

# Read This And Discard "Good Friday"

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"three days and three nights" would certainly preclude anyone from believing that He had merely fainted, passed into a coma, and later revived. He had selected the "sign" for the proof of the validity of His claim to the Messiahship, and nothing less than exact fulfillment could possibly be expected as proof of that claim.

There are devout Christians who believe in His atoning death and resurrection, but who believe that He was not in the tomb "three days and three nights" as He said He would be. Our Ash Wednesdays, Good Fridays, and Easter Sundays are based on a gross misinterpretation of the time of the occurrences of that week, and are in complete disregard of the fulfillment of the "sign" which Jesus selected to prove the validity of His relationship to the Father.

Many authors have written and many preachers have spoken on this subject, and with great unanimity many say that the crucifixion and burial occurred on Friday and the resurrection on the following Sunday morning. This is, and for centuries has been, the accepted view of millions, although the New Testament nowhere supports it. The Friday-Sunday theory cannot be true if Jesus' own words are to have their most manifest meaning.

But the question may very well be asked: What difference does it make whether Jesus was in the tomb three days and three nights or a lesser period of time, so long as He was raised from the dead? The answer to that is: If the words of Jesus when speaking of the supreme test of His Messiahship are not precise, there can be no assurance that His other statements, and those of the inspired writers of the Scriptures, are exact. This, then, is justification for meticulousness on this question.

By the Friday-Sunday theory Jesus would have been in the grave not more than thirty-six hours at the most; and there could have been but two periods of darkness by any possible count. Instead of "three days and three nights" there could have been only one whole day (Saturday) and small parts of Friday and Sunday; and there could have been but two nights — Friday night and Saturday night.

## Charting The Events

If the occurrences beginning with the Last Supper which was held at the end of the 13th of Nisan (April) which was on a Tuesday (April 5th according to our calendar), or the beginning of a Wednesday (the day began at the time equivalent to six o'clock in the evening instead of midnight as we reckon time) are charted, it will be clear that, according to our calendar Jesus was buried Wednesday evening and arose Saturday evening, being in the (Continued on page four)

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## The Catholic Inquisition In Rome

Much is known of the Spanish Inquisition, whose archives have long been more or less open to investigation, but the history of the Inquisition in Rome is yet unwritten, because its secrets have been so carefully guarded.

There was a time when such a history might have been written; for Napoleon Bonaparte (whose great idea was to make Paris the center of the world that should lie at his feet), in erecting at Paris a central depot for the archives of Europe, caused even those of the Vatican to be removed to that city; and an immense collection of manuscripts, invaluable sources of secret papal history, remained there till Louis XVIII delivered them back to Pope Pius VII.

But a few escaped—original MSS. of the Inquisition in Rome, bearing autograph signatures of the Cardinal Inquisitors, and the Seals of the "Holy Office." Some of these were published, together with their translations into English, in 1851-1856, by the Rev. R. Gibbings, and they themselves negative conclusively Cardinal Wiseman's statement that "the Roman Inquisition—that is to say, the tribunal which was immediately subject to the control and direction of the Popes themselves in their own city—has never been known to order the execution of capital punishment."

These MSS. are authentic records of the trial and sentences passed upon Fabianis, Manfredi and Pietro Carnesecchi—three of the noble army of

martyrs, faithful witnesses in Rome for the truth of God. We shall quote from Gibbings' translations of one of these, the Record of the Sentence Passed Upon Thomas de Fabianis, of Mileto, a Franciscan Friar, in 1564. First comes an enumeration of his offences and "heresies"—briefly, as follows:

Maintaining that it is not sinful to eat flesh on days forbidden by the Church; that images and relics of saints ought not to be revered;

that saints do not intercede for us, because Christ is our only Advocate;

that after the present life Purgatory for souls does not exist;

that Papal Indulgences are (Continued on page three)

## The Glorious Doctrine Of Election Hated By Man

"Vain man would be wise, though he be born a wild ass's colt." Accordingly, he finds fault with election, as a mere system of arbitrary partiality, and favoritism; and tells us that if there be such a thing as total helplessness in man, and sovereign election in God, then man is not to blame if he be lost. Man's entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God's entire supremacy, so that He saves whom he will are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride. But they are Scriptural.

Why was the one thief saved and the other lost? "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight." God was not bound to save the one and He had power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself. What made the difference? The sovereign grace of God! Why was Paul saved and Judas lost? Was it because the former deserved to be saved and the latter to be lost? No, neither deserved to be saved. Was it because the one was a fitting object for the grace of God and the other not? No, the one was no more a fitting object than the other. Was it because Paul chose Christ, and Judas rejected him? Well, but how was it that Paul chose

Christ? Was it not because Christ chose him?

Why was it that Judea was made a land of light and Egypt remained a region of darkness? Who made the difference? Man or God? Was God unjust in leaving Egypt in the shadow of death when He made light to arise on Israel? What had Israel done to deserve a privilege like this? Why is it that Britain is a land of light and Africa a land of darkness? Who made the difference? Who sent the Gospel to Britain and withheld it from Africa?

None have deserved salvation. No man is more fit than another. God was not bound to save any. God might have saved all. Yet He has only saved some. Is He, then unjust in only saving some when He could have saved all? Objectors say, Oh, those who are lost, are lost because they rejected Christ. But did not ALL equally reject Him at first? What made the unbelief of some give way? Was it because they will ed it or because God put forth His power in them? Surely the latter. Might He not, then, have put forth His power in all, and prevented any from rejecting the Saviour? Yet He did not. Why? Because so it seemed good in His sight.—Bonar.

## IS GOD UNJUST?

Is it unjust in God to save only a few when all are equally doomed to die? If not, is there any justice in His determining beforehand to save few, and leave the rest unsaved? They could not save themselves, and was it unjust in Him to resolve, in His Infinite Wisdom, to save them? Or was it unjust in Him not to resolve to save all? Had all perished there would have been no injustice with Him. How is it possible that there can be injustice in His resolving to save some?

There can be no grace when there is no sovereignty. Deny God's right to choose whom He will and you deny His right to save whom He will. Deny His right to save whom He will, and you deny that salvation is of grace.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

(Read Daniel two).

I am continuing this evening my series of sermons on the book of Daniel. The passage of Scripture which I have just read to you from the second chapter of the book of Daniel, shows Nebuchadnezzar as the king of Babylon.

