENTS
AND STATUTES—THE BIBLE

Daniel 7; Revelation 13, 17



Are the nations from now on to live in two worlds? Man may guess, but he cannot predict. God alone knows the future. And if He does not tell us, then we shall never know ahead of time.

These little Weeklies, which cost you nothing are of priceless worth to you. Read and keep them in your library, for the time will surely come when you will be thankful that you have preserved your copies.

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TO RULE THE WORLD?
OR PROTESTANTISM—WHICH IS NEXT
DEMOCRACY, COMMUNISM, CATHOLICISM,

TEXT FOR PRAYER

Christ Reproduced In His People

Christ's Object Lessons, page 69, beginning with the first paragraph:

" 'When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.' Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain."

Here is truth that tells when we may expect Christ to come and gather His own: "When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people."

We should now pray that we put forth the effort to grow as Christians, to love and work for others, to reproduce Christ's character in us, then this old world will come to an end, and the new world will for us commence.

A GIFT TO YOU

Are you interested to study further into the vital truths which are necessarily only touched on in these leaves of autumn? If so, you are invited to send for any of the tracts listed below. They are mailed as a Christian service without price or obligation, save the soul's duty to itself to prove all things and hold fast that which is good.

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- The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, Pocket Edition

God's people are here told not to pledge their means or tools (not to pledge "the netter or upper millstone") with which they make a living. And they are not to be exacting with

When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee. And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: in any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: at his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.

Deut. 24:6, 10-15—No man shall take the netter or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge. . . .

When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

life and good, and death and evil.

1 John 1:4-6—And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

James 2:19, 20—Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Your obeying "all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments" of the moral law of Moses, you see, is your evidence that you have been born again, that you have been endowed with power from above, that you are enabled to choose the good and to refuse the evil, that you are the children of God. Keeping the commandments and the statutes in the Lord, then, is the light and shield of your life. It is the outward sign that by the life of Christ you have overcome the Enemy of your soul and body. This system of worship, therefore, is truly the Righteousness by faith that brings the righteousness of Christ in the people of God. Let us now with ears wide open hear the crier's bell:

Isa. 52:1, 7—Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.... How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto

Soon, Brother, Sister, we are to enter into this period of persecution, and how thankful we should be that there is no need to fear, no need to be taken off guard. For with the light now shining on our pathway we should know what to expect and how to cope with the situation. Truly "unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness." Ps. 112:4.

this happened when Pagan Rome fell, and that the kings that then took their crowns, kingdoms, are the kings who reach down to our day. These kings have now almost dwindled away, their thrones are being taken by Fascism, Communism, or by some form of Republicanism.

The leopard-like beast, therefore, having his horns crowned, definitely denotes that he comes into being after the career of the non-descript beast, after the fall of Pagan Rome, and during the time the kings receive their kingdoms, for crowned horns denote crowned kings.

Moreover, the leopard-like beast blasphemed God and His tabernacle forty-two months, which is exactly the same length of time in which the little horn power of the non-descript beast was to speak against the Most High and to wear out the saints. He was to do this for a time (one year), times (two years), and dividing of time (half year) equal to forty-two months (Dan. 7: 25). Both the leopard-like and the non-descript beast in the second phase, were against God and His people for the same length of time—forty-two symbolical months.

Plainly, then, the leopard-like beast reigns contemporaneously with the second phase of the non-descript beast.

Still further, the leopard-like beast is a composite beast of all the beasts before it! His mouth of a lion, feet of a bear, body of a leopard, and ten horns are marks which identify him to be a descendant of the four ancient world empires—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome. He is therefore the symbol of the world of today, the fifth symbolical beast.

Deut. 5:11-21—Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain. Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord Thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded

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He will hear us and save us. We should, therefore, now give ear to His voice, and whatsoever He commands we must do if we want His blessings upon us. Remember we anciently lost the Kingdom because of disobeying His commandments and statutes, and it is certain that he will not take us back into it so long as we neglect to take heed to His voice. And here is the voice which rings in our ears today as loudly as it did in the ears of the people in Moses' day:

which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God. If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: but thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days. When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence. Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with diverse seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled. Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.

In this particular catalogue of commandments and statutes, you see that God is particular what His people wear and what they eat. He expects them to be kind to animals. He wants them to be careful not to leave traps for the unaware to fall into or for anyone to be hurt in any way. Then, too, God's people are to farm in accordance with His wisdom if they would have His blessings upon their labor, and if they would obtain health from the food they eat.

