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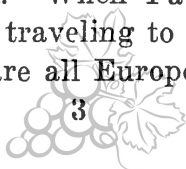
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Exordium.

At present our glorified Savior is sitting with His Father on His throne, interceding for this lost world. Daniel 7:13 shows us the Son coming to the Father and receiving a kingdom, and in the eighteenth verse he sees the saints of the Most High possess that kingdom, and certifies that they will possess it “forever and ever and ever.” Jesus said to His disciples repeatedly, “As my Father has given to me a kingdom, so I give to you a kingdom, and you shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

I have repeatedly visited the Union Depot, Washington, D. C., the finest in the world, built at the cost of \$27,000,000. I should for joy, as I contemplated the glorious Holiness conventions, to be held in the capital of Yankee land during the Millennium, over which the Apostle Paul will preside.

In the above Scriptures, we see that the twelve apostles will be the first rulers in this world. There are just about twelve great nationalities now occupying the whole earth. When Paul lost his head on Nero's block, he was traveling to Europe, the home of our ancestry, as we are all Europeans, the children of



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Japheth, the youngest son of Noah. As the Hebrew word signifies, he was a blonde, while Shem was a red man, and Ham was a brunette. History says that Noah divided his estate, the whole world, among his three sons, giving to Shem, Asia; to Ham, Africa, and to Japheth, Europe. As our Savior said to His apostles (Matt. 19th chapter), "You shall sit upon twelve thrones, ruling the twelve tribes of Israel."

While Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke were traveling and preaching in Galatia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, God forbade Paul to preach in Asia, not that he should leave his native land forever, but leave it temporarily, that he might carry the Gospel into Europe, a signal and wonderful mercy in behalf of us all, as God then saw the wonderful latter-day enlargement of Japheth, in the fulfilment of Noah's prophecy, which you find enunciated near the end of his life; "In the latter days the Lord shall enlarge Japheth; he shall dwell in the tents of Shem and Ham shall be his servant.

We are now living amid the wonderful fulfilment of this latter-day Noachian prophecy. Asia means east, Africa means south, and Europe means west. therefore the prophecies appertaining to Europe throw their briarian arms around great America (North, Central and South). Thus they give this great New World normal prominence in the grand panorama of prophetic fulfilments, encompassing the whole world and sweeping down through the oncoming ages, till they all culminate in our Savior's beautiful and consolatory beatitude: "The meek shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5:).

of our Savior's manifestation in the world (1 John 3:8), in order to destroy the works of the devil, which are not only sin, but sickness, death and all the concomitant train of earthly woes and sorrows, heading up in an endless perdition for the unsaveables and incorrigibles; anticipated by terrible earthly calamities, executive of God's righteous judgments against the wicked nations and fallen churches.

God called Paul and his comrades to leave Asia, cross the sea and preach the Gospel in Europe. His omniscient eye, in that distant day, actually saw this great Yankee nation, reaching from the stormy Atlantic to the lovely Pacific; from the tropical seas to the icy poles (lovingly recognizing great Canada, a legitimate sister of Uncle Sam).

When I have peregrinated that great Union Depot in our national Capital, I shouted the praises of God, contemplative of the grand panorama when Satan will be dethroned and imprisoned in Hell, and all his myrmidons skedaddled from the earth.

Oh, what glorious Holiness conventions will gather in that great Union Depot at the Yankee Capital, under the presidency of the Apostle Paul! This follows as a logical sequence from the fact that we are his spiritual children. He not only pioneered the Gospel in Europe, but sealed it with his blood.

Paul aimed to journey on into Spain, which borders on the Atlantic Ocean (Rom. 15th chapter), thus traveling westwardly as far as possible at that time, as great America was unknown to the civilized world;

inhabited only by wild beasts and savages.

When the saints bade adieu to the great apostle of the Gentiles, with greatest reluctance, as they so much needed his ministry, they all appealed to Peter to escape for his life at once, lest they might have to dispense with both of them, thus leaving a vacuum the world could never fill. So they unanimously appealed to him, begging him to run away into the untrodden wilds and save his life.

Therefore, having acquiesced in the universal clamor for him to save his life by flight, in the dead of night he is walking along the Appian Way, due south, and suddenly meets Jesus, walking expeditiously into the city. Turning he says, "Domine, quo vadis?" ("Master, whither goest thou?") He responds, "Peter, I am going to Rome to be crucified again," and that moment vanished out of sight.