I presume that most all of you, who are here, are cognizant of the fact that God chose the Jewish people as His own race. They occupy a peculiar position in the mind of God—

so much so that God referred to them in the Old Testament as the "apple of His eye." Yet, beloved, because of their sin, the Jews forfeited their privilege and their position, and accordingly they were carried captive into Babylon, because of the sins of which they were guilty. The Word of God very definitely tells us in the book of Kings and Chronicles of the sins that the Jews stood guilty of and how that God caused them to go into captivity in Babylon with Nebuchadnezzar

as the then king of Babylon.

This book of Daniel tells of their experiences. Nebuchadnezzar was king over the whole world. He was the first world-wide emperor. I can imagine that Nebuchadnezzar naturally wondered, "What's going to happen when I'm gone." As he lay upon his bed one day, the thought came to him concerning his majesty, his might, the extent of his domain, and he wondered, "What's going to happen when I pass on."

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## GOD'S WILL vs. MAN'S

One of the controversies of the present day is respecting the will of God;—as to whether His will or man's is the regulating power in the universe, and the procuring cause of salvation to souls. The supremacy of God's will over individual persons and events is questioned. Things are made to turn upon man's will, not on God's. Conversion is made to turn on man's will, not on God's. Man's will, not God's, is to decide what individuals are to enter Heaven. Man's pen, and not God's, is to write the names of the saved ones in the Lamb's Book of Life! Much zeal is shown for the freedom of man's will, little jealousy seems to be left for the freedom of God's will. Men insist that it is unjust and tyrannical of God to control their wills, yet see nothing unjust in rejecting God's will.



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## "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

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The Word of God tells us that as Nebuchadnezzar thus communed in his own mind, he fell asleep, and as he slept, God gave to him a dream which was the answer to his question, that he had had in his wakeful moments, as he wondered about the future. The Word of God tells us very definitely that it made a tremendous impression upon King Nebuchadnezzar — so much so that when he awakened, he wondered what it was that he had dreamed. He called in his wise men, his counsellors, his private advisers — he called in all of his brain-trust and said to them, "Tell me the dream and give me the interpretation thereof." The wise men, knowing that it was not in them to do this, said, "It is a rare thing that the king requireth. If you will just tell us the dream, we will give you the interpretation, but it is not in us to tell you what you dreamed and also to give to you the interpretation."

When they could not give to King Nebuchadnezzar the dream and the interpretation thereof, he commanded that they all be slain. When the word reached Daniel, he requested of the king's chamberlain that additional time be given. The Word of God tells us that Daniel got together his three faithful friends, Shadrach Meshach and Abednego, and these four young Jews in the land of Babylon, bowed themselves before God to intercede, and beg God to give to them the dream that the king had had and the interpretation thereof.

The balance of the chapter tells how God answered their prayer and how that God revealed to Daniel the dream and how Daniel made known to Nebuchadnezzar what it was he had dreamed and the interpretation of the dream.

Now let's get a few unusually helpful and inspiring lessons from this passage of Scripture.

### I

#### YOU CAN SEE HERE THE HELPLESSNESS OF THE KING'S WISE MEN.

When he demanded of them that they tell him what it was he had dreamed, as well as the interpretation thereof, they were baffled, they threw up their hands, and were unable to do the thing which the king demanded. Of course, they couldn't tell the king the dream that God had given him. Naturally they could not. They didn't know the God who was the source of that dream, and no man who is a stranger to God, can receive God's message.

In the fifth chapter of Daniel, which follows a little later, the

king had a vision of handwriting on the wall.

When he called in his wise men, again they shook their heads and said, "We cannot read nor interpret this strange writing to you." Naturally they couldn't, for it was God's message, and the Devil's children can't understand God's message.

Every once in a while some unsaved person will say, "Bro. Gilpin, I just wish I could understand the Bible." Well, I wish you could too, but I'll tell you frankly, beloved, no individual can understand the Word of God unless he has been saved. Until you become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour, you cannot understand God's Word. There's a reason for that. The Holy Spirit wrote the Bible, the Holy Spirit is within you as a believer and the Holy Spirit only reveals His Word unto those who have His image and His likeness. Listen:

**"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."**

—I Cor. 2:14.

The "natural man" is the unsaved man. The "natural man" is that individual who has never yet become a child of God. He is not a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is a stranger to God and to God's grace, and the Bible says that the "natural man," the unsaved man, the unbeliever, cannot understand the things of the Spirit of God. They have to be spiritually revealed to the man who has the Holy Spirit within him.

Come back to these men of the king's brain-trust. They said, "We can't tell you what you have dreamed." We can't tell you the interpretation thereof." Of course they couldn't. An unsaved man can understand the history of the Bible, he can understand the geography of the Bible, he can understand the literature of the Bible, he can understand the general trend of the teachings of the Bible, but to understand the spiritual lessons of the Word of God, an unsaved man is absolutely powerless to do so—as powerless as were these wise men to understand what it was that the king had dreamed.

### II

#### I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THIS PRAYER MEETING WHICH DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS HAD, AND THE DIVINE ANSWER THAT CAME.

When the king commanded that the wise men be slain, that meant that Daniel and his three Jewish friends would, likewise, be slain, for they were part of the brain-trust; at least, they were students in the king's college, being schooled to be added to the brain-trust later on.

Daniel immediately asked for time and he and his three friends took the matter before God. They went into God's presence and prayed that He would give to them understanding that they might know the meaning of the dream which King Nebuchadnezzar had had. When they prayed, God gave them the answer.

I'm saying tonight, beloved, if you want to learn the message from the Lord, the best way to learn God's Word and God's message is to learn it on your knees before God.

Do you believe that God can give intelligence and that God can give wisdom and understanding to His people? Let me read to you from God's Word:

**"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in**

**faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."**—James 1:5,6.

What did these men lack? Daniel and his three friends lacked wisdom. They went to God and asked for wisdom and God gave the answer. Here, beloved, then is a prayer meeting and the divine answer that came from the Lord by way of the wisdom that God gave to them.

It reminds me of King Solomon of the Old Testament, when God said, "Ask what you will, and I will give it unto you." I suppose Solomon might have asked for many things. You and I might easily think of many things which we might ask for if God were to give us unbridled liberty of prayer. Solomon asked for wisdom that he might govern his people right and God gave the answer.

Oh, beloved, if there is something you want to know tonight, the place to learn it is on your knees in the presence of God. God gave the answer—the wisdom that came to Daniel and his three friends came because of the prayer meeting they held with God.

### III

#### NOTICE HOW DANIEL STOOD IN THE PRESENCE

## The Jew

### THE PAST

"When I forget Thee, O Jerusalem!  
On distant shores in happier times,  
In sterner days but brighter climes,  
The banner of His Fatherland  
The Jew upheld with steady hands;  
The throne of Judah's princely line—  
The Temple on the height divine—  
The pleasant homes where wife and child  
Beneath the hallowed roof-tree smiled.  
Oh! lovely land; blithe, bright, and blest!  
Sweet cedars capped thy mountains' crest—  
What laughing fields! what stately trees!  
What fragrant myrtles kissed the breeze!  
The purple grape, the golden grain,  
Decked grassy glade and pleasant plain.