Deut. 23:19-23—Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury: unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou

Rev. 22:16, 13, 14—I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Mat. 5:17-22, 27, 28—Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, and all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall

The Bible, you know, consists of three parts: (1) History, (2) Commandments and Statutes, (3) Prophecy. The Psalms and the Proverbs, along with the Song of Solomon, come under these same categories. History tells the past, and prophecy tells the future, but the keeping of the commandments and the statutes brings the blessings that should be ours today, enlightens the soul, and shields the body. Indeed, Jesus in the commandments and the statutes is our only salvation. Am I speaking the truth?—Let us see what Jesus Himself has to say:

necessary to know both history and prophecy, absolutely necessary to know the past and the future. But this in itself will not profit you if your soul is languishing in darkness, if you are spiritually dead and do not know it;—no, this will not profit you any more than would a car with a flood of light before and behind but with the motor dead. The life to your soul, and the light closest your feet are, therefore, of first importance. And how are these to be obtained?—

The Lord Is Coming

The Lord is coming! seas, retire!
Ye mountains, melt to liquid fire!
Ye oceans, cease to ebb and flow!
His stately steppings ye should know.

The Lord is coming! Who shall stand?
Who shall be found at His right hand?—
He with the righteous garment on
Which Christ our glorious King hath won.

The Lord is coming! watch and pray!
So shalt thou hasten that glad day;
So shalt thou then escape the snare,
And Christ's eternal glory share.

—Anon.

The only law of Moses, therefore, that we can possibly be admonished to remember, is the third part of his law: the moral law, which consists of the things that pertain to us as individuals, the things that we as individuals must perform, the things that perfect our character, the things that make us a peculiar people. We therefore need to search out and do the things contained in the moral law of Moses—"The commandments, and the statutes and the judgments," Deut. 5:31.

The second part of Moses' law, is the law by which Israel was to rule its people, the civil, or legal law, the law which defines what penalty the government should impose upon those who are caught stealing, killing, or the like. Now, since we as Christians do not have a government of our own, but are still under the governments of the nations of today, we personally, or as a group are not required to enforce the legal law of Moses either.

And so, as this law was nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14), we need not, and must not, observe it now.

The first is the Ceremonial law, the law of the temple—the sacrificial law, of course, we today must not observe, except in antitype, for it foreshadowed things to come, particularly Christ's first advent. Thus it is that if we had lived in Old Testament times and had failed to comply with the sacrificial law and system of that day, we would therefore have demonstrated unbelief in Christ, who by being living in the Christ, if we should now observe the typical sacrificial law and system, we should thereby demonstrate unbelief in Christ, who has come.

And the surest way to select these moral essentials from among those things which pertain to the sacrificial and the legal systems, is to go to the book of Deuteronomy. This book is the summary of all the laws and statutes which Moses spoke to ancient Israel, his last words.

We shall begin with his prediction of our own situation, of our sojourning in the land of the Gentiles, as it is this day, the certification of the fact that in the counsels of Moses' writings we, too, are included.

Deut. 4:26-31—*I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And the Lord shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice; (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them.*

Here Moses predicted the disintegration of the kingdom then expected, and the dispersion of the people of Israel throughout the nations, the

Broadly speaking, the law of Moses consists

self and still expect His blessings. To remember it, for we cannot disregard His coun- would do well to restudy this law of Moses, and faithful advice to His people of this day, we Lord commanded "in Horeb." Since this is God's The law of "statutes and judgments" which the ber ye the Law of Moses My servant." Which law?— the Lord give through Malachi?—He says, "Remem- the prophet is sent. And what wise counsel does day, to the people to whom antitypical Elijah and 4, prophetically speak to the people of today, You know by now that Malachi, chapters 3

Lord.
the coming of the great and dreadful day of the hold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Be- servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for Mal. 4:4, 5—Remember ye the law of Moses My

read—

If we are to believe all, then let us first all that the prophets have spoken." Lu. 24:25. swers: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe Jesus. And how much shall we believe?—Jesus an- not believe in Moses, then you cannot believe in Jesus is to believe what He says. If you can- Moses is to believe what he wrote; to believe in have believed Me." John 5:46. To believe in Jesus said: "Had ye believed Moses, ye would

house upon a rock." Matt. 7:21-24.
I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his hearereth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, Me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from

break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Only those who do God's commandments, you see, are able to enter the Holy City. None others are thus privileged. No, Jesus did not come to bring crime and lawlessness, but rather to bring righteousness and peace by blotting out the sins of all who repent of breaking the law. To be saved involves much more than merely calling Him Lord and Saviour and shouting halleluia.

"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I