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"Thy Throne, O God, Is Forever and Ever"

The United States In Prophecy As Revealed In Isaiah, Chapter 18

In our exposition of this chapter, we will differ much from the commentators of God's Word. I do not mean to say that I am positively right, and that all other commentators are wrong. Yet, I do confidently believe that my interpretation is correct. If it is not the United States which is in the view of the prophet, then frankly I do not know of any interpretation which might be offered which would be in the least bit plausible.

To Whom Addressed

It is unlike chapters 13, 15, 17, or 19. It is addressed to an unnamed country.

The First Word of the Prophecy

It isn't "woe," but "ho." Cf. Isa. 55:1. The Revised Version realized the mistake of the King James translators and corrects it to read, "ah."

"Shadowed With Wings"

The Revised Version translates this as "out-stretched wings." Everyone knows that the eagle with out-stretched wings is the emblem of the United States as a nation. After the World War, when a reception was given President Wilson in Paris, Clemenceau said, "Welcome, representative of the nation that stretched its wings abroad for the protection of Europe."

There are other countries which use the eagle for an emblem, such as Mexico, Austria, Germany and Russia. Each of them, however, have an eagle with closed wings.

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Refusing The Pilot

Bound for Sweden to take on a load of iron ore, a German Freighter entered a dangerous channel in the Gulf of Bothnia. A small Swedish boat drew alongside and offered the services of a skillful pilot to bring her in, but the German captain refused, stating that he needed no assistance. The pilot returned and the huge freighter continued on her course. After some time there was a terrific explosion which tore a gaping wound in her hull; half of the crew were either killed or drowned and the doomed vessel sank to the bottom.

Mines had been planted to prevent Russian battleships from reaching Finland. The Swedish pilot knew where the dreaded mines had been sown and could have prevented the disaster.

Dear reader, you are sailing on the sea of life from time to eternity. It is full of dangers; rocks, shoals, and merciless waves abound in its

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ELDER W. E. HUNTER



Elder W. E. Hunter, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Somerset, Kentucky, for approximately a quarter of a century, and who was recently forced to resign on account of ill health, has been one of the editor's closest friends throughout the years. Doubtlessly there isn't a man living whose ministry has meant more to the editor than Brother Hunter's. His noble stand for the truth through the years has been most encouraging, and we rejoice to present his picture herewith, and to print the fine treatise by him which appears on page two.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"SHUT IN WITH GOD"

"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Joseph, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark:

They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

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A Contrast Concerning Thrones That Perish And The One That Is Eternal

Mark Twain's dictum that "The king business is not what it used to be," has certainly been proven true since the conflict of 1914-1918, and the fact that many emperors and monarchs have lost their thrones, merely brings us to remember the throne which shall never perish.

The first World War caused the emperors of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and Turkey, to lose their thrones. At the same time, in Greece, Bulgaria, and Rumania, the reigning monarchs were dethroned.

Since the first World War, Victor Emmanuel of Italy has had very little of the power or prestige that were his when the World War ended. The monarchies of Portugal and Spain have since come to an end.

King Leopold of Belgium is a prisoner of Hitler, and is scorned by his own people who declare that their thirty-eight-year-old monarch is no longer capable of ruling.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, before the present conflict, was the longest reigning monarch of Europe, having ascended the Dutch throne in 1890. Yet, now she is the object of criticism for having fled to London. King Haakon of Norway is a refugee from his own land, and the newspapers of Norway have denounced him as a renegade king.

