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## FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME

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As soon as he had taken possession of that interesting mission, he came with Mr. Lebel to pay me a visit. I received them as politely as possible, though they were both half drunk when they arrived. After dinner they went to shoot prairie chickens, and got so drunk that one of them, Mr. Lebel, lost his boots in a slough, and came back to my house barefooted, without noticing his loss. I had to help them get their carriage, and the next day I wrote them, forbidding them to ever set foot in my house again. But what was my surprise and sadness, not long before these two infamous priests were ignominiously turned out by their people, to receive a letter from my bishop, which ended in these words: "I am sorry to hear that you refuse to live on good terms with your two

neighbouring brother priests. This ought not to be, and I hope to hear soon, that you have reconciled yourself with them, in a friendly way, as you ought to have done long ago." I answered him: "It is my interest, as well as my duty, to obey my bishop. I know it. But as long as my bishop gives me for neighbours, priests, one of whom has lived publicly with his own niece, as his wife, and the other who has kept a house of prostitution in Chicago, I respectfully ask my bishop to be excused for not visiting them."

The bishop felt insulted by my letter, and was furious against me. It came to be a public fact that he had said before many people: "I would give anything to the one who would help me to get rid of that unmanageable Chiniquy." Among those who

heard the bishop, was a land speculator, a real land-shark, against whom a bill for perjury had been found by the jury of Iroquois county, the 27th of April, 1864. That man was very angry against me for protecting my poor countrymen against his too sharp speculations. He said to the bishop, "If you pay the expense of the suit, I pledge myself to have Chiniquy put in gaol."

The bishop had publicly answered him: "No sum of money will be too great to be delivered from a priest who alone gives me more trouble than the rest of my Clergy." To comply with the desires of the bishop, the speculator dragged me before the criminal court of Kankakee, on the 16th of May, 1855, but he lost his action, and was condemned to pay the cost.

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## Bible Absurdities That Were Believed By The Lord Jesus

R. CHARLES BLAIR

I Cor. 1:17-25

Some of our modern friends, who take great care not to be identified with anything so outdated as the science (or the psychology, or the morality, etc.) of the Bible, take great delight in pointing out to us the absurdity of the creation account (they say accounts, and conflicting at that) in Genesis 1 and 2.

But Jesus believed it! (Mt. 19: 4-5, Mk. 10:6, 13:19; Rev. 3:14).

These same people (and, thank God, not many of them wear the name Baptist — yet) consider it absurd to believe that Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament.

But Jesus believed it! (Mt. 8:4; 19:8; Mk. 7:10-13, 10:3, 12:26; Lk. 24:27, 44; Jn. 5:46-47, 7:19-22).

Again, we are told, it is unscientific and absurd to suppose that all human life except for one family was destroyed in a flood.

But Jesus believed it! (Mt. 24: 37-39; Lk. 17:26-27).

As for the destruction of Sodom for immoral behavior, these twentieth century thinkers find it absurd to suppose that God would do so cruel and unusual an act. After all, they say, the

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## Halliman Tells Of Fruitful Visit To Levani Valley

Dear friends: Once again we greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have recently returned from a mission trip to the Levani Valley and would like to share with you some of the blessings received while there. Perhaps some of the readers of TBE will remember that I first began to write about this Valley about 3 years ago now. For those of you who might be new readers of TBE, let me briefly bring you up to date on the Levani Valley and the 300 odd primitive folk who inhabit this desolate place.



ELD. FRED T. HALLIMAN

ing for you find yourself at times having to hang on to roots and rocks to keep from falling, however it is more rapid and in about an hour you are at the bottom of the mountain and at the edge of the Levani Valley.

Most of the people live towards the center and the far side of the Valley so there is another two

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hours walk to get to your first stop and this is about the most unpleasant part of the walk for most of it is through muck and mud from ankle to almost knee deep. All of this side of the valley is filled with swamps, marshes, rivers, and lakes. The lakes of course you can go around but many of the swamps, marshes, and most all of the rivers have to be crossed. The valley is large, mysterious, and for the most part deserted. One time I took a census of the entire valley and there were less than 350 individuals that I counted. Long ago a large population of people is reported to have lived there, but tribal wars, sickness, death,

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and superstition have driven most of them out.

When I first went to the Levani Valley about 3 years ago they were the most primitive folk that I had ever seen anywhere. Fact of the matter is I did not see many of them at that first time for they were just like wild animals to a great degree. Through my field glasses I could see many of them running for the far side of the mountain and hiding in the bush. When I would attempt to get close to them they would run as though they thought I was trying to hunt them down like one might rabbits, ducks, etc. I stayed nearly a week that first time and managed to hold two scanty services. It was after several other visits and about 18 months later before I finally got up one building and sort of began to gain the confidence of the people.