Peter learns the lesson, returns to Rome, tells the saints, and reveals to them that He is to be crucified in Rome. Therefore he was executed on the Campus Martius, with his head downward by his own request, alleging that he was not worthy to be crucified as his Lord, as he had once denied Him.

If you ever visit Rome, the first glimpse you will catch from the Alpine summits will be the glittering spire of St. Peter's Cathedral, highest of all the many lofty towers in that city of wonders; the edifice being 835 feet long, 330 feet wide, and 448 feet high, built entirely of the finest marble in the world, at the cost of two hundred million dollars and two hundred years labor; it has five domes, the central highest of all, and

towers above everything else in the city.

I have climbed it to its pinnacle and been in the ball of that central tower. You will find it superabounding with thrillingly interesting historic statuary, infinitely edifying to the cultured traveller. You will also find Peter's sepulcher in the center, containing his remains in a gold coffin; the sepulcher encircled with burning tapers, which never go out, night or day, being thus beautifully symbolic of the immortality enjoyed by saints and angels, without a break through endless ages

Our Savior certifies repeatedly that the apostles will be the first rulers of the world in the glorious coming kingdom, sitting on twelve thrones and judging, i. e., ruling, the twelve tribes of Israel.

We see in our Lord's ministry the pre-eminence of Peter, James and John above the other nine, doubtless by reason of deeper insight into Divine truth; this having been illustrated by His selection of this honored trio to behold His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration, along with Moses, on that occasion the representative of all the saints who will be transfigured through the resurrection, and Elijah, the souvenir of all who will be transfigured through the translation.

We also see this trio separated from their comrades and permitted to accompany our Savior when He raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead. Again we see them enjoy a similar honor; in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the night of His betrayal, and during His agony, He separated them from their comrades.

As Britain this day leads all the nations of the

earth, consequently Peter, the senior apostle, the honored speaker of the college, will, as we conclude from corroborative circumstances, in all probability be the representative of that great nationality.

As the wild nations under the polar icebergs, Goths, Huns, Vandals and Heruli, were the ancestors of great Russia, by far the largest nation on the earth, actually owning, almost one-third of the globe, therefore we see a grand open door for the presidency of the Apostle John, the incarnation of love, honored with the most proximate companionship of the Savior, actually leaning upon His breast. Oh, what a light he will be in his transfiguration glory, shining from the throne of the Czar!

Thomas the doubter, whose doubts were all burnt up by the pentecostal fiery baptism along with Peter's cowardice and the ambition of John and James, superabounded in apostolic labor, having travelled through Ethiopia and Persia and other countries preaching the Gospel; but personally honored with India, as his field of labor. When I preached in that country, I saw his footprints; preaching in the land of his ministry and martyrdom, also finding twenty thousand people, calling themselves the "Christians of St. Thomas," and tracing their ecclesiastical paternity back to that notable saint, who spent his life in their country. The grand success of his ministry aroused the suspicion of the Brahman priests, intensifying their jealousy lest his religion supersede theirs; consequently they conspired against him, pursued, overtook, and executed him by running a cruel iron through his body and

hanging him up between two trees to die. Oh, how pertinently would the superabounding grace of God be magnified by the promotion of this apostle to the arch-episcopacy of that great country.

Andrew received Armenia for his field of labor; going thither he preached heroically till they executed him by crucifixion on an "X" cross, transverse pieces instead of horizontal and perpendicular, as that of our Savior, and consequently all crosses in that form have, through the centuries, been cognomened "St. Andrew's cross."

Jude received Tartary for his appointment in the world-wide apostolical college; whither going, he preached till they cruelly martyred him by a sportive shooting match at his expense, plugging his body full of arrows.

Philip received Baalbec, the ecclesiastical metropolis of Syria, to which all nations, from the days of Cain, had been coming with their gold and silver, as well as their adoring homage in the greatest and most magnificent temple in the whole world, the universal metropolis of Baal worship. There he, along with St. Cyril, St. Barbara, St. Sophia and many others were cruelly martyred by the pagans.

Mark received Egypt as his field of labor, where he preached till the cruel mob dragged him through the streets by the feet, till he expired.