### THE PRESENT

"We hung our harps on the willows,"  
Where are thine ancient splendors now?  
No circlet sits on Judah's brow!  
No Temple rears its halls of state;  
No high-born elders throng the gate;  
No laughing harvests crown the fields,  
No sparkling wine berry yields,  
No trade-ships in the harbor dance,  
No foeman fears our broken lance.  
The raven flies o'er fields unsown,  
To brood on Judah's shattered throne!  
All, all is lost! Alas, no more  
The sounds of life bless Israel's shore—  
Our harp is on the willow hung,  
All voiceless, tuneless, and unstrung!

### THE FUTURE

"The Sun of Righteousness shall rise."  
All is not lost! In yonder skies  
I see the gleams of hope arise.  
Star of the East! Thy glimmering ray  
Is brightening "to the perfect day"  
Again shall Judah's flag unfurled  
Wave forth its signals to the world!  
Again shall cattle crowd the plain—  
Her fields be rich with golden grain—  
Her towns with busy voices ring,  
Her swains rejoice, her maidens sing!  
See in your East the glowing gleam!  
Faith is not false; nor hope a dream!  
Messiah, come! Rejoice our eyes;  
And lo! in yonder Eastern skies  
The "Sun of Righteousness shall rise,"  
And on its healing pinions bear  
Love, Peace and Joy—for all the world to share.

### OF THE KING.

After he had prayed and God had given him the answer, the Word of God tells us in the 28th verse of this second chapter of Daniel, that he stood in the presence of the king and said, "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets."

He reminded King Nebuchadnezzar that the wise men were right in what they had said, for they said there was no man, soothsayer nor astrologer who had the ability to tell the king his dream and the interpretation thereof. They had told the truth when they spoke thus to the king and Daniel reiterated the truthfulness of their statement when he said that while man can't tell you, "there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets."

Oh, I would tonight that you and I might realize that there is a God up yonder in the skies who is looking down upon us—who sees us, who beholds us and knows our every thought and our every action.

There never was a time when there was not a God. There was a time when there was no church. There was a time when there was no Bible. There was a time when there was no earth. There was a time when there was no man. There was a time when there was no Devil. However, beloved, there never was

a time when there was no God. As the Psalmist said in the 90th Psalm—

**"From everlasting to everlasting thou art God."**

When Daniel stood in the presence of the king, before he told him one thing about the dream, before he mentioned any wise at all the dream had had, Daniel reminded the king that the dream was a message from God and the interpretation was, likewise, a message from God.

I don't know how much God deals with us today in the realms of dreams — I couldn't say. I had a good woman on Friday of this week, tell me her experiences relative to dreams and how that God had made known to her certain things through dreams. I'm not to gainsay, nor to say, as to how much God has taught her, how much God can teach any one else thereby, but I do say this, that this dream and the interpretation thereof was nothing more or less than a revelation from Almighty God. Daniel knew it, and before he would in any wise at all give him the message, he reminded him that it was from God. Then Daniel gave him the dream, and what a dream it was!

He said, "Nebuchadnezzar, you have dreamed and in your dream you saw a great image with head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and mire clay." I see old King Nebuchadnezzar as a legal he snapped his finger and said, "That's right — that's exactly what I dreamed." Then Daniel said, "Nebuchadnezzar, I'll give to you the interpretation of the dream."

It is highly conspicuous that this dream and the interpretation thereof was nothing more or less than a dream of history — history which was to come pass which Daniel was able to prophesy, having gotten the message from God — history which we can look upon today and know that it has come pass.

Daniel interpreted the dream unto him by saying in the 37th verse:

**"Thou art this head of gold."**

Now notice: "Thou art this head of gold." Looking at the image that Daniel had told the king constituted the substance of his dream, he told Nebuchadnezzar that he was prefigured by this head of gold. Then he went on to tell him that the chest and arms of silver represented a kingdom to come, the combined kingdom of Media and Persia. The third kingdom which was to arise was the kingdom of Greece. The fourth kingdom to come was that of the Roman Empire, with the two legs comprising the eastern and western divisions. Daniel thus told the king that what he had dreamed was nothing more or less than a revelation of future history.

Let me tell you, beloved, that every word which Daniel foretold to Nebuchadnezzar has come to pass. Not one word of it has failed. Nebuchadnezzar was a world-wide emperor. His empire was a world-wide dominion. After him came Media-Persia. After that came the country of Greece with Alexander the Great as world-wide emperor. After that came Rome under the Caesars, and that ended the world-wide dominion of any country. God said there would be four world-wide empires and they have been but there will be no more.

In 800 A. D., the next bid for a world-wide empire came under Charlemagne, who thought he was going to become a world-wide emperor. Next (Continued on page three)



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MARGUERITE TELLS OF SERIOUS ILLNESS OF HER FATHER

March 25, 1952

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I received both your letters with the information about the lines and the ones with the three checks enclosed (for April). I am returning these to Bro. Clark in Paducah, asking him to make out in Mitchell's name, the ones for Juan Castro and Don Tomas and in my name for us, as father is unable to sign them. I intended to mention in my last letter—that the question of the church property is now settled, far as having to sign papers and things concerned. They are now being registered, "The "Personeria Judicial" has been granted to the mission and it can now act as a legal body in Peru and the church property has been signed over to the name of the Mission. I had to sign these last papers, as father was not able to. Even before getting down with this, his hand shook so badly he had to stand to be able to sign his name. The Notary

came to the house and two witnesses and the document was read stating that I was doing the signing at his request due to physical incapacity. The doctor has forbidden his moving under his own power.

The doctor says that father's heart condition has shown no improvement since he first got sick—the lesion up to this point shows no sign of healing. He is trying to keep the heart beat down to approximate normal to give it a chance to heal or as he says, if it does not heal will at least delay the fatal hour. He has no hopes of his recovering, outside a miracle, but in the meantime is going ahead trying to help him in every way humanly possible on the assumption that he will get well. The evangelical missionaries in town have met on two different occasions for a special prayer meeting in father's behalf—each time just as he was passing a severe crisis. Father has come to realize to a certain extent the seriousness of his condition but does not know about

the lesion as the doctor feels this would only worsen his nervous condition, and thus reflect upon the heart. He is unaware of my having sent you the cable, or of your advising all the different churches, however, at this point I believe it would encourage him to receive a letter from you telling something about this—without mentioning the cable.