### First Converts About Six Months Ago

About six months ago I spent several days preaching in the Levani and there were 5 that professed to be saved at that time. This gave me encouragement as I could see God's grace slowly but surely reaching down to the people of Levani Valley, one of the most unknown places in the world. Just prior

to this visit the largest single group in the valley had put up a building to hold worship services in and had sent word across the mountain that they would like for me, to visit them and preach to them. There were only two or three at that place who professed to be saved at that time but many of them said they had given up their heathen worship, and superstitious ideas; however, I told them in no uncertain terms that "turning over a new leaf" was not salvation in any wise. Since that time some of our native preachers have been there almost continually preaching the Word of God. They would go in pairs and stay about two weeks at a time and when they returned another pair would go.

### Eight Days Preaching Yields A Great Harvest of Souls

On this recent trip I was gone nine days and I preached from once to three times every day that I was gone except one and that was the day that I came back home. I do not take all the credit for the great work that has been done in the Levani Valley for I know that our native preachers have done a great job and while I have no way of knowing how many have been saved under their ministry or mine I would like to give all the credit to them, but be as it may there were over 75 professed converts. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "DOG MEAT"

"And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses and he trode her under foot.

And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face

of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel." — II Kings 9:30-37.

To me this is one of the most interesting of all the Old Testament stories. It certainly exalts and magnifies the Word of God. It is the story when Ahab and Jezebel were king and queen over the country of Israel, and I might say that no more sin-cursed people ever lived than these two. There was a difference between them. Ahab was wicked and weak, whereas his wife was wicked and strong. She had a dominant personality, and the Word of God would indicate that

she caused him to be more wicked, and more devilish, in his depravity than he would have been.

There was a time when Ahab desired the field of Naboth, but the Word of God tells us how Naboth refused to sell it. Jezebel urged him with a corrupt plot, to the extent that she had Naboth murdered, and Ahab took possession of the inheritance and field of Naboth.

Then it was that the prophet Elijah went out to meet him. It is strange how God deals with his preachers, and how God uses His preachers. God sent Elijah out to (Continued on page 2, column 3)

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If so, please write us, and we will be only too glad to make any adjustment due you.

## WANTED: A PHOTOGRAPHER

In an earlier issue we made mention of our need of a photographer for our Bible Conference, hoping that there might be someone of our readers and friends who might be able to assist us in this respect.

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I was able to attend six out of the ten evening services and I thank God for each message that was delivered and for the faithfulness of the messenger in his preaching.



ELD. JIM EVERMAN

Brother Jim Everman who is pastor of the church and Brother James Hobbs who works with Brother Everman are two loyal yoke fellows and I thank God for them, for Brother Cox, for King's Addition Baptist Church, and for the revival which God graciously gave them.

## "Dog Meat"

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that field just at the time that Ahab went to take possession of it, so that on this property that had originally belonged to Naboth, these two men — Ahab the king, taking possession of the field now that Naboth was dead, and Elijah, representing the Lord, met. They came face to face there on the property of the deceased Naboth, and immediately Ahab said, "You found me, oh my enemy," recognizing the fact that Elijah was an enemy of his. It was then that Elijah said, "Ahab, you have taken possession, but you are not going to enjoy it long, because you are going to die. You had Naboth killed and dogs have licked up the blood of Naboth. Likewise, the dogs are going to lick up your blood in a short time."

Beloved, it is true that within a short time Ahab went out to battle and was shot with an arrow as he was riding in his chariot. When they brought the chariot home, they washed it, and the Word of God says that the dogs came and licked up the blood that came from this chariot in which Ahab had been killed.

## In Wheelchair 7 Years, But Is Blessed By TBE

I am a firm believer in all of the doctrines taught in TBE. Your messages have been the source of spiritual food and blessing for me. The gospel is set forth with power and demonstration, and the doctrines taught to their fullest. Where could we as Baptists find a paper with any more truth?

I do want to thank Brother James C. Walker (my brother-in-law) of Louisville, Kentucky, for his gift subscription, for there is no greater gift than TBE. I love TBE. Through it I have grown in grace and knowledge of God's Word.

I have been called to preach the gospel of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I have prayed long for this gift. Now all I desire is the knowledge of His will and spiritual understanding of His Word, that I might rightly divide the Word and preach it in spirit and in truth.

In times of discouragement it is a wonderful blessing to know that we have a loving Saviour that will never leave us, nor forsake us, for He has so promised. (Read Mt. 28:20). I have been confined to a wheel chair for the past seven years and have been discouraged many times, but when I am reading my Bible and come to Psalm 37, Christ whispers to me, and tells me not to be envious of the world, for it will soon wither; if I be obedient, I will be fed, and I will have the

Just as Ahab killed Naboth and the dogs licked up his blood, so the dogs licked up the blood of Ahab.