Matthew also went to Africa, receiving Ethiopia, where he nobly preached till the people arose and murdered him.

Matthias, the successor to fallen Judas Iscariot,

also went to Africa, till the martyr's crown from Heaven descended, and the angels welcomed him to Glory.

My amanuensis asks me if Paul did not become the real successor of Judas Iscariot? I answer negatively.

Paul, Barnabas, Mark, Luke, and Apollos were all apostles, although not identified with the original twelve.

Apollos is doubtless the author of Hebrews, as Dean Alford, the prince of English critics, and others give it to him. It is certain Paul never wrote it, because he certifies at the conclusion of the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians that his autograph is in all his Epistles, whereas it is not in Hebrews at all. How did his name ever get to it? The pope, to his shame, six hundred years ago, ordered them to put it there; whereas it had from the beginning been anonymous.

Simon Zelotes, the red-hot apostle (as "Zelotes" has that meaning) received the British Islands as his field of labor; whither going, he preached, till, like all the balance, he so stirred up Satan and his myrmidons that they raised the people, and precipitated them on him to assault and murder him.

James, the brother of John, was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem (Acts, 12th chapter).

James the Less was precipitated from a pinnacle of the temple, and, as that did not quite kill him, they afterward beat him to death with a fuller's club.

Thus the apostles all sealed their faith with their blood, except John, who outlived the balance a whole

generation; Paul and all the original twelve having been dead thirty years or more; Luke, Paul's faithful amanuensis, having been hung on an olive-tree in Greece; and John's own brother, James, having been in Heaven seventy years when he was honored with a fiery chariot. History follows him down till he was 101 years old and living at Ephesus, his last pastorate, in which he was succeeded by Poly carp, who suffered martyrdom, and he by Ignatius, who, when 107 years old, was arrested and carried to Rome and cast to the wild beasts.

While John, like Enoch, got away unseen by mortal eyes there can be no doubt about his translation, as he could not have gotten away utterly unseen or unheard of unless the Lord had come and taken him at once to Heaven. The reason why there is no mention of his translation in the Bible is because he was the last writer and could not make a record of his own translation, as there is no mail route from Heaven down to earth, but a good one from here up to Heaven; as the dying saints are all the time ascending up, keeping the ethereal highways luminous with the splendor of their glory and vocal with the shouts of their victory.

John Wesley, so exceedingly learned in the Scriptures, always believed that John was translated, while Justin Martyr and Irenæus, John's contemporaries who lived, preached and wrote in the second century, into which John lived twenty-one years, verily believed that he was translated.

Our Savior says that His apostles will be the first rulers of the world.

We see (1 Thess., 4th chapter), "The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the trump of God and the voice of the archangel, when the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive and left till his appearing will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and thus be forever with the Lord." The buried saints will all arise before the living are changed. Meanwhile we will be wrapped in unutterable bewilderment, gazing on the transporting scene.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, His body, for the benefit of Peter, James and John, exhibited His transfiguration glory, so brilliantly as to utterly eclipse their mortal vision, constraining them to fall on their faces, and hide their eyes from the intolerable splendor. Such will be the unutterable glory radiant from the transfigured saints. Hence the world will be flooded with such an illumination as mortal eyes have never seen. Consequently, while we are wrapped in unutterable bewilderment contemplating the scene, before we are aware, we will find ourselves loosed from terra firma, flying through the ethereal void, and with unutterable delight congratulating our risen and glorified friends, meeting us in the air.

This is no dream; Paul says (1 Cor. 15:51): "We shall not all sleep (i. e., not all die), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye; for the trumpet shall sound, and we shall be changed; this mortal shall put on immortality, this corruption shall put on incorruption, and mortality shall be swal-

lowd up of life.” Therefore you see we will have our own identical bodies, real, actual, and literal, yet utterly imponderable, i. e., they will not weigh anything, and consequently will be free to move responsive to the impulses of our immortal spirit.

In this passage we read, “There is a psychical body (E. V., natural), and there is a pneumatical body (spiritual).” Man is a trinity, consisting of spirit, soul, and body, i. e., the pneuma, the psychee, and the sooma. The spirit (pneuma) is the man himself, and consists of the conscience, the will and the affections. While the psychee (souls) consists of the physical life, intellect, judgment and the sensibilities.