Yours in Him,  
Marguerite Hallum

P. S. If father recovers, it will probably be several months before he is able to travel.

A CALL TO PRAYER

With the illness of Bro. Hallum, this means that we now have our two veteran missionaries ill. Bro. Brandon is afflicted with leprosy and Bro. Hallum has a heart ailment. We are asking earnest, fervent, believing prayer on the part of God's people in behalf of these.

THE D. V. B. S. AT POLICE



Here is a picture of the D. B. B. S. at Police, taken the last day, just before the missionaries left. Don Adolpho, his wife, and Simon are on the left. Juan Castro and his wife are on the right.

Letters From Mitchell Lewis Bring Information And Inspiration

March 6, 1952  
Iquitos, Peru

Dear Friends:

Tonight now Ruby is sleeping, Benny is in a tub of water and have moved my typing table to the center of the room so I can watch Benny play in the water.

We are all well and happy in the Lord's work. Am sorry to say that Bro. Hallum is not so well, but I believe the doctors agree that if he takes care of

himself he will be able to leave at the appointed time. We are praying to this end.

The following is a report of the Daily Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Iquitos.

January 7 to 18 was the time set apart for the school. There were 65 enrolled, 41 attended every day and an average of 55 throughout the school. Marguerite said the children were more orderly than in the past years. The method of study in Peru is for everyone to read and think out loud and it is difficult to get the children to break this habit for ten days so that they can learn something.

The school opened each morning with songs (and these children can raise the roof when they want to). After the song service Brother Hallum would bring a devotional message. After the devotional Marguerite would present a flannel-graph lesson. After the flannel-graph lesson the children would study their notebooks and memorize their memory verses. After this period of study the children had an half hour of hand-work and then went home.

Some children came that could not have come had we not had the hand-work. One boy came whose parents are Catholics and would not allow the boy to attend the regular services, but they would let the boy come to the school in order that he might get to bring home his hand-work. This boy learned much of the Bible, ten verses of Scripture, many Gospel songs and he had the plan of salvation explained to him ten times.

The first week there were five lessons from the Old Testa-

ment showing how the Lord was revealed in types. The second week there were five lessons from the New Testament presenting the Gospel and the necessity of the new birth.

The last Friday night of the school the children put on a program for their parents and friends. The people are always amazed that the children are able to learn and do so much in ten days. The children's notebooks and hand-work were put on display for the public. At the end of the program the children that had earned awards had them presented to them.

Marguerite translated the chorus, "The Wise Man and The Foolish Man," and the children had a great time singing it with motions.

Please take out the remainder of our debt to BFM and since when does Bro. Overbey have to ask our pardon? When we received your letter telling us that we only owed \$69.60 we thought a mistake had been

made somewhere but we were going to wait until we received an itemized account from you before doing anything about it.

We have \$100 mission money saved that we want Bro. Calley to have. I do not believe that one person in a million realizes the things that he will need on the field where he is going. Mrs. Calley with three children will have many difficulties to survive. They are very fortunate to have Bro. Smith as a counselor. With ever increasing joy in our hearts we thank the Lord for the way that BFM is growing.

Take out \$100 for BFM and \$100 for Bro. Calley. We want him to have this money personally to do with as the Lord leads.

Enjoyed Dale's letter in the Light and Shield, may the Lord bless Harmony Church in their building program.

Your friend,  
Mitchell Lewis

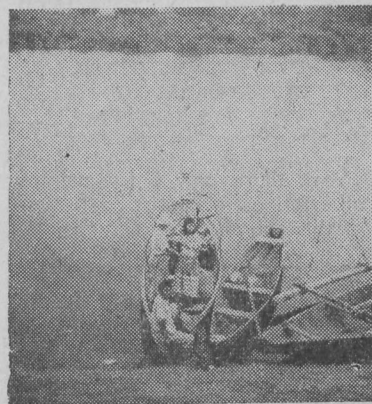
March 17, 1952  
Iquitos, Peru

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We are all well and rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord.

Brother Hallum had a stroke today and the doctor at first thought that something very serious had taken place, but after a more thorough examination he found that the heart was not damaged more than before. He believes that Bro. Hallum's heart missed two or three beats and Bro. Hallum fainted because of lack of blood to the brain.

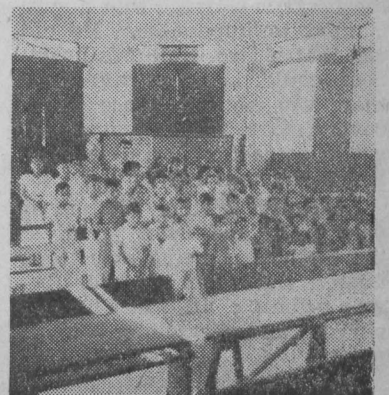
Bro. Hallum is in a critical



Don Simon Juan and his wife, along with the Lewises, leave Iquitos for Police.



Scenes from D. V. B. S. in Iquitos, Peru.





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Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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## Mitchell Lewis

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We all have confidence in the heart specialist that is attending Bro. Hallum. This doctor said that Bro. Hallum was so full of medicine, and that his heart was in such a delicate condition that he was afraid to do much of anything for fear of making him worse. He also said that Bro. Hallum could completely recover from this with plenty of time, or he could pass away at any time.

When Bro. Hallum was taking treatments for his legs another doctor prescribed a five percent solution of silver nitrate to be put on his legs twice a day. This heart specialist claims that the silver nitrate has affected Bro. Hallum's heart.

Bro. Hallum, I think, is beginning to realize the seriousness of his condition and he is being more patient. He has to lie just as still as possible and not exert himself the least bit. I go up and shave him every day now.

When times like these are upon us we begin to feel the helplessness of the flesh. Our natural desire is to see Bro. Hallum go home and be with his family and regain his health and we pray to this end if it might be the will of the Lord.

I write knowing that God's people are praying and that the will of the Lord will be done. Mrs. Hallum and her daughter are truly wonderful people and they, too, need our prayers at this time.

It is impossible to say when the Hallums will be able to leave. Juan Castro preaches Wednesday night and I preach Sunday. Will try to keep you informed and may God bless you all.

Mitchell Lewis

March 22, 1952  
Iquitos, Peru

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I am writing in regard to Bro. Hallum. The doctor that is taking care of Bro. Hallum is an army officer and a heart specialist.

This morning at 4 o'clock I went to the army hospital as Bro. Hallum was very nervous and out of his head, he wanted to get up and prove to us that the Lord had completely healed him. While I was talking with the doctor he asked me if Bro. Hallum should die would he be buried here. I then asked him to be very frank and tell me in what condition Bro. Hallum was really in.