Elijah said, "Furthermore, the same thing is going to happen so far as your wife Jezebel is concerned." Three years went by before Elijah died. I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that Jezebel breathed a silent prayer every once in a while hoping that he would die. I'm sure she wished often that the man of God who had said the dogs were going to lick up her blood — that the time would soon come when the old prophet of God was gone. Well, three years passed by and she is still alive and Elijah dies. I rather imagine that she laughed about it and said, "Well, the man who said I was going to be eaten by the dogs is gone and I don't have to worry about him now. I am still here and he is gone." I suspect that as time passed by she may have even softened in her attitude toward the old prophet Elijah, and she may have even gotten to the place that she felt sorry for him. Twelve years have passed by and Jezebel is getting to the place that she is an elderly woman herself. Ahab, her husband, is dead, and Elijah, the prophet of God is dead, and Naboth, the man whose property they desired, is dead, and Jezebel is the only one of all this group that was left alive.

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desires of my heart. To be content is to do the Lord's will, and to believe on the Son of God and Him only, for eternal life and to be raised up in the day. (Read John 6:38, 40, 41:12). Oh, what grace in times of discouragement!



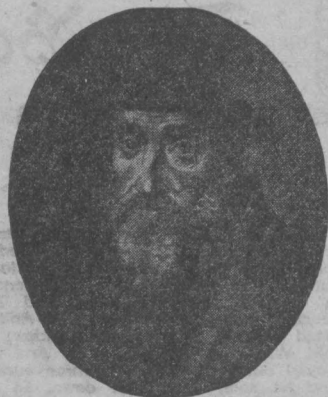
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He tells us to commit ourselves unto Him, and those that wait on Him shall inherit His grace. If we only would, His grace is sufficient. Then we shall have abundance of peace. The grace that I have is more than the grace because I am one of His children and He upholds me. My steps are ordered by Him. I look to Him for leadership, and I delight in His way. Though I fall, I shall not utterly cast down.

In 1952, the Lord called me out of this world of sin and saved me not because I wanted to be saved but it was because He wanted to save me and chose me before the foundation of the world. (Gal. 1:15; Eph. 1:4, 5). He preserved me and sealed me with the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption. I really am thankful when He tells me that He will never leave me in the hands of Satan, nor condemn me while I am judged. Because I trust in Jesus, He is my strength in times of discouragement. My salvation is in Him.

Then why should I be discouraged? I believe it is the nature that causes a man to have the joy of his salvation. (Rom. 7:15, 17). Paul says we shall always have this flesh until we become glorified in our new bodies, made unto His. This is my hope and rest, and because He is omnipotent, His promise stands. When discouragement comes, joy is gone, I will say, as Paul did, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

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## "Dog Meat"

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Then, one day, in God's appointed time, things came to pass. Beloved, that God has for everything in this world, God doesn't balance the scales on Saturday night. God doesn't make a final settlement in the harvest comes. Sometimes God lets things go for a long time before God makes the books and before God makes a final settlement. One day God said, "It is now time we pick up the prophecy of Elijah said that Ahab was going to die, and that every one of his descendants were going to die, and that Jezebel, his wife, was going to die. It is time now that to come to pass."

May I say that it is amazing how you and I forget, but God never forgets. It is amazing how He keeps His word and promise, and how that ultimately things come to pass. Well, God said to a man of Israel, "You go to the camp and call Jehu off to the side, and talk to him privately, and anoint him to be king over Israel, and then run for your life, for they will kill you." This man did exactly what God told him to do. He anointed Jehu and Jehu came king over Israel, having been anointed in the city of Gilgal. Immediately, he rose up and slew Joram, who was a son of the king and Jezebel, and thus took the city of Jezreel where Jezebel was. Jezebel had heard that her son was being killed. She heard how Jehu, the commander-in-chief of the army, had turned traitor to his king. Of course it was with God's command, but nevertheless in the world he had turned traitor to Joram the king. She heard about this and looked out the window when she saw the king. She painted her face with perfumery and all the things that the world would be forgotten, and she looked as attractive as possible. Then she leaned out the window and said, "Jehu, my lord, peace, who slew his master who slew his master and gotten in serious trouble because of it. Jezebel is reminding me of a round about way that she had slain Joram and there

wasn't likely to be any peace for him. Beloved, she was wrong because Jehu had done what God told him to do. Of course she had in mind that she was going to play up to him in such a way that he would spare her life. In contrast, Jehu looked up to the window where she was and said, "Who is on my side? who?" The Word of God tells us that there were two or three eunuchs who identified themselves with Jehu and he said to them, "Throw her down." Immediately, they took this old queen Jezebel and threw her out of the window, and some of her blood splattered on the wall, some on the horses, and the horses trod her under foot. Then Jehu went into the house, to eat, drink and rejoice.