Christian the tenth, of Denmark, continues as a puppet king under

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Wanted: A Pastor

We are greatly in need of a good pastor for our church. We are not choicy, but we don't want just any old thing. We want a man, first of all, who looks good, especially to all the women of the church; who always keeps his clothes pressed, his hair oiled, his shoes shined, his face and hands powdered so that they will show that he has never been in the heat, cold, rain or wind. We want a man who is popular with the young folk and a special favorite of the older ones. In order to be popular with both, he must not preach against mixed swimming, dancing, card playing or any other things that the young folk want to do. We want him to go their ways in order to win them. He must not be a flatterer, but just a sweet dispositioned, nice, good, gentle little fellow who can make the old maids of the congregation feel young, the widows feel comforted and everybody feel at ease. He must have a

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OUR MISSION REPORTS

These show a slight gain financially through the past week, although the report of each is far from what we would like to see. We cannot tell you how happy we would be for you to have fellowship with us in these great missionary enterprises.

Brazilian Missions

Amount previously reported.....	\$69.05
Joe Wood, Russell, Ky.....	1.00
Julian Milligan, Russell, Ky.....	.50
J. E. Wilkinson, Carlsbad, N. M.....	2.50
Hopewell Baptist Church,	
Golden Pond, Ky.....	2.00
Dewey Steed, Ironton, Ohio.....	.50
1924 Bible Class (First Baptist Church) Russell, Ky.....	5.00
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.....	2.00
Mrs. Eva Fields, Russell, Ky.....	.50
Anonymously.....	1.00
Total.....	\$84.05

Radio Fund

Amount previously reported.....	\$ 88.53
Joe Wood, Russell, Ky.....	1.00
Julian Milligan, Russell, Ky.....	.50
J. E. Wilkinson, Carlsbad, N. M.....	2.50
John E. Deal, Franklin Furnace, O.....	1.00
Dewey Steed, Ironton, Ohio.....	.50
Homer Edwards, Huntington,	
W. Va.....	2.00
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.....	2.00
Mrs. Eva Fields, Russell, Ky.....	.50
Anonymously.....	1.60
Total.....	\$100.13

BOOK REVIEW

From Grosset and Dunlap, New York City.

LADYBIRD. By Grace Livingston Hill. 294 pages. Price, 75c. Mrs. Hill is perhaps the best known and best loved of writers of Christian fiction. This story of the fears and joys of a "child in the kingdom of God" is not only very attractive and enjoyable, but really honors the keeping power of God.

Fraley McPherson, a sweet wildflower of the Bad Lands is left alone in the world as her mother dies. She flees for her purity and even her life. Living like a hunted beast in the woods, God enables her almost daily to avoid her persecutors. In this fearful plight, she meets George Rivington Seabrook, who helps her get started to New York, and who is eventually constrained to accept Christ as his Savior, largely through the sweet faith of Fraley in Jesus.

On the trip to New York, fashionable Violet Wentworth, takes Fraley in charge, and determines to make her conform to the social standards of her own set. But Fraley refuses to drink, smoke, etc., and flees from the Wentworth apartment.

Days of hardship follow, with Fraley working at menial tasks. Finally, it is proved that she is a near relative of a wealthy and prominent New York family. She and Seabrook provide the beautiful romance of the story.

Order this, or any book of Christian fiction, from THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

"ATTITUDE OF ONE BAPTIST CHURCH TO ANOTHER"

W. E. HUNTER

1. Every Baptist Church is a sovereign body in itself. Big, little, rich, poor, white, black, yellow, and red,—no matter what its description may be. No other church shall decide what it shall do or shall not do. There is no authority higher than the local Baptist Church, save Jesus Christ, who is head of the church. Associations or conventions have no jurisdiction over the local body of believers.

2. Its sovereignty does not permit it to go beyond New Testament teaching. A church is bound by New Testament teaching and practice. Some think that since a church is sovereign it can do whatever it pleases. Even God Himself is limited by certain laws which He Himself has derived, for we are told that He does all things "after the council of His own will." Certainly man cannot disregard His laws without serious results.

A sovereign church can make a mistake and should be just as willing to apologize as an individual when he makes a mistake. There can be no doubt that the church which ignores the disciples of a sister church by receiving members which have been excluded from that church without properly investigating the charges upon which they were dismissed, owes the church an apology. Courtesy alone would demand this procedure, to say nothing of Christian ethics.