He shook his head and said it was humanly impossible for him to recover. His body has been completely poisoned by the silver nitrate. The lesion of the heart is so large that a cure is next to impossible. He did say that if Bro. Hallum's heart-beat could be kept under 90 there was a slim chance of recovery, but when I went to get the doctor Bro. Hallum's heart-beat was 160.

At times Brother Hallum is very calm and even joyful at the thought of being able to go home. But when his heart begins to beat a little fast he gets nervous and everything is made worse.

Marguerite and Mrs. Hallum

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	\$ 40.05
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	24.45
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	36.22
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	13.15
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	30.66
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	25.85
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	29.43
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Ohio	50.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	57.56
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	4.95
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	40.43
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Parrott's School)	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies' Bible Class)	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	12.41
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	13.32
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Center Line, Mich.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	34.62
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	9.97
Second Baptist Mission, Pennington Gap, Va.	4.00
Jordan Missionary Baptist Church, Berwyn, Ill.	50.00
Freedom Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	22.80
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	105.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	6.85
Shuqulak Baptist Church, Shuqulak, Miss.	27.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	16.19
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	15.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Fla.	13.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	19.28
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	45.06
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	20.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	21.90
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, West Va.	15.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	3.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	50.11
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C. (B. T. U.)	8.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	12.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	14.45
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	52.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	3.81
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (L. B. C. for new missionaries)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	11.72
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	166.51
Hargrove Bible Baptist Church, DeQuincy, La.	12.75
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	31.41
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B. T. U.)	5.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (L. B. C.)	18.65
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	166.02
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Parrott's school)	62.65
New Testament Baptist Church, Ansted, W. Va.	25.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	3.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	30.93
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	6.50
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	27.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	126.99
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	141.48
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cade, Wayne, W. Va.	10.00
L. R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill.	5.00
Eustace Adkins, Ceredo, W. Va.	2.50
Joe Eddings, Mayfield, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	5.00
Elder C. W. Howell, Columbia, Tenn.	5.00
Mrs. A. Hanley, Apopka, Fla.	30.00
R. E. Murphey, Belmont, La.	7.00
Mrs. Paul Jones, St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Total	\$2,642.63

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. Address all offerings to:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky.

The following are new supporters of Baptist Faith Missions that sent offerings in March for the first time:

Jordan Missionary Baptist Church, Berwyn, Ill.	\$50.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	15.00
Joe Eddings, Mayfield, Ky.	10.00
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Mrs. Paul Jones, St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	52.00
Hargrove Bible Baptist Church, DeQuincy, La.	12.75
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	6.50

Jordan Missionary Baptist Church, Berwyn, Ill. is only a few months old and has voted to give ten percent of all offerings to Baptist Faith Missions. Brother F. R. Bingham is pastor of this church.

take turns staying up with him to see that he does not toss and tumble in the bed too much. He would not hear to our staying up with him as he wants Mrs. Hallum with him all the time.

Bro. Hallum is completely resigned to the will of the Lord.

He said that if he should die he wanted us to know that he loved us and appreciated everything that had been done for him and that his illness was painless.

Among the children of God there is not to be found a more noble family than the Hallums

## A Fine Letter From Bro Billy Parrott As To Work

March 13, 1952

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We are rejoicing in the fact that my brother was saved. For years now I have prayed for that. Finally it was necessary for the Lord to bring him to the door of death in order to get him to see that he needs Christ. How thankful we are that he was protected in that accident and allowed to escape. The Lord certainly works in many ways to show His great and glorious power and to bring His chosen ones to Christ. I believe that John will make a fine Christian and be a good and faithful church member. On the same day I received your letter I also received one from him and I read it there in the post office. I confess that I came very near crying for joy right there in the post office. I am sure that there were tears in my eyes. Certainly my mother must be extremely happy about it. Her greatest desire has been for our souls and John now makes it unanimous. I only wish I could be sure of my Dad's salvation. I haven't asked mother in some time, but does he come to church any now?

Certainly we wish to express our thanks for the money given to buy my shoes. My only problem now is to make them hold out until Lawrence gets here (the old ones, that is).

We were certainly grieved to hear that Bro. Hallum is so ill and have prayed for his recovery. Last night in church I asked the brethren to pray for him and they fervently asked the Lord to restore him to good health. It is interesting to note that this week two people were

saved who are Peruvians and the man knows Bro. Hallum. He is from Iquitos and had heard Bro. Hallum preach. In fact his first contact with the Gospel was through Bro. Hallum (Don Ricardo).

I will start now looking for a house for the Smiths and Calveys but will make no definite commitment until I hear from you again. The housing problem here is serious now. I am trying to find a cheaper house for myself but I don't know if I can or not.

I certainly appreciate the attitude of Bro. Hille and Nelson Hope Church concerning our school.

The Lord knows that I have had enough difficulties and problems since first coming to the mission field in 1949, but I never have blamed anyone for my errors and mistakes. I don't blame myself for not coming to the mission field. Life here is not easy by any means. Don't ever paint a beautiful picture of mission life to a prospective missionary because when he first gets here he will feel greatly deceived. It is far better that he learn before getting here that it is tough and beyond his imagination. It is only after being here for some time that it becomes beautiful and worthwhile. We have finally, after so many months, found our niche here and now are happy, but it has not always been so. I am glad that the Starlings are not coming with the attitude that they have. I don't think they would have lasted out one term under our set-up.

I will sign off now. May the Lord bless you and yours,

Billy E. Parrott

## As To World-Wide Evangelism Does God Consider You A "Head Or A Tail?"

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail."—Deut. 28:13.

What is your attitude relative to world evangelism? There is no duty given in the Scriptures which is clearer and more emphatic than the command for saved ones to give the gospel to the world. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:19, 20). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). There are those of our readers who persistently refuse to support foreign missions and who simply say, "I'm again it." How such a one needs to learn:

"In Christ there is no east or west

In Him no south or north  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ now meet both east and west,

In Him meet south and north  
All Christly souls are one  
In Him

Throughout the whole wide earth."

"How long is it since Christ died for sinful people," asked an old Mohammed woman. She said, "I have given alms, gone to holy shrines, prayed and fasted, but it is useless. When have you been all this time?" An old Eskimo said, "After you've known this good news since you were a boy, and your father knew it. Then why do you not come sooner?" In the snowy heights of the Andes a man said, "How is it that in the years of my life that I have never before heard these precious words?" In the white sands of north Africa a native of Morocco said to the Bible seller, "Why have you not run everywhere with this book, and why have you hoarded it to yourself?" Thus it is the cry of the four winds; we've waited for Jesus.