After while Jehu said, "After all, she is a king's daughter. I had better give her a burial. We have done what God said and we have rejoiced over her death, but she was a king's daughter, and we will give her a decent burial." They went out to look for her, and do you know what they found? Just exactly what we would find at your house by way of left-overs, if everybody is eating fried chicken. They found the neck and the feet. They found the palms of her hands, the feet, and the skull. All they found was the bony pieces that the dogs didn't want to eat. All the rest of this sin-cursed woman was eaten by the dogs except the palms of her hands, feet, and skull, and thus the prophecy of Elijah was fulfilled. Fifteen years before he had said that she was going to die. She had killed Naboth and the dogs licked the blood of Naboth. He had said that the dogs were going to eat her body, and it came to pass just exactly like it was prophesied.

This leads me to bring five lessons to you today.

### I GOD'S PROPHETS DON'T LIE.

Fifteen years before, Elijah had given a prophecy. Listen:

"And of Jezebel also spake the Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel."—I Kings 21:23.

Fifteen years before it came to pass, God said that the dogs were going to eat her up, and God told them the exact place where it was going to take place — by the wall of Jezreel. Fifteen years passed by and right by the wall

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At the same time, may we remind you that this group also conducts regular worship services each Sunday at 1622 Wharton Avenue. I am sure I speak for the group in Winston-Salem, as well as for Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, when I urge you to attend these services, and listen to the broadcast each week.

I consider Brother Joe Wilson and Brother Cletus Snyder who are carrying on this work, two of the greatest individuals of our entire acquaintance. We deeply thank God for them and pray His blessings upon the work there.

of Jezreel, the dogs ate up the body of this sin-cursed queen, Jezebel.

I am sure in those fifteen years that Jezebel laughed at the rantings and the ravings of the old prophet many times. She had lived, whereas he had died, but ultimately it came to pass just exactly like God had said, which leads me to declare that men die, but the Word of God lives on. Elijah didn't live to see the fulfillment of his prophecy. He only lived three years after Naboth had been killed and after he uttered the prophecy. Twelve years passed by after Elijah was in the grave before the prophecy came to pass, but ultimately that prophecy was gloriously fulfilled. I say, beloved, man may die, but the Word of God is going to live on. God's prophets do not lie.

In the past, beloved, they didn't lie. Let's turn to the Bible and see how God gave some prophecies in the Old Testament, and how every one of those prophecies came to pass just exactly like it was recorded.

Take for example, what God said about the Jews. We read:

"And among these nations shalt thou find NO EASE, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a TREMBLING HEART, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt FEAR DAY AND NIGHT, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou

## INVESTING AT 400 PER CENT

by J. Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)

After concluding my last service about ten o'clock one night, a poor man asked me to go and pray with his wife, saying that she was dying. I readily agreed, and on the way to his house asked him why he had not sent for the priest, as his accent told me he was an Irishman. He had done so, he said, but the priest refused to come without a payment of eighteen pence, which the man did not possess, as the family was starving.

Immediately it occurred to my mind that all the money I had in the world was a solitary half-crown, and that it was in one coin; moreover, that while the basin of water gruel I usually took for supper was awaiting me, and there was sufficient in the house for breakfast in the morning, I certainly had nothing for dinner on the coming day.

Up a miserable flight of stairs, into a wretched room, he led me, and oh what a sight there presented itself to our eyes! "Ah!" thought I, "if I had two shillings and a sixpence instead of half-a-crown, how gladly should they have one-and-sixpence of it!" But still a wretched unbelief prevented me from obeying the impulse to relieve their distress at the cost of all I possessed.

"You asked me to come and pray with your wife," I said to the man. "Let us pray." And I knelt down. But scarcely had I opened my lips with "Our Father who art in heaven" than conscience said within, "Dare you mock God? Dare you kneel down and call Him Father with that half-crown in your pocket?" Such a time of conflict came upon me then as I have never experienced before or since. How I got through that form of prayer I know not, and whether the words uttered were connected or disconnected I cannot tell; but I arose from my knees in great distress of mind.

The poor father turned to me and said, "You see what a terrible state we are in, sir; if you can help us, for God's sake do!" Just then the word flashed into my mind. "Give to him that asketh of thee." I put my hand into my pocket, and slowly drawing forth the half-crown, gave it to the man, telling him that what I had been trying to tell him was indeed true — God really was a Father, and might be trusted. The joy all came back in full flood-tide to my heart; I could say anything and feel it then, and the hindrance to blessing was gone — gone, I trust, for ever.