3. One of these sovereign churches is independent of other churches and bodies. It is independent of associations, conventions, etc. These have no jurisdiction over a church or churches. It doesn't cease to be a Baptist Church when it doesn't co-operate with an Association. A Baptist Church can co-operate as it sees fit.

4. Sovereign churches can co-operate in doing missionary work; also the work of education, orphanages, old ministers, etc. The contribution which the apostle Paul received from the churches of Macedonia for the saints at Jerusalem is a splendid illustration of how the churches of the New Testament co-operated in a benevolent work.

5. Churches should regard the rights and feelings of other Baptist Churches, so long as they live up to the doctrines and practices of the New Testament. To receive an excluded member from a sister church is not common courtesy, much less Christian courtesy. Excluded members should be urged to go back and get right with the church from which they were excluded. If this were done, there would be fewer folk causing trouble in our churches, and those who are excluded would, as a rule, return to the church from which they were excluded and seek its forgiveness.

6. If friction comes let it come because of false teaching, and not from personal differences. Principle should ever be put above person.

7. Churches should co-operate in keeping pure doctrine, clean living, wholesome discipline. One of the great failures of the church is in discipline. This may be accomplished by a three-fold way: by a strict adherence to the truth in our preaching, by careful attention to the reception of new members and by the exercise of scriptural discipline. The desire for members has resulted largely in the amalgamation of the world and the church, until our churches are no longer

I Would Like to Know—

1. Do the elect and sheep mean the same folk, and do the elect include all that ever will believe?

Yes. Before they believe they are called lost sheep. Matt. 10:6; 15:24; John 10:16.

2. What is scriptural bread for the Lord's Supper?

Unleavened bread, one loaf until after the bread is blessed. No crackers nor lightbread.

3. What do you think of a Baptist pastor appearing on a union Sunday School program?

The Scriptures in 2 Cor. 6:14-18 forbid any kind of unionism by individual Baptists or by Baptist Churches in connection with church work. There are organizations like the Anti-Saloon League or the Kentucky Children's Home Society or Law Enforcement organizations that individuals can co-operate in supporting as citizens. But 2 Cor. 6:14-18 forbids all unionism in church work of any kind. The Lord Jesus commands absolute separation between Baptists and all others in any kind of church work. Baptists everywhere will come into their own when they obey this Scripture to the letter. That passage was addressed to a church.

4. What do you think of a men's Bible Class from a Baptist Church going to a Presbyterian Church for a union Sunday School service?

The Scriptures say in Jude 3, 4, that Baptists ought to contend earnestly for the once-delivered faith, which cannot be done in any kind of a union service. The Scripture also says in Jude 4 that such men were ordained to condemnation and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. God puts all unionists in with a mighty bad crowd. Selah!

5. Is it right to buy a Bible with the Lord's money?

No. One might as well buy a farm or an automobile.

6. What is meant by the Jew's religion?

As used by Paul in Galatians it means his effort before receiving Christ to be saved by keeping commandments and obeying the law and by his own works and righteousness.

7. Explain 1 Cor. 6:18, 19.

Paul simply says that fornication differs from all other sins in that a man or woman, who is guilty of that, sins against his own body and also sins against the Holy Spirit, who indwells the believer's body, and against the Lord Jesus, who owns our bodies as well as our spirits.

WHY NOT FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE?

Several weeks ago we made a proposition that if any of our readers would send us one dollar per month toward the printing of the paper, we would in turn send the paper to any twenty-five persons designated.

Almost one hundred folk have agreed to do so. Brother and Sister Audra Lester of Fort Gay, West Virginia, are the last to send us

fit witnesses to a lost world. Discipline is so unpopular that the average church is afraid to attempt it, desiring the favor of men rather than the favor and blessing of God.—Ludlow Baptist.

8. How long after Pentecost before Paul was converted?

Variouly estimated from three to seven years.