During mortality, the body is the house for the psychee to live in. In the resurrection, or the transfiguration (which is the same thing, the latter being the glorification of the living saints when the Lord appears and the former that of the sepulchred), when the glorification takes place, whether in the resurrection of the dead, or the transfiguration of the living, we still have the same identical body (the sooma) in which the psychee has lived; but it will be henceforth and forever the house for the pneuma to live in. Therefore the body will be identical with itself.

In this life we are mortal, material, ponderable like other animals, as we are here in the caterpillar state; whereas the resurrection of the dead, or the transfiguration of the living, will eliminate all ponderous matter out of the body, so it will never weigh anything; never take mortal food again, never be sick, never get old

and never die; but bloom in immortal youth forever, eating angel's food.

Now in this grand panorama, we have seen the buried saints leap into life and the living changed from mortal to immortality; from the material to the immaterial, from the ponderable to the imponderable; from the similitude of the animal creation to that of the angels; from the caterpillar, eating green leaves and drinking from the filthy cesspools, to the butterfly, floating on gaudy pinions in the golden sunlight, deigning only to light on the most beautiful flowers and suck the honey.

When this wonderful transition supervenes, the Lord will proceed to give His apostles the first offices of the whole world.



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CHAPTER I.

Identity of the Queenship.

The key to the situation is simply wedlock with the Lord; gloriously and triumphantly solving the problem, cutting the Gordian knot, and revealing the mystery. We have it in the Parable of the Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13) when the ten virgins all set out to meet the bridegroom, five of them wise and five foolish. The latter commit the fatal inadvertency of taking no oil in their vessels for their lamps; whereas the wise went to the other pole of the lottery, taking the utmost precaution. Hear them soliloquize: "We know not how long the bridegroom will tarry, how dark the forests, dismal the swamps, rugged the mountains, craggy the steeps, frightful the chasms, lugubrious the deserts, flooded the rivers, ferocious the enemies we have to pass in our journey, to meet the bridegroom, therefore we would better lay in a supply of oil."

Consequently they get their vessels, i. e., their hearts, filled with oil, i. e., the Holy Ghost. This shows clearly that they went for sanctification, because God (the Holy Ghost) never lives in an unclean house. Therefore Jesus must baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire, as baptism has no meaning but purification,

expurgating out of you everything the devil ever put in you. Sanctification, i. e., the real baptism of the Holy Ghost, constitutes the negative side of the experience, which, in every case, must precede the incoming and abiding of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Here you see our Savior denominates them "wise" because they went for the second work of grace, and got it victoriously, consequently they were ready for the midnight cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh! go ye out to meet him."

The Lord is only coming for His Bride; consequently the great *sine qua non* is for us to have our lamps lit in regeneration, clearly attested by the blessed Holy Spirit, so we know it better than we know that we are living; and then by the second work of grace, also indubitably witnessed to by the blessed Holy Spirit.

Here the Lord comes at midnight, which cannot be geographical, as it is midnight somewhere in the world every moment in the day. Therefore it has a spiritual signification, in giving it a superlative admonitory meaning. Midnight is the time when deepest sleep falls upon the people; naught is heard, but the passing train, the lashing of the ocean billows against the rock-bound shore, and the barking of the sleepless watchdog. Oh, what a profound sleep is now on the great wicked nations of the earth, rushing forward in armed millions, killing one another as if there were no Judgment Day, Heaven to gain, nor Hell to shun!

How dismal the icy hand of spiritual death on the

great popular churches of either hemisphere! and contrastively with the seventeen hundred millions of people populating the globe, how few are looking for Jesus to come! Oh, how few have their eyes open to the thrilling fulfilment of the prophecies and the near proximity of the Lord! Revelation 16:13: "I saw three unclean spirits come out of the mouth of the beast (Catholicism), the dragon (paganism) and the false prophets (Mohammedanism). The preceding verses of this chapter were significantly fulfilled in 1909 by the fall of the Turkish Sultanate, as prophesied by Daniel and John, when the sixth angel poured out his bowl of wrath on the great river Euphrates, that his waters might be dried up, and the kings from the rising of the sun might come to the great battle of Armageddon.