I well remember how that night, as I went home to my lodgings, my heart was as light as my pocket. When I took my basin of gruel before retiring, I would not have exchanged it for

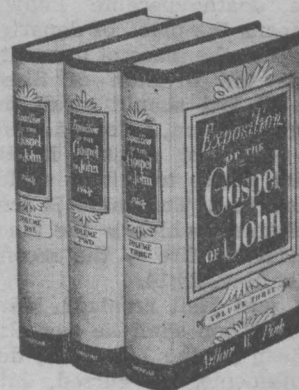
shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart where-with thou shalt fear, and for the (Continued on page 4, column 4)

a prince's feast. I reminded the Lord as I knelt at my bedside of His own Word, that he who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord: I asked Him not to let my loan be a long one, or I should have no dinner next day; and with peace within and peace without, I spent a happy, restful night.

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wet hand covered by her apron. I looked at the letter, but could not make out the handwriting. It was either a strange hand or a feigned one, and the postmark was blurred. Where it came from I could not tell. On opening the envelope I found nothing written within; but inside a sheet of blank paper was folded a pair of kid gloves, from which, as I opened them in astonishment, half-a-sovereign fell to the ground.

"Praise the Lord!" I exclaimed, "400 per cent for twelve hours investment; that is good interest. How glad the merchants of Hull would be if they could lend their money at such a rate!" I then and there determined that a bank which could not break should have my savings or earnings as the case might be — a determination I have not yet learned to regret.

This incident occurred during Hudson Taylor's medical training days in Hull, England, and with other similar lessons served to formulate the principles of faith on which he later worked.

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"When and why did God create hell?"

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When was Hell created? Hell began to be in existence the minute death became known. Hell means the place of departed souls. As to the place of torments, such as the division of Sheol where all lost should await the coming judgment, I do not know when God first created it. He does not please to tell us so far as I can find. The same is true of "Gehenna" which is the place of everlasting fire — the second death of Rev. 20:14.

Why was Hell created? Matt. 25:41 — "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Obviously it was prepared for the devil and all his followers (or children — John 8:44).

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As to WHEN God created hell, I can answer this quite readily by saying, I DO NOT KNOW. I don't believe anybody else knows, for so far as my lifetime study of the Bible goes I have found no information concerning this in the Bible. If anyone else has found any answer to this question in the Bible, I should like to know it.

As to WHY God created hell, we have the clear answer to that question given in the words of Jesus himself, as recorded in Matt. 25:41, where he says, "Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

It is interesting to note that hell, the place of everlasting fire, was not prepared for man, but for the devil and his angels. But when human beings live for the devil and serve the devil, and refuse to break with the devil, they are allowed to spend eternity with their old daddy, and they won't have any kick coming, for it will be the only place for which they are prepared.

Incidentally, there is much confusion in people's thinking about hell, due in part to the mistranslation of words. For instance, in the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16: a word is translated "hell" that should be translated "hades." I have often heard preachers preach that the wicked go to hell immediately at death, and sometimes they portray the devil as being in hell now, together with all the host of the wicked dead. Unfortun-

ately, he is not in hell now. If he were, he wouldn't pester me so much. So far as I can learn from the Bible, there isn't anybody in hell at the present. The wicked are in the hades of the lost, where they will remain until the Judgment of the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:15). The devil is still loose, and is literally "stirring up the devil," as we put it, in the world. The Bible seems to teach that the first ones to be cast into hell will be the "Beast and False Prophet" (Rev. 19:20). Next will come the devil, following the Millennium (Rev. 20:10). Then finally the followers of the devil, who shall be raised and judged. (Rev. 20:15).

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The Bible has a great deal to say on the subject of Hell, but there are some things which the Holy Spirit has not seen fit to reveal to us at this time. One of them is the exact time that God created Hell, I have failed to find a definite Scripture for the time of the creation of Hell. I do know that Hell was created by God.

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." — Jn. 1:3.

It is my personal opinion that Hell was created a long time before sin entered into this world, for I cannot conceive of the idea that God hastened to create Hell after sin had entered, as if he were taken by surprise when sin reared its ugly head. Our Lord is never surprised or alarmed; there is never an emergency around His throne. When sin entered, God did not hasten to bring forth a plan that would counteract sin, but rather brought forth the remedy for sin which He already purposed before sin entered into the garden.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8.

As Christ was the way of escape from Hell before sin entered, is it not logical to believe, that He had also prepared the place of punishment even before the cause of punishment (sin) entered upon the scene?