9. Who probably organized the first churches in Galilee and Samaria? When?

Philip probably organized the first one in Samaria. I do not know who organized the first one in Galilee. They were both probably organized after the persecution arising after the death of Stephen.

10. Did Jesus atone for the sins of Old Testament saints before the foundation of the world?

No. Their sins were "passed over" (Rom. 3:23-25) until Calvary.

11. If it is true that the Old Testament saints did not go to heaven before the resurrection, where did Elijah go when he went up by a whirlwind?

Wherever he went, he did not go to heaven. Jesus plainly says in Jn. 3:13 that up to the time at which He was then speaking, no man had ascended up to heaven except the Son of Man himself. Being God as well as man, He was in heaven then, as well as on the earth. 2 Kings 2:11 does not contradict John 3:13. There were three heavens, as spoken of by the Jews. Jesus was talking of the third heaven; the writer of Kings was probably talking of the first or second heaven.

12. If only the blood of Christ could atone for sin, how could anyone be saved before the blood was shed?

The Bible speaks of Christ as slain from the foundation of the world. In God's purpose He was, though not actually so until His death upon Calvary. Paul says in Rom. 3:23-25 the sins of Old Testament saints were passed over in the forbearance of God until the death of Christ atoned for them. As a matter of fact, Old Testament saints did not go to heaven until after the death and resurrection of Christ. That is what Paul means in Eph. 4 when he talks of Christ "leading captive a multitude of captives." He took the Old Testament saints to heaven with Him after He had carried His own blood into the Holy of Holies in heaven and made expiation for their sins. Now the saved go to heaven at death.

13. If a person keeps the Ten Commandments will he go to Heaven?

The Bible says not. The law was not given to save anyone. Read Gal. 3:21, "... for if there had been a law given which could have given

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their first dollar and their list of names. They state:

"Since the Baptist Examiner has been so instrumental in teaching us, we are very anxious to get it sent into the homes of our friends, who have been misled and are very weak on Bible truths. Therefore, we are sending one dollar each month to pay for subscriptions for each twenty-five persons listed below."

May we ask you a simple question: "Why not follow their example?" It would help us, and it would be a blessing to those who read it. We beseech you to become a "fellow helper to the truth."

"SHUT IN WITH GOD"

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And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in."—Genesis 7:11-16.

This text is a part of the record concerning the flood of Noah. Under divine direction, Noah had built the ark, making it 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high, putting one door in the side, and one window in the top, just as God directed him to do. Then, when the ark was completed and the rains descended, Noah and his family entered into the ark, and the Scriptures say, "And the Lord shut him in." (Gen. 7:16.)

I

In the very beginning of this message, I would like for you to see that Noah was shut in by the Lord. Through His own gracious power, it was God who shut him in. Every step in Noah's salvation was of divine provision. It was the Lord who warned Noah of the coming flood. It was the Lord who told him to build the ark. It was the Lord who told him how to build it. It was the Lord who summoned Noah to enter the ark. It was the Lord who finally closed the door and shut Noah in the ark.

We read, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." (Gen. 6:8.) Here then is the meaning of Noah finding grace in the eyes of God. All that ministered to the salvation of Noah and his household, originated with God. The plan of his salvation, the prosecution of his salvation, and the completion of it was of God. God was the beginning and the end of Noah's salvation.

However, Noah wasn't the only one who has been shut in by the Lord. It is thus with each of the saved, for each of the redeemed is the work of the Lord. It isn't through our strength that we are saved, but as Noah was shut in by the Lord. We have abundant Scriptural evidence of this truth. Listen to the Old Testament prophet: "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9.) Hear also the words of the Apostle Paul in the New Testament: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." (Rom. 8:29-30.)

Concerning the salvation of any sinner, we are forced to say, "This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." (Mk. 12:11.)

I say then, beloved, that as Noah was shut in by the Lord, so each of the saved today are saved only by the power of the Lord.

It was God who chose us. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Eph. 1:4.) We did not choose Him, but rather, He chose us. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." (John 15:16.) The choice then was of the Lord.