In 1909, a thrilling revolution swept over the Turkish Empire, destroying the Sultanate after a reign of 1290 years, and turning over the government to a new dynasty, denominated the "Young Turks," a secret organization in sympathy with the Jews. Before, it had been a penalty of death for a Jew to enter the holy campus (thirty-five acres of holy ground surrounding the old temple); he being also utterly disqualified to citizenize in the Holy Land they only permitting him to come as a pilgrim, rigidly obligated to leave in thirty, sixty or at most ninety days; and he was also utterly disqualified to own property anywhere in all that country.

When this new dynasty succeeded in the dethronement of the Sultan (whom they would have killed if

they could have found him, but the women of his harèem so successfully hid him that they thought he was dead, till the revolution had done its work, then he was found alive, his kingdom, crown, sceptre and annual financial income of \$10,000,000, all swept away forever, and he himself a prisoner for life, without the vaguest gleam of hope, ever to regain his forfeited throne), they at once called a convention in Jerusalem, inviting Jews as well as Gentiles. Meanwhile they proceeded to vote citizenship to the Jews, and the right to own property without restriction, admitting them also on to the ground of the holy campus; at the same time having a grand procession in which Turk and Jew marched arm in arm through the city, from wall to wall, and banners floating, music roaring, and a glorious jubilee over the reconciliation of the old quarrel between Jacob and Esau, which had swept down thirty centuries.

That notable fulfilment of Daniel and John in the fall of the Turkish Sultanate ought to raise Christendom on tiptoe, looking out for our Lord's glorious appearing, to take His waiting bride and hold His great Ecumenical conference, the saints of all ages, to give them their appointments to rule the world during the Millennium, and all subsequent ages. Daniel 7:18: "I beheld till the saints of the Most High possessed the kingdom, and will possess it forever and ever and ever."

You see the wonderful adverb repeated three times, assuring us that when the saints come into office (as they will when the Lord sets up His kingdom) they

will never go out, but reign as His subordinates through the flight of eternal ages.

Great and important prophecies are generally fulfilled in stages. Certainly this is a wonderful and thrilling fulfilment of Daniel and John, both of whom saw the same vision. As that country is now wrapped in the great continental conflict, we need not be surprised at any time if fortune's capricious wheel, on this magnitudinous belligerent enginery, simply turns over the Holy Land to its rightful owners, even now, calling the wandering children of Abraham from their long and dreary peregrinations through every nation under heaven, back to their lovely inheritance which God gave Abraham, again to worship at the tombs of their fathers and mothers, long ago in bright Glory, and looking out for them at their speedy coming.

This very prophecy of the unclean spirits going out from the mouth of Catholicism (Germany, which began the war), paganism (300,000,000 in India under English rule 160 years), and Mohammedanism (300,000,000) is this day so significantly receiving fulfilment, that it is astonishing to contemplate the Lethean slumber, not only on all the nations, but infinitely more astounding as it is on the churches, with only the exception of a few holiness people here and there.

This very prophecy goes on in this chapter: "Behold I come as a thief (i. e., because He is coming to steal His Bride away from this wicked world). Blessed is he that keepeth his garment (i. e., the Blood-washed robe of entire sanctification), that he may not walk

naked and they may see his shame." Shame and everlasting contempt on those who have not on the Blood-washed robe of holiness. (Dan. 12.)

Then he proceeds at once to certify that the seventh angel, last of all, who will finish the wrath of God against the wicked nations and fallen church, pours out his bowl of wrath upon the air, and that means the whole world, as air envelopes the entire globe, extends up one hundred miles all around, and is constantly in motion; tempests, cyclones, hurricanes, sirrocoes and simooms sweeping round and round the globe, over sea and land, and constantly rousing up the great volume of the atmosphere.

The fall of the Turkish Sultanate, accompanied by the bloody revolutions which deluged the empire, and the present wars verify the egress of those three unclean spirits, like filthy, dismal, croaking frogs, from Catholicism, paganism and Mohammedanism, to stir up all the kings, from the rising of the sun to its going down, to come to the great battle against God Almighty, which is the Armageddon war.

Matthew 24:29: "Immediately after the desolation of these days will the sun be darkened and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will be falling." The English Version here has "tribulation," which leads you astray, as you get your mind on our tribulation, when it really refers to that of the Jews, which took place A. D. 66-73, utterly desolating all their country, and destroying their cities and the temple; a million perishing by the sword, pestilence and famine at Jerusalem alone, and similar destruc-

tions throughout the whole country, denationalizing and expatriating the Jewish nation, selling into slavery and carrying into captivity all who survived the sword, pestilence and famine.