Many believe that the fall of Adam was not in the original purpose of God and therefore God changed after man sinned. I am persuaded that the fall of Adam was as much a part of the divine purpose as was anything else, and I am also persuaded that Hell and its creation was a part of the original creation of God.

Hell was created for God's pleasure.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to

receive glory and honor, and power, for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created." Rev. 4:11.

Hell was created for the Devil and his angels and all unbelievers who die without Jesus Christ. As Heaven was prepared for a prepared people, so Hell was created for a people who were unprepared to live in Heaven.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

Jesus Christ reigns supreme over Hell as well as Heaven, for He has the keys (authority) to unlock the door of Hell.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:18.

No one can go to Hell unless the door is opened by Jesus Christ. Now I am aware that many declare that God is not willing that any should perish in Hell, but this is in error, for God is willing for Satan and his angels to go to Hell. He is also willing that those who are not His children perish in Hell. To me it is absurd to say that a sinner goes to Hell in spite of God's intent and purpose to keep him out of it. God is not willing that any of His elect perish in Hell, and every last one of them will enjoy the happiness of Heaven, but those who were not elected unto salvation will be consigned to Hell.

Hell will be full of unbelievers who go there because God created Hell, to be the place of punishment for the Devil, angels and all unbelievers.

"But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth." Job 23:13.

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I see no Scriptural reason for saying that hell (the everlasting lake of fire) will be created before the end of this age. I know that Mt. 25:41 speaks of this place as prepared. The use of the past tense here might lead some to believe that hell is already in existence. But if you turn to Isa. 53:5 you will see that our Lord was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities more than seven hundred years before He was actually nailed to the Cross. The tenses do not hold such a prominent place in God's dealings as they do in ours. What God has determined to do in the future is as sure to be done as if it had already been done. Therefore, future events are often spoken of in the past tense. In Rev. 20:10-15 the past tense is used even though these things will not actually take place until the end of the thousand year reign of our Lord.

What would be the need of this lake of fire today? The old devil is still loose in the land. The fallen angels are confined in utter darkness to await judgment, 2 Pet. 2:4. The phrase "cast down to hell" in our translation comes from TARTAROS which means "to consign to Tartarus" which is neither hell nor hades. It seems that God prepared a special place in utter darkness where these fallen angels are kept in solitude away from even the spirits of the wicked dead. Here in this place they await their future

judgment. Hades is the place where the wicked dead go to await the great white throne judgment. So hades is to hell what the county jail is to the penitentiary. In Rev. 20:13 we read, "Death and hell (hades) delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works." That is, their degree of punishment will be determined by their works. They are already condemned, Jno. 3:18. Here they are sentenced. In verse 14 of Rev. 20 we see death and hell being cast into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the literal hell, and it is rather confusing to read that hell is cast into hell unless you are aware of the fact that the King James translators translated the Greek word HADES as hell. This HADES is the place where the wicked dead await judgment. When all the inmates of HADES have been sentenced and cast into hell we see in Rev. 20:14 that the Lord just throws HADES, their old jail house into the lake of fire with them.

The first use of the literal hell so far as I can see is when the beast and the false prophet are cast into it alive, Rev. 19:20. This takes place after the battle of Armageddon and at the beginning of our Lord's reign for one thousand years here on this earth. The next use of this place is when Satan is cast into it with the beast and the false prophet, Rev. 20:10. And last of all the wicked dead are cast into it, Rev. 20:11-15 and the fallen angels who await judgment, 2 Pet. 2:4.

As to why hell is created Mt. 25:41 says it is prepared for the devil and his angels. But we see that it is to be big enough to accommodate all the rest of the devil's buddies.

## "Dog Meat"

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sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. And the Lord shall BRING THEE INTO EGYPT AGAIN WITH SHIPS, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be SOLD unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and NO MAN SHALL BUY YOU." — Deut. 28:65-68.

This is God's prophecy concerning the Jews. Let's see whether it was fulfilled or not. God said to the Jews, "You will be scattered among the nations, and wherever you go, you'll find no rest for the sole of your foot. You'll find no ease. You'll have a trembling heart, a failing of eyes, a sorrow of mind, and your life will hang in doubt before you. In the morning you'll say, 'I would to God it were even,' and in the evening you'll say, 'I would to God it were morning.'" He said, "You'll have trouble all the years of your experience."

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a nation in the world but has stained its statue books with laws against the Jews, with exception of the United States alone. I say to you, among the nations of the world where Jews have gone they have had this experience, whereby day by day, and year by year, they have no rest, no ease, and the sole of their foot has never found a spot yet where they have been at rest.