Even the Lamb whereby we are saved, was of God's provision. In the Old Testament, when Abraham would offer a sacrifice on Mt. Moriah, a very startling conversation took place between him and his son, Isaac. Listen to it: "And Isaac spake

unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." (Gen. 22:7, 8.) It is true that in that day God provided the lamb, which was only a type of the Lord Jesus Christ; and today, Jesus, God's Lamb, came because God provided Him. "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation: And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev. 5:9, 10.) So then, beloved, not only was our choice a part of the Lord's work, the Lamb also was God's choosing.

Then again, the effectual call which each of the redeemed have heard, which has called us from sin to salvation, and from self to a Saviour—even that call was of God. This is what Paul said was his own experience. "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace." (Gal. 1:15.) Here then in the realm of salvation are three things of which it says is the Lord's work—He chose us, He provided the Lamb, and He called us unto himself when we were following in sin.

But this is not all He has done for us. It was God who put His seal upon us. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Timothy 2:19.) It is because of this seal that we can never be lost again after having been saved, and this seal is, of course, God's work.

Yet, even this is not all that He does for us, for in the "sweet by and by" we are going to bear the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Rom. 8:29.) How wonderful it is to know that some day we shall be made to look like Jesus Himself.

Here then are five thoughts relative to our salvation, and each of them is the work of God. It is the Lord who chooses sinners. It is the Lord who provides the Lamb whereby sinners are saved. It is the Lord who calls sinners unto Himself. It is the Lord who puts His seal upon us whereby we can never be lost after having been saved. It is the Lord who in the future plants His image upon us as the crowning sign of redeeming grace.

"How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
Where everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

"While every heart and every tongue
Join to admire and feast,
We each exclaim with thankful song,
Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
And enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice
And rather starve than come?

"'Twas the same love that spread the feast,
That sweetly forced us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin."

I imagine that there are those listening to this broadcast who will say, "Why, what is there for man to do in the realm of salvation?

What can a sinner do?" Listen beloved, and I'll tell you. All you can do is to provide the sinner, while God provides the salvation. Just as Noah was shut in by the Lord, so each of us are shut in by the work of the Lord Himself alone.

II

Not only are we shut in by the Lord, we are also shut in with the Lord. When Noah entered into the ark, he left a world of revelry without. The Scriptures plainly indicate that the revelry of Noah's day included eating, drinking, merry-making, and living for the lusts of the flesh. "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark." (Matt. 24:37, 38.) Their philosophy of life was, "Let us eat, drink, and be merry: for tomorrow we die." In the midst of all this revelry, God spoke to Noah and said, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." (Gen. 7:1.) And when they went on board, the Lord shut Noah in. Some might be prone to say, "Poor old Noah, he is now deprived of the society of the carnal, worldly, fleshly creatures of his generation, but he was now shut up with the Lord, and thus had the choicest society of all the universe to enjoy—the society and the fellowship of God Himself.

It is thus that when the Lord saves us, we are not only shut in by the Lord, but we are also shut in with the Lord. He shuts us up to Himself today. "For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21.) This text is an interesting revelation, for it would tell us that when the Lord imputes His righteousness, He also imputes Himself.

I remember my first automobile. I was just about eighteen years of age at the time I got it. It was a little one-seated Ford roadster. Just a few nights after I had gotten it, I went out in the country some ten miles from home to preach. I had invited some one else to go along—I need not tell you who, except that now she is the mother of my three babies. It is true I expected to enjoy preaching, for preaching has always been a passion of my soul; and I will confess also that I expected to enjoy the ride there and back.