In the Jewish tribulation the Romans utterly desolated the whole country, tearing the beautiful and costly temple all to pieces and leaving not a stone upon a stone that they did not throw down, hunting hidden treasures, as the Jews in all ages have been the greatest money-makers in all the world. There were no banks then, consequently the Romans thought they had hidden their money in the walls of the temple.

This desolation remained on the country till the return of the Jews in the last twenty years. Now they are rapidly increasing everywhere and in great magnificence rebuilding the old cities occupied by their fathers and mothers in the happy long ago.

When they were exterminated out of the country, the wild children of Abraham, through Ishmael, Esau and the children of Keturah, his second wife, poured into that country, as it is so much better than Arabia, which is largely a sandy desert. They rigidly follow father Abraham religiously, who never lived in a house, but spent his life in a tent, which he carried on a camel's back from place to place, erecting it and taking it down, pursuant to Jehovah's mandate.

For this reason that country remained desolate through the ages of Israel's exilement. One of the brilliant signs of the Lord's proximity is the rebuilding of all the ancient cities, by the returning Jews, thus taking away the desolation.

The sun symbolizes the kings; the moon, the queens, and the stars, the subordinate rulers of the different countries. We certainly have this day that manifestation with tremendous emphasis.

The next verse says, "Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven." As the kings, queens and potentates are now falling, we should all look out for the sign in the ethereal firmament, which will be after the order of the Bethlehem star, which appeared in His first advent; but on a much grander scale, as His second coming will be so much more glorious than His first. Therefore it will have the similitude of a grand aurora borealis, such as the ages never knew; focalizing all the telescopes throughout the whole world, and filling the newspapers with the exciting phenomenon.

The next verse says, "Then will all the tribes and nations weep and wail, when they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory." The brilliant sign will simply be the normal splendor of His personal glory, radiating out before Him millions of miles; but now He has approximated, so that all the people actually see Him. Revelation 1:7: "Every eye shall behold him." As the earth makes a complete revolution in twenty-four hours, it would only take that short space of time to actually render Him visible to every human eye.

The next verse says, "Then will he send forth his angels, who will gather his elect from the four winds of the earth, from the extremities of the firmaments to the extremities of the same (i. e., these resurrection angels will literally scour the whole world, hunting up

God's elect in every land and gathering them to the great Holiness conference, in the celestial firmament, in order to pass our examinations, i. e., receive our judgments and corresponding appointments, exhaustive of the whole world, as the transfigured saints will be the only rulers on the earth, during the glorious millennial reign (Rev. 20:6).

Then Satan will make an awful effort to break up the reign of Christ and His saints upon the earth, but signally fail, as he will only secure the following of Gog and Magog, the surviving gleanings of his great Armageddon harvest; all of whom will be destroyed by the fiery conflagration descending on the earth, its pentecostal baptism destroying everything and utterly expurgating all of Satan's debris, restoring back Edenic purity.

As you see in these copious and strong affirmations of the seer of Patmos, none but the elect through sanctification of the Spirit (1 Pet. 1st chapter) will be taken in the glorious Rapture of the saints.

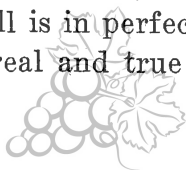
The foolish virgins, are not apostates, but all the unsanctified Christians, who will be on the earth when the Lord comes for His Bride, and will be left, to take chances with the thronging millions of unsaved people, of whom the unsavable will all perish in the Tribulation, cut down by the heavy artillery and gatling guns of the Armageddon wars and the million destroying angels, seen by Daniel (7:9).

Therefore your identity with the queenship is your only hope of a place in the Rapture, and that identity simply means wedlock with the Lord; who is dead in

love with you, having forever demonstrated it by actually dying for you and anxiously waiting your consent to enter into matrimony; which literally signifies the discardment of every other lover.