The latter part of Deuteronomy 28 has been even more pertinently fulfilled. The Word of God says, "You are going to go by ship to Egypt by ship, and you are going to be sold for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man will buy you." That was fulfilled in the year 70 A.D. when Titus, the Roman general, marched against the city of Jerusalem, and sacked the city, and killed over a million Jews. History says that the blood of those Jews ran in the streets of Jerusalem like water runs in the streets of a modern town after a rain. They were picked up the buckets of blood and put out the fires of the buildings that had been set by Titus, the Roman general. They extinguished the flames by buckets of blood that they threw on the flames. Then after a million of them had been killed in the city of Jerusalem, he gathered up the hundred thousand of them in ship and sent them back to Egypt and put them on the slave market to be sold as slaves. The Word of God says that the slave market became glutted, and it finally took to the place that they would buy them. Beloved, exactly prophecy was fulfilled exactly, precisely, and totally, just like God had said it would be. I tell you, beloved, God's prophets don't lie.

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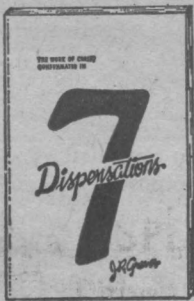
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## "Dog Meat"

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of Jericho. The Word of God tells us how that later on a man came here and nobody has rebuilt it." Five hundred years had elapsed since it was destroyed and everybody had forgotten about the prophecy of Joshua. Everybody had forgotten about the predictions that God had given through Joshua concerning the rebuilding of the city. A man looked at it and said, "It is a marvelous site for a city; it had nobody ever decided to build it." He said, "I am going to build it myself," and he set about to rebuild the city. Listen:

In his days did Hiel the Beth-shanite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof IN ABIMELECH his firstborn, and set up the gates THEREOF in his youngest son SEGUB, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake unto Joshua the son of Nun." — Joshua 6:26.

I tell you, beloved, God's prophecies don't lie.  
Let's notice another instance how that God's prophets don't lie:

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall DESTROY the walls of Tyrus; and break down her towers; I will also SCRAPE HER DUST from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations." — Ezek. 26:3-5.

Everybody who knows anything at all about Bible history knows that Tyre is one of the ancient cities that is recognized in the Bible. Tyre is one of the great cities of antiquity. It was a marvelous city, and built on the mainland. Could it be possible that that city of Tyre would ever be destroyed? History tells us that they had a water system in the city of Tyre that was unequaled by any ancient city of antiquity. They had food supplies laid up at all times in the city of Tyre to withstand a siege of ten years. From the standpoint of food and water, the enemy could batter his brains out against the walls of the city, and the people were safe for ten years' time.

Nebuchadnezzar drew up his army around the city of Tyre, and a siege dragged on for one year, two years, nine years, ten years, and eleven years, but the city of Tyre held out. Finally, at the end of eleven years the people of the city of Tyre saw that they were unable to withstand the siege any longer, and so under cover of night, while Nebuchadnezzar and his army slept, the people of Tyre fled. For days

and weeks they transferred their possessions and belongings one half mile out into the Mediterranean Ocean, to an island, and then under the cover of night all the people evacuated to that island. Therefore, when Nebuchadnezzar succeeded in battering down the walls of the city of Tyre, all he got was an empty deserted city without a single inhabitant left within that city, and with all possessions gone. That was all he got for his eleven years expense. History tells us that Nebuchadnezzar was so enraged that he put his soldiers to the task of tearing down the city of Tyre, and they left not one single stone on top of another. When the king and the people of Tyre who were out on the island saw that their city was destroyed, they said, "We are going to have to rebuild. Instead of rebuilding on the mainland where we might be the object of trouble again, let's rebuild here on the island." So they rebuilt their city on the island, and Tyre became an island city from that time on.

Beloved, this prophecy isn't all fulfilled yet. The first part was fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar. Let's notice the rest of it.

"And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall LAY thy stones and thy timber and thy dust IN THE MIDST of the water." — Ezek. 26:12.

Let's see how this came to pass.

Out there on the island the king and the people of Tyre rebuilt their city. Two hundred forty years go by, and it is now a prosperous city. They have become sailors. They are no longer recognized as the men of Tyre, but history recognizes them as the Phoenician sailors. One day Alexander the Great drew up his army on the shores a half mile away and called upon the island city of Tyre to open their gates and allow them to come in. When they refused to do so, Alexander the Great had his army to pick up stones and timber from the ruined city on the mainland and throw it into the water and build a causeway from the mainland out to the island. Over that causeway he led his soldiers to the destruction of the island city of Tyre, which has never been rebuilt.

God said, "I am against you; I am going to destroy you. I am going to throw your dust and stone and timbers into the water and cause you to be a place where men will spread out their nets in the future." It took the combined efforts of two great kings, Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great. Two hundred forty years expired between the time that Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the city on the mainland and Alexander the Great destroyed the city on the island, but ultimately God's Word came to pass.