When the services were over and I was just getting ready to return home, an old fellow who lived in the same town where I did, came up to the car and said, "I wonder if I could ride home with you?" I didn't want to offend him, and yet frankly, beloved, I didn't want him to ride home with me. I couldn't honestly and truthfully say that he was welcome, and yet being his pastor, I couldn't refuse to allow him to ride. Another of the parishioners noticing my hesitancy, turned to the old gentleman and said, "Why Mr. So-and-So, I'll give you a ride home"; and then with the old man disposed of, I drove home on that beautiful summer moonlight night along a country road where two is company. Somehow, I didn't miss the old gentleman's company one bit, for I was shut in with some one else.

It is true with every child of God. When he is saved, he is not only shut in by the Lord, but he is shut

in with the Lord, which means that the world is shut out from him; and while he is deprived of the society of the world, the true child of God will never miss it, for he is now shut up unto the society and fellowship of God Himself.

III

If it be interesting to notice that Noah was shut in by the Lord, and also shut in with the Lord; it ought to be equally interesting to notice that he was shut in for the Lord. God did not save Noah for Noah's sake alone, nor yet for a nucleus around which he would build a new civilization. God saved Noah for God's own sake.

Today, God saves sinners just for Himself. He doesn't save men primarily to keep them out of hell, nor to permit them to go to heaven. He does not save some just in order to keep the entire human family from being a disgrace to Him. God saves sinners for Himself. Listen: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Pet. 2:9.) You will notice that he declares that we have been chosen in order that we might show forth His praises. The apostle Paul also gives us the same truth. "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (Eph. 1:6.) He saves us in order that He might get the praise and the glory thereof.

May I remind each saint and each sinner that when God saves, He saves for Himself. If you are saved today, He did not save you for yourself. He is not particularly concerned about the question of your eternity in heaven or hell. He has saved you for the praise of His own grace.

As Noah was shut in for the Lord, so each of us are saved for the Lord. What a mighty responsibility then is ours, in that since He has saved us for Himself, we surely ought to live for His glory. "Ye are not your own . . . ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 6:19, 20.) Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31.)

"Naught have I gotten but what I received;
Grace hath bestowed it since I have believed;
Boasting excluded pride I abase;
I'm only a sinner saved by grace!
Once I was foolish, and sin ruled my heart,
Causing my footsteps from God to depart;
Jesus hath found me happy my case;
I now am a sinner saved by grace!
Tears unavailing, no merit had I;
Mercy had saved me, or else I must die;
Sin had alarmed me fearing God's face;
But now I'm a sinner saved by grace!
Suffer a sinner whose heart overflows,
Loving his Savior to tell what he knows;
Once more to tell it would I embrace—
I'm only a sinner saved by grace!
Only a sinner saved by grace!
Only a sinner saved by grace!
This is my story, to God be the glory,—
I'm only a sinner saved by grace!"

IV

Finally, I want you to notice that Noah was shut in unto the Lord. Not only was he shut in by the Lord and shut in with the Lord, and shut in for the Lord; but he was also shut in unto the Lord.

This means that God shut him in securely. I don't believe that even Noah could have opened the door of that ark when God closed it. I am

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sure that the crowd on the outside could not have opened it. He was just simply shut in unto the Lord.

And that, beloved, is the status of each of the redeemed today. We are actually shut in unto the Lord. The devil on the outside can't get in to destroy us. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (I John 5:18.) I am sure that not one of us, having been shut in by the Lord, could destroy himself. "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." (Jer. 32:40.) A man asked me some time ago if a child of God couldn't crawl off the "Rock of Ages" if he wanted to. Well, beloved, where did you ever find such an individual who might want to? But suppose that a Christian did want to—would it be possible? I declare, beloved, in the light of this Scripture, that a saved man could never damn his soul in hell even if he attempted to do so. He might wreck his life and waste his influence, but his soul was committed unto the Lord the day he was saved. "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Tim. 1:12.) From the time that the soul was committed unto the Lord, each of the redeemed was shut in unto the Lord.