I appeal to you, regardless of what you have been in the past, in view of Jesus' commission to evangelize the world, be a head and not a tail during 1952.

Your brother in the Lord,  
Mitchell Lewis



# "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

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came Napoleon, then Kiser Wilhelm, and then Hitler. The Word of God said there would be four world-wide empires and there never would be another.

## IV

### THIS SCRIPTURE PROVES THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE.

Of all the passages of Scripture that would tell us that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, this stands out in my mind as the greatest. I'll show you now if I can why.

At the time Daniel made this statement by way of interpretation of this dream, Persia was just a little province under the supervision of Babylon. To think of Persia as a world-wide empire was as ridiculous as to think of me being president. So far as Greece was concerned as being the third world-wide empire, that was an utter impossibility, for Greece was not even heard of in that day. The fourth world empire of Rome had just been established, a little insignificant village on the banks of the Tiber River. Yet Daniel said there would be four empires—Nebuchadnezzar the first, Media-Persia to follow, then Greece under Alexander the Great and the fourth, the Roman Empire. How did Daniel get that information? How did he know that such was coming to pass? He knew it because God had revealed it unto him. He knew it because of inspiration, and beloved, to me this is definite and conclusive that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Man can't even prophesy with accuracy twenty-four hours in advance. You can't tell me what the weather will be tomorrow. Even the meteorological experts who have all the facilities of noticing what the prospects of the weather will be, are often deceived. But here Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the interpretation thereof, which revealed future history for all generations to come, and even part of this dream, as we will see presently, has not been fulfilled yet. He did it because it was the inspired Word of God, and God knows the future far better than you and I know the past. Listen: "Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together."—Isa. 41:21-23.

What does it say? Simply this: a man has to be of God to know, to foretell and to prophesy what the future has in store. When I read how that Nebuchadnezzar had this dream and Daniel retold to him the dream and gave to him the interpretation which has been so completely fulfilled, I am impressed more and more to insist upon the fact that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It could only come from God, for only God could show history in advance before it came to be a reality.

## V

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE, ALSO, IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DREAM, THAT DANIEL ANSWERED THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE WORLD IS GETTING BETTER.

There are those who say that the world is improving, that the world is getting better and that ultimately we will have an utopia here within this world.

A few years ago, I heard a preacher who was a post-millennialist in his theory as to the return of Jesus Christ to this world. I heard this preacher say that the world was getting better at an astonishingly rapid rate, and he listed ten events of the year preceding which would show how fast the world was getting better. I thought, as I listened to him, that I could have shown him ten events, likewise, to the contrary that would show how fast the world is getting worse. We don't have to list events to see whether or not the world is getting better—all we have to do is come to God's Word and let His Word give the answer. Listen, I do not believe one particular in the evolution of the human family, but I do believe strongly in "devolution" from the Garden of Eden on.

God's Word answers the question as to whether the world is getting better. Notice the answer: In that image, the head was of gold, the chest and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, the legs of iron and the feet of iron and mirey clay. Notice — gold, silver, brass, iron and iron and mirey clay mingled together. In this you have an increase in strength, for iron is stronger than gold, but while you have an increase in strength, you have a decrease in the finer qualities. Gold is far more precious than iron, silver is more precious than brass, brass more precious than iron, and iron more precious than iron and mirey clay, so that in all this dream you have the answer given as to whether the world is to get better or worse.

God tells us in this dream by way of a study of the component parts of this image — God would tell us that the world is getting worse, for it has come from golden head down to feet made of clay mingled with iron.

There are other passages within God's Word which tell us the same thing. Listen:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

—II Tim. 3:13.

Talk about the world getting better — talk about the world getting so much better that ultimately we will bring in the millennium right here—everybody loving one another—listen again to God's Word.

"For whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

—Matthew 24:28.

What does it mean? The word for "eagle" is the word for "buzzard." You know what it means when you see an old buzzard floating around in the air above. It means there is something dead down on the earth below. Our Lord says that when Jesus Christ comes back to this world again, society will be just like a rotten, decomposed carcass. That doesn't sound like we are getting better very fast does it?

## VI

### DANIEL ALSO TOLD OF CHRIST'S COMING EMPIRE.

Daniel went farther than just to tell us about these four empires, he told Nebuchadnezzar that he saw in his dream a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and that stone, as it started to roll down the mountain side, slowly, little by little gained momentum as it went, until finally that stone crushed the image of gold, silver, brass, iron and iron and mirey clay. Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar that as he looked at



that stone it began to grow and expand and develop until it became a great world-wide empire.

What did he mean? Beloved, that stone represents the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Listen:

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST."

—I Cor. 10:4.

That stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, tells us of the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was born of a virgin. Just like this stone was cut out supernaturally without hands—He was supernaturally conceived, — was born of a virgin without a human father.

It says that that stone is going to crush this image which represents Gentile world power through all ages to come, and then shall become a great empire itself, which would tell us, beloved, that the Lord Jesus Christ is some day going to put an end to, He is going to crush Gentile world power. Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Rome and then the feet spread out with the ten toes representing the nations that have come out of the old Roman Empire,—God says that some of these days Jesus Christ is coming and He is going to set up an empire of His own, which will put an end to Gentile world sovereignty. My prayer to God is — "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

There isn't a nation on the top side of God's earth tonight but what is a disgrace morally, spiritually and every other way to Almighty God. There isn't a nation tonight but what is shot through and through with anarchy and rebellion toward God; however, some day God is

going to give to us His Son who is coming again to this world, and when He comes, He is going to grind into powder Gentile history so that it shall be no more. He is going to set up a kingdom and live and reign here within this world.

Several years ago I preached from this second chapter of Daniel, and after the service was over, a little lad, who has long since become grown, came around and said, "Brother Gilpin, I have two questions I want to ask: The first one is,—Which one of those ten toes are we?" I said, "Well, if your second question is as hard as that one, I'll just say 'No' to both of them in advance, for I don't know." He said, "My second question is a little more serious — Whereabouts are we now in this image as far as history is concerned?" He was bare-footed and I said, "Buddy, we are right down almost to the end of your big toe."

I believe with all my heart that Gentile history is fast running out and that we are almost to the end of the big toe so far as this image depicting history is concerned.

In view of that fact, we can look for, and expect His soon return.