If you enter into wedlock with the Lord, you must discard all earthly lovers; fashion, style, worldly society, lodgery, politics, money, ambition, honor, pride, vanity and everything appertaining to this fallen world must absolutely go overboard, with the perfect and eternal resignation. This is the Rubicon on which so many halt and linger like Julius Cæsar, the great Roman; yet his courage prevailed and he shouted, "The die is cast!" and plunging in on his horse, he crosses over. Oh, what a saliant, momentous issue, as it meant the death of the Republic and the birth of the Empire! When he conquered Gaul and Britain two thousand years ago, founding Paris and London, he had all the bridges burned down as fast as they crossed them, thus cutting off all possibility of retreat, so all his men knew it was victory or death and of course fought not only for victory, but for life.

You cannot afford to flicker an iota, to make this utter and eternal abandonment to God, thus turning over to Him your own will forever. He will take it, sanctify it wholly, so it will be a heavenly prelibation and then give it back to you, leaving you perfectly free, because your will is in perfect harmony with His and this is the only real and true freedom.



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CHAPTER II.

Offices of the Queenship.

The queen always sits on the king's throne by his side and is the second officer in the kingdom. That is the reason why Daniel was to be the third ruler in the Chaldean kingdom, the king first, and the queen second. Astronomy reveals two billions, 117 millions of worlds, constituting the illimitable celestial universe. The greatest astronomers believe that all this mighty host are but the suburbs of the infinite universe.

Our own sun is accompanied by eleven worlds, of which ours is comparatively small: Neptune, three thousand million miles from the sun, and sixty times the magnitude of the earth; Uranus, eighteen hundred million miles from the sun, and eighty times our magnitude; while Saturn, nine hundred million miles from the sun, is eleven hundred times the magnitude of our earth, and is also accompanied by eight brilliant satellites and two great luminous rings, thus making a superlatively gorgeous display on the field of telescopic vision, at which the Lord has permitted me to look. Then Jupiter, 495 million miles from the sun, accompanied by four brilliant satellites, and encircled



by splendid luminous belts, is fourteen hundred times the size of this earth.

All astronomers believe there is a far-away primal center, around which the 217 million suns, with their vast retinues of worlds, are revolving (which is certainly altogether plausible); and they had settled on Alcyone, of the Pleiades (seven stars) as that great primal center, honored with Jehovah's effulgent throne, and environed by the thrones and palaces of the heavenly hierarchies; but the discoveries from the Harvard University observatory on the Andes Mountains of South America, in 1913 demonstrated the fact that Alcyone is moving, and consequently herself revolving around a center, which is evidently the primal of the celestial universe. Alcyone has been estimated to be 25,000 times the magnitude of this world, as you see, an actually incomprehensible vastitude, characteristic of the celestial universe, even as many of our own planets are transcendently larger than this world. Dr. Dick, a great astronomer and at the same time an exceedingly humble Christian, with many others, gave it as his opinion that all these 2,117 millions of worlds already discovered constitute but the suburbs of the celestial universe; as the telescopes rest on vast fields of Nebulæ (denominated "star dust"), which are believed to be suns to other systems, so infinitely distant as to be unindividualizable by the largest telescopes.

We are informed (Eph. 2 and Col. 1) that the Son of God created all these worlds, which, with their incomprehensible vastitude, are evidently but a fraction of the boundless and illimitable celestial universe.

We have the clear revelation, that He will rule the earth through the instrumentality of His transfigured saints. Revelation 1:6: "Blessed and sanctified is he that hath part in the first resurrection, for over such the second death (i. e., damnation) hath no power; but they shall be kings and priests unto God, and reign with Christ a thousand years" (i. e., through the Millennium).

Now when we compare Daniel's testimony with John's, as they both saw the same visions, though 600 years apart in time and one thousand miles in space, we see (Dan. 8:18), "I beheld till the saints of the Most High possessed the kingdom and will possess it forever and ever and ever." Thus you see this prophecy precludes the conclusion of the subordinate reign of the saints with the Millennium, but runs it on through all eternity.

In First Corinthians 7, we find the saints going to judge the world, i. e., rule it, and it specifies that we will judge angels. From these facts we conclude that the Lord will use the saints of His Bridehood as His subordinates in all celestial worlds.

The original economy of this world did not contemplate our indefinite abiding, as it provided for translation at the expiration of probation; as illustrated by Enoch and Elijah, souvenirs of the original economy.