In the last few years we have heard much about endurance records. Well, the majority of people have in mind that salvation is thus. I even heard a fellow go so far as to say that salvation was just like an individual running a foot race to heaven against the devil. If the devil got there first, he had lost, and if he got there first, he had won the race. Not at all beloved! When a man is saved, he is saved for time and eternity, and the very moment that he is saved, he is shut in unto the Lord. Listen to these Scriptures which clearly indicate that nothing can take a believer out of the hand of God:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:28, 29.)

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38, 39.)

This then is my message to you: Noah was shut in by the Lord, with the Lord, for the Lord, and unto the Lord. Each of the redeemed of God have been saved by the Lord; we have been shut up to fellowship with the Lord; we have been saved for the Lord, and we are kept unto the Lord.

Of course, the reason that God shut Noah in was that there was a judgment coming. Realizing that the judgment of the flood was coming God shut him in. And I think that today God, knowing that He will judge the unsaved at the judgment of the great white throne, and that after that shall come the fires of hell itself—God knowing this,

A CONTRAST CONCERNING THRONES THAT PERISH AND THE ONE THAT IS ETERNAL*(Continued from Page One)*

the Nazis. Gustav the Fifth of Sweden, eighty-one years old, is merely waiting until his country passes under the Nazi heel also. The rulers of the Balkans are wondering just how long they are going to last.

And now, a former penniless picture-tinter and paper-hanger reigns supreme over practically the entirety of continental Europe.

In contrast with these thrones that perish, is the eternal throne of Christ. While the thrones of earth are unstable, Christ's throne will remain forever. It is written of Him, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." (Psalms 45:6.)

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!"
—J. R. G.

WANTED:—A PASTOR*(Continued from Page One)*

soft, pretty voice, for, we have ears that are easy to irritate. His preaching must be the kind that suits everybody. We do not want him to preach doctrine, for we are afraid he will make the other denominations mad. We do not care about his preaching the Bible at all, for we have some who do not believe all the Bible. We want a man that can tell big stories about himself and what big things he has done and where he has been, one who has traveled lots and had lots of thrilling experiences. He must not preach over 20 minutes, for we just cannot stay any longer. We would rather have a man without a family, for women and children bother us and most preachers' children are bad.

A single man would suit us much better. He must be a good mixer and not say anything to offend the Ladies' Aid, for they pay his salary with the money they make at pie suppers, etc. He must not preach against any of the modern sins, for we have people in our church that do them all, and then, besides, the sinners won't like him and will not come to hear him.

Now, we have not been able to keep a pastor long. Somehow or other they do not seem to fit; but if we could get one like I have described, I am sure that he could stay with us.

Oh yes, I was about to forget; we would like to have help from our State Mission Board to support a man like that, for we are sure he will cost us more than the Aid can pay. Help us find the man.—A Member of the Church.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW—*(Continued from Page Two)*

life, verily righteousness should have been by the law." If people could be saved by the law (even the commandments), Christ died in vain. Cf. Gal. 2:21. The law is powerless to give life. The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. 2 Cor. 3:6.

shuts up men unto Himself. Just as God shut Noah in, it is my prayer that God may shut you in now. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12.)

THE UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY AS REVEALED IN ISA. 18*(Continued from Page One)*

Yet, the eagle which appears on our silver money, has spread wings or out-stretched wings—fulfilling this prophecy.

America has always been a refuge to all nations of the earth. She has sheltered the down-trodden and suffering of the world, and has given religious and civil liberty to all.

"Beyond The Rivers of Ethiopia"

The prophet was speaking from Jerusalem. This then would mean that the land he was addressing is west of Ethiopia. If you will draw a line west from Jerusalem, "beyond the rivers of Ethiopia," it will strike no land until it touches South Carolina and Georgia.

"Ambassadors By The Sea"

All our ambassadors, even those that go to Central America and Mexico, go by sea.

"To a Nation Scattered and Peeled"

This means tall and clean-shaven. This is perfectly fulfilled in the American Indian. It is likewise true in the army of the World War. Of the 3,000,000 soldiers, the average height was five feet eleven inches, and not a man in the entire army wore a beard, although some few did wear a mustache.