I have a question I would like to ask: Are you ready for His return? Are you ready for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ? The only way you can be ready is by faith in the Lord Jesus Himself. Religion won't save you. There may be someone here tonight who is depending upon the fact that he is religious, or depending upon the fact that he is affiliated with some denomination, and who thinks that is all he needs. Listen, beloved, religion won't save any man. Good works and

a good life won't save, neither will church membership save. I tell you, beloved, your sins, which are many, have to be paid for, and the only one that can pay for them is the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and may you be ready when Jesus comes.

## Catholicism

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of no value; that the Pope has no greater authority than that which those who are merely priests possess—that is to say, only to preach the Word of God; that priests have not power to bind or loose from sin;

that justification proceeds from faith alone;

that Sacramental Confession, such as is commonly made to a priest, is not necessary, not enjoined in the Divine law; but that it suffices to confess to God alone;

that the consecrated bread and wine are a sign only of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

that the disciples of Christ and their successors and priests have only authority to preach the Gospel.

Then, bidding him to adjure and "renounce upon oath each and every heresy whatever which is opposed to the Catholic Faith, and to the Holy Church of Rome," it proceeds: "Moreover, in order that such iniquities may not remain un- (Continued on page four)



## Good Friday

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tomb exactly "three days and three nights" just as He had told the Scribes and Pharisees He would be (Matt. 12:38-40).

I. Wednesday, April 14. (Six p. m., Tuesday to six p. m., Wednesday). Jesus met with disciples in the upper room after sundown to partake of the Paschal meal (Mark 14:17). Judas departed, supposedly to buy supplies or to give something to the poor (John 13:27-30). Jesus instituted the memorial supper (Luke 22:17-20). (Tuesday evening) Judas betrayed Jesus (Matt. 26:48). Jesus was arrested, examined by Annas, then Caiaphas (John 18:12-14), was tried by the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57), (Tuesday night and before daybreak Wednesday) Jesus was taken before Pilate (Luke 23:1), then Herod (Luke 23:6-11), then back to Pilate (Luke 23:11), then was crucified (John 19:18), (Wednesday forenoon). Darkness fell over all the land (Luke 23:44) (noon until three o'clock Wednesday). Jesus died (John 19:33) late Wednesday afternoon. His body was removed from the cross (before six o'clock Wednesday evening) and was placed in the tomb (John 19:38-42) (shortly after six o'clock Wednesday evening).

II. Thursday, April 15. (Six p. m., Wednesday to six p. m., Thursday). Annual Passover Sabbath began. The chief priests and the Pharisees requested a guard be assigned to the tomb and Pilate obliged them (Matt. 27:62-66) (about six o'clock Wednesday).

III. Friday, April 16. (Six p. m., Thursday to six p. m., Friday). This was the day after the Annual Passover Sabbath, and the day before the regular weekly Sabbath. Women bought spices for anointing the body of Jesus (Mark 16:1) (before six o'clock Friday evening).

IV. Saturday, April 17. (Six p. m., Friday to six p. m., Saturday). This was the regular weekly Sabbath; women rested (Luke 23:56). Near the end of this Sabbath the two Marys came to the sepulchre; they came not with spices but merely to observe (Matt. 28:1) (before six o'clock Saturday evening).

V. Sunday, April 18. (Six p. m., Saturday to six p. m., Sunday). And while the two Marys were there at the tomb a great earthquake occurred and an angel rolled back the stone and the angel said: "He is not here, He is risen" (Matt. 28:2-6) (shortly after six o'clock Saturday evening).

From this it will be observed that Jesus lay in the tomb from about six Wednesday evening until approximately six o'clock Saturday evening: three full days and three full nights, which brought the time to the close of the regular weekly Sabbath "as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week" (Matt. 28:1). (Note: the Greek word here translated "dawn" is translated in secular Greek and in at least one translation of Matthew 28:1 as "dusk." Ed.) The given sign was completely fulfilled, the test was fully satisfied.

It is clear that the crucifixion did not occur on "Good Friday" but on Wednesday; that the Resurrection was not on "Easter" (which, by the pagan method used for determining the anniversary, falls sometimes as early as the third Sunday in March or sometimes as late as the fourth Sunday in April) but on Saturday, as we reckon time.

The Lord directs that His atoning death be commemorated (Luke 22:19,20). To celebrate the Resurrection is to acknowledge the occurrence and to recognize the power of God to raise Him from the dead. To commemorate His death, however, is to recognize the Lord's satisfaction of God's judgment for man's sin (Rom. 6:23; II Cor. 5:21), and to recognize Him as Lord and Saviour (II Cor. 5:15).



## Catholicism

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punished, and so present an evil example to our neighbors, it is our will that you be walled up in a place surrounded by four walls which shall be assigned to you by us; which with anguish of heart and copious tears you shall bewail those your sins and offences committed against the Majesty of God, and our Holy Mother Church and the Order of Father S. Francis in which you have made profession.

"We Charles Cardinal Borromeo, the deputed Inquisitor, have thus pronounced."

Before this terrible sentence could be carried out, by some unrecorded means the prisoner escaped.

Within a year of his trial and doom, not having been recaptured, his effigy was burned. Here is an extract from an exact translation of the sentence read and passed by the assembled Cardinals of the Inquisition, November 8, 1565: "... Friar Thomas has incurred the penalty of the greater excommunication and the other censures and punishments imposed by the law and the sacred canons upon heretics who fall away and escape, and are obdurate, therefore ... if he can be apprehended he shall be transferred or given up to the Secular Court, as we do deliver and consign him; and if his person cannot be seized, in compliance with a commendable custom hitherto observed, his statue or effigy shall, and is to be burned instead of his body; and we command that it shall be consumed by fire."

This sentence was carried out in the presence of many witnesses.

## ROME HAS SPOKEN

but not as her English apologist and advocate, Cardinal Wiseman, would have us believe.

A sentence like this points to a common custom—a custom alluded to eighteen years earlier by a friend of Bullinger, who in a letter written to him from Coire remarks: "At Rome some persons are every day burned, strangled, or beheaded. All the gaols and places of confinement are full, so that there is constant toil in building new prisons. Rome, though very extensive, can scarcely hold and keep in custody the multitudes of the Godly. The city has committed to flames an illustrious man named Carnesecchi, formerly an ambassador to the Duke of Florence."

## Pietro Carnesecchi,

a man of noble birth, and at one time Secretary to Pope Clement VII, an Italian Christian of humble, Christ-like life, was condemned to degradation and execution by the Cardinal Inquisitors under Pope Pius V in 1546.

Bro. Gibbings published and translated his indictment and sentence in 1856. An account of the process of the Inquisition against him also appeared in the "Miscellanea of Patriotic Italian History," by Count Manzoni of Lugo; and from this it appears that he had no extreme views—he never having sought

to separate from the Roman Church. But he was the friend and associate of the great reformers Flaminio Juan de Valdes, and Ochino—a reader of Erasmus and Melancthon.