The Lord came to destroy the works of the devil, culminating in the sanctification of this earth by fire, and its final inheritance by the meek (Matt. 5:5), i. e., the holy and pure people who are perfectly humble

and satisfied with God alone, like Adam and Eve before the fall, when they were not only free from sin, but had no idea what it was. Therefore in the grand finale, we see the renewed earth rising from the ruins of her own conflagratory sanctification, pure and holy as she originally emanated from the creative fiat, and inhabited by holy and sinless people, the meek, who will live on it, propagating generation after generation (Eph. 3:21), holy and sinless as Adam and Eve before they fell.

As we will have our transfiguration pinions, qualifying us to fly from world to world, you see the feasibility of undertaking enterprises utterly impracticable in this probationary state.

I saw, in middle Tennessee, a nice brick house, whose walls had been put up about to completion, but the roof was never put on, because the builder was a rich slave holder and when the war broke out fifty-five years ago, the work was abandoned and never afterward resumed, thus proclaiming to all passers-by the transiency and evanescence of all things belonging to this fleeting life.

When we contrast time and eternity, mortality and immortality, evanescence and permanency, we recognize the possibility of enterprises in the disembodied state. As the ante-diluvians lived one thousand years, they could deliberately launch enterprises which would be sheer temerity in our case.

I would gladly launch great enterprises in this world, especially in the evangelization of the heathens, if I could live to carry them out. As He commands

me (2 Tim. 2:2): "Whatsoever thou hast learned, commit thou to faithful people, who shall be competent to teach others," therefore I am working hard, preaching, teaching and dictating to amanuenses the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I learned long ago that only the people who read good books, prove successful pilgrims from earth to Glory. While the Bible is the Book of all books, we all need teachers in order to understand it.

My books plainly tell the people the sure way to Heaven. If I had the assurance of even living one hundred years, how I would at once be off to the heathen fields.

How happy I will be when I am no longer encumbered with this crumbling tenement, and am free to wing my flight from world to world on missions of love and kindness, wisdom, knowledge, and disinterested philanthropy, anything for the glorification of the loving Father, the interceding Son and the blessed Holy Spirit.

The great plan of salvation was launched for the restoration of this world back to purity and loyalty forever, and the fortification of all other worlds against disharmony with the divine will, incongruity with the perfect and holy administration and all dissimilitude toward the divine benignity, wisdom and infallible jurisdiction in this world and all other worlds.

Three days would have been sufficient to suffer and die to redeem all the world from sin, death and Hell, and go back to Heaven whence He came. In that case His work would have been largely a failure, as

Satan would have spread his black wing over bloody Calvary, and hidden it from the eyes of the sinking millions, who would have gone down to Hell, having never heard of the great salvation, nor gotten their wandering eyes on the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world; bringing salvation within the reach of every immortal soul.

Who in all the celestial universe will be better prepared to preach this glorious Gospel of perfect loyalty than we who have drunk the bitter cup of repentance; lain among the weeds of mourning covered with sackcloth and ashes, weeping scalding tears of broken-hearted contrition; passed through the crucible of regeneration, and endured the pangs of experimental crucifixion, till we reached the happy experience; met the persecutions of a sinloving and Godhating world; shouted in the fire and left the world with Heaven in full view and glory in our souls?

We can beat the unfallen angels out of sight, as they have never passed through the fiery ordeals, and been trummelled through the devil's flintmills; coming out with shouts of victory every time, jubilantly proclaiming to all we meet:

“You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus!
For I would rather be the least of them
Who are the Lord's alone
Than wear a royal diadem and sit upon a throne.”

This world is the battlefield of God's empire, where the terrible exterminating war between right and wrong, truth and error, purity and impurity, honesty

and dishonesty, holiness and sin, God and Satan, Heaven and Hell has been fought, every inch of territory crimsoned with martyr's blood, beginning with Abel and running down the ages, two hundred millions of martyrs shouting in the fire, praising the Lord amid the deafening roar of ferocious lions, leopards, hyenas, bears, tigers and wolves, and simultaneously witnessing to the presence of the guardian angels and the chariots coming down to give them a ride to the bright upper world, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

This will be our delectable testimony as we wing our flight from world to world, on missions of love and mercy, with infinite delight responsive to the ipse dixit of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Oh, how unutterably delectable thus to embark in enterprises which will require thousands of years to carry through to their contemplated achievement, in the magnification and glorification of Him who came all the way from Heaven to redeem us by His blood!

THE END.



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