"Terrible From The Beginning"

Can you imagine a child just born getting up and whipping its mother? No one ever heard of this; yet, the United States did this very thing to England. Our country has never been conquered, though England, Mexico, Spain, and Germany have fought against us.

"Hitherto" (Vs. 2) means "onward to the end." There is an implication in this that our nation never shall be conquered.

"Meted Out"

Literally this means, "A land measured out by lines under the feet." About the time Florida, Louisiana, and Ohio were taken into the Union the government passed a law that all public land should be surveyed by the North Star, with a base line run east and west, and all land cut up into mile square sections. All other countries marked their land by local boundaries, in contrast.

"Trodden Down"

This possibly has a reference to our fore-fathers who trod down the Indian and took possession of the land.

"Whose Land the Rivers Have Spoiled"

The word "spoil" literally means "quartered." The map of the United States pictures the only country in the world that has been quartered by rivers. Look at it and study the position of the Ohio, the Missouri, and the Mississippi Rivers.

"This Unnamed Nation Honored"

Verse 3 indicates that whenever this unnamed nation displays its flag and sounds the bugle, let all the world take notice. A good illustration of this is seen in the events connected with the closing of the first World War. Our president was the chief spokesman in adjusting the governments and boundaries after the war. He dictated the terms of agreement. Never before did one man lead such a conference.

Some Things This Unnamed Nation Shall Cut Off

Note verses 4-6. The sunshine and shower which falls upon this unnamed nation, shall be favorable to a most luxurious growth, but there will be branches that of necessity must be pruned and cut off. The African slave trade, dueling, lot-

REFUSING THE PILOT*(Continued from Page One)*

dark waters. You cannot travel this uncharted sea alone. A good and skillful Pilot has drawn alongside. He is from that heavenly country you hope to reach and is willing to guide your frail craft safely into its harbor. His name is Jesus, which means "Savior." "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Are you among the countless thousands who have committed the keeping of their souls to Him? Is He your personal Savior?

The pilot was efficient and willing but could not take over the controls without the captain's consent. Able to save to the uttermost and willing that none should perish, yet Christ is helpless to save unless you yield to Him.

The captain's folly in refusing the pilot brought death and destruction. To reject Christ as Savior is to perish eternally. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3).

Will you not right now lay aside all pride and self-confidence and from your heart say—

"Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treacherous shoal;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me."—Good News.

tery, polygamy, and opium have all been outlawed and condemned. The narcotic laws have been enforced. Prohibition of whiskey has been tried.

This Unnamed Nation To Be a Friend To the Jew

Please note verse 7. This verse plainly indicates that this unnamed nation shall be a friend to the Jews. The United States has been such. Of the approximately 20,000,000 Jews of the world, 12,000,000 of them live in the United States. This verse seemingly implies that some day the United States will help the Jews back to their homeland of Palestine. Cf. Isa. 60:9-14.

Evidences of Divine Guidance

If this chapter represents the United States as we confidently believe, then the indications are that the United States is being divinely guided. This has been true throughout the years gone by. When America was discovered, Columbus' vessels were headed straight for Maryland or New Jersey's coasts. A storm at sea blew him southward so that he landed in the West Indies. That wind caused the Roman Catholic flag to be planted in the West Indies instead of America. How different history would have been if that wind had not blown.

Representatives of the thirteen colonies met in Philadelphia to frame a constitution. They wrangled for three weeks. It looked as though this conference would break up in confusion. In their desperation, Benjamin Franklin proposed a three-day separation, and further proposed that when they reconvened, a chaplain should read the Word of God and pray with them. He then quoted Psa. 127:1. His motion was seconded by George Washington. They came together three days later and drafted what Gladstone called, "The greatest document ever struck from the brain of man."

A Warning

In spite of evidences of divine approval and guidance in the past, it remains for us to be warned today. May God warn us through His Word. Cf. Prov. 14:34; Psa. 127:1; Amos 4:6.—J. R. G.