In a letter to his friend Donna Guilia he wrote: "Thank God our faith does not depend on men, neither are its foundations laid on sand, but on the everlasting Rock, upon which the apostles and prophets and all God's saints have similarly built theirs. May God be pleased to grant us grace to live and to die steadfastly therein." His trial was long; at times his faith wavered, but finally his prayer was answered.

## Fulgentio Menfredi,

a Franciscan monk and priest, came to Rome from Venice under the Pope's Safe-conduct. When treated as a heretic he appealed to his Safe-conduct and was answered that "the conduct was safe for his coming thither, but not for his going thence."

After long trial with tortures he, proving steadfast in the faith, was sentenced to degradation and to be delivered to the Secular Power, July 1, 1610. The following Sunday this sentence was carried into execution at a meeting called by the Fiscal Procurator, when—in the presence of "our most holy Lord" (Pope Paul V) met together with the Superiors and Consultors of the Holy Inquisition at the Church of St. Peter, and of the Canons and Chapters of the Cathedral — Manfredi was handed over to the Governor of the city for immediate execution.

These are the written records of the Holy Office; and they prove that in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, at any rate, Papal Rome was no more merciful than Spain in her dealings with those who in practice or opinion differed from her rule. It may well be that what was known later of Roman Church History might seem to verify the statement of Cardinal Wiseman which these accounts contradict.

But what have the Stones revealed? Again

## ROME HAS SPOKEN

in the Revelations Made at the destruction of the Inquisition in Rome in 1849.

At the close of the previous year the Pope had fled from the Capital, leaving the Government in the hands of the National Assembly, who invited Joseph Mazzini to the city. On him they bestowed the title of Citizen of Rome, which was



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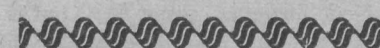
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then proclaimed a Republic.

The first decree of the Roman Constituent Assembly, of which Mazzini was one of the Executive Triumvirate, was that the law shall be made, and justice rendered in the name of God and of the people," and on the same day the Assembly voted by acclamation Sterbini's project of a decree to abolish the "Holy Office" and suppress all privileged ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

To the minister who originated the decree its execution was entrusted, and on March 27th Sterbini proceeded to liberate the prisoners and expose the horrors that the palace of the Inquisition concealed!

The building was originally the palace of Pius V. He presented it to the Inquisition, by whom a rectangle for prisoners was added on the site of the ruins of the ancient circus of Nero. Here were found, in addition to the prison cells surrounding a damp courtyard, subterranean prisons long out of use; and below these a dungeon that received prisoners.

## WALLED UP TO DIE

The skeletons disclosed proved that the victims had been placed there, bound hand and foot, buried breast-high in lime, and left with a closed grating over them; and their horrible contortions showed how terrible had been the anguish of their death!

Another courtyard adjoining this was surrounded by sixty cells, in three tiers of twenty each; many of which were furnished with a large iron ring and made to fasten with a padlock, and affixed either to the wall or to a stone in the pavement. In one of these cells was a round stone which, when raised, disclosed a well containing skeletons—probably of those who had perished in the filthy cells. Yet even this darkest of dark places had held the light of God's presence — for scrawled upon the wall were to be seen such inscriptions as "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." "Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "The caprice and villainy of men will not avail to separate me from Thy Church, O Christ, my only hope!"

The prisons, of which there were two storeys in the main building, had each the form of a monk's cell with a crucifix over every door, and some denunciatory passage of Scripture; as, for instance, in one case: "Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out" (Deut. 28:19).

The torture chambers were below. One chamber, from which all instruments of torture had been removed—confession by torture having been abolished in Rome in 1815—appeared as a wine-cellar, though a great hook showed where the pulley for the torturing cord had been attached, and a large chimney marked the place of torture by fire.

## A Trap-door Opened from the Hall

where examinations were held. It led to subterranean vaults. Soft, black earth covered the ground; where this had been removed, human bones crunched beneath the feet. And here were found traces of the clothing of both men and women and long strands of human hair.

When it was decided to convert the palace into free dwellings for poor families, every part of the building was thrown open to the public, and great was the indignation of the Roman citizens at these discoveries.

But when the workmen in the process of reconstruction attacked a seemingly old wall in one of the wine cellars already mentioned, they found it to be a very recent construction, consisting of lime and clay and stained so as to appear old. When it was demolished it was found to have concealed a large vault in which were

## Two Ovens Fashioned Like Beehives,

and in them were calcined human bones.

Terrible proof this of the changelessness of the Inquisition—of the power of darkness that inspired it! When burning heretics is no more allowed when they can no longer be burnt publicly, it burns them in secret furnaces with no smoke to betray the deed! We have information, some years ago, concerning such a place (underground) now in London. The information came from two different quarters, without possibility of collusion.—Ep. E. M. Record."

The horror and rage of the Roman citizens when these furnaces were disclosed was intense, for it was believed that, as by all the world, the all burning of heretics was abolished.

THE INQUISITION IN ROME established in 1536, by Pope Paul III, on the advice of the terrible Cardinal Caraffa, afterwards Pope Paul IV, and abolished for a brief space by a decree of the Roman Republic in February, 1849, was

## Re-established

in the following June, on the return of Pope Pius IX to the Capital, but its stronghold became the Castle of St. Angelo. It was here that Bro. Achille was imprisoned when an English deputation, consisting of the late Sir C. E. Eardley, Rev. Baptist Noel, Charles Cowan, M. Rev. E. Bickersteth, Rev. Steane, and the Right Lord Wriothesley Russell, negotiated his release.

## It Exists Still,

but its meetings are secret, its correspondence is in cipher, its headquarters are the Vatican, its president is the Pope, its operations are world wide.

In the old Palace of the Inquisition were preserved modern processes and ancient trials of the "Holy Office;" in the library all Papal Bulls, acts of councils, sentences of the Inquisition, and all works in any language; though at the entrance to these archives was an inscription forbidding communication. When thrown open to the public very many of the documents were found to have been removed, the cases still, but empty.

## There Are No Archives

of the Inquisition of today, communications addressed to being destroyed as soon as received. See Belloy's pamphlet, "The inquisition and Gambetta," 1882; "The Modern Inquisition," 1898; and an article in "A Voice from Italy," April, 1905.

The Vatican is still at Rome but let us not be lulled into false security. May not our counterpart be growing up in our very midst — this tyrant be sheltering in the freest of our once free land all suspected?

Christians let us pray for it see to it that nothing possible to us be left undone to prevent a power so crafty becoming again dominant in our country.

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