I tell you, beloved, we serve a God that doesn't lie, and God's prophecies don't lie. Fifteen years went by before Elijah's prophecy came to pass, before Jezebel became dog meat, but ultimately it came to pass. God doesn't lie. He didn't lie when He spoke through Ezekiel concerning the city of Tyre. Beloved, God has never lied in any prophecy that He has ever given. If that has happened in the past, the same thing is going to be true in the future.

We read:  
"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." — Rev. 20:10.

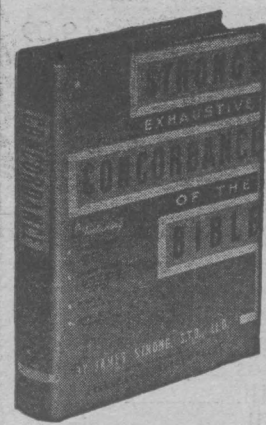
We rub elbows with the devil, and we brush shoulders with him. He is our adversary. The Bible tells us that we are to resist him steadfastly, for someday there will be no devil.

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of Scripture I say "To hell with the devil," for that is the place that he is going. God said it, and it is going to come to pass. The same God will keep His promise that kept His promise relative to Jezebel who became dog meat 15 years after God's prophet said she would.

I read in Revelation 17 about an old whore and her harlot daughters. I don't think there's any doubt but that this whore represents Romanism. I don't think there is any doubt but what her harlot daughters represent the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. So when I speak about the old whore and her harlot daughters, I am talking about Romanism and the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome.

A man shouldn't say these things aloud today. He is not considered a good man if he speaks against the Catholics today. He ought to be very cautious lest he say anything that would offend a Catholic. God said though that the old whore and her harlot daughters are going to be consumed. They are going to be burned with fire. They are going to be completely destroyed. Beloved, I believe it.

However, there isn't any indication of it being true today. The Catholics are riding high today, and all the Protestant churches are recognized as wonderful organizations, but God said the old whore and her harlot daughters are going to be destroyed, and I'll still believe this prophecy of God, for God keeps His word, and God's prophets don't lie.

II

## SOWING AND REAPING.

Ahab killed Naboth and the

dogs licked up his blood. Did he reap what he sowed? The Word of God tells us that when they brought Ahab's body back from the battle, they took the corpse out of the chariot, and washed it out. When the water ran out of the chariot, the dogs licked up the bloody water from Ahab. Fifteen years later, when they threw Jezebel out of the house of Jezebel, the dogs ate up all of her that was fit to eat. All that was left was the palms of her hands, her feet, and the skull. Beloved, we serve a God who sees that there is a reaping day coming. Listen:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall HE ALSO REAP. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." — Gal. 6:7, 8.

Brother, sister, there is a lot of sowing and reaping in the world, for people reap what they sow. For example, look at Jacob. Jacob lied to his father. Can't you see Jacob when he took those goat skins and put them on the back of his hands, and the small of his neck, and went in to see his father. The father said, "It sounds to me like you are Jacob." "Oh, no, I am Esau. Just feel me and you shall see." The father rubbed his hands over the hands of Jacob, and felt his neck and said, "I guess you are right. Esau is a hairy man, and so are you. I thought it was the voice of Jacob, but it is the hands of Esau." As a result, Jacob got the blessing. He deceived his nearly blind father with goat skins, and he got the blessing which should have gone (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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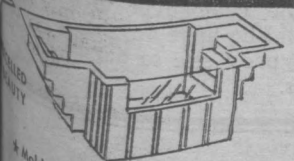
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sions of faith there this time in my eight days of preaching. It seemed as though God just sort of opened the windows of heaven and poured out His grace on these primitive folk. I did not have to beg and plead with them and in fact it was just the opposite. They would come to my house and tell me they had been saved or sometimes when we would assemble for preaching and sometimes it would be at the end of the service, but I always let these folk take the initiative in telling about being saved.

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Worship Services

What a contrast this visit to the Levani was to the first one that I made nearly 3 years ago. As mentioned before, that first visit I only managed to hold two scanty services in nearly a week. This time in just over a week I held about 20 services with over 75 professing to be saved and erected one new building for worship services while there. The people were not ready for me to leave when I did this time; they ask me to stay with them for another two weeks, but due to

food shortage there at this time of year and some other duties and obligations that were sore pressing me I had to leave them for the time being. The morning that I left to come back I was up with the crack of dawn and by about 7 A. M. we were on our way. The morning was a typical morning for the Levani, cloudy, cold and misty but as early as it was and with the cold and dreary weather the rough bush track was lined with men, women, and children to shake hands with me and to say goodbye.

While I have been home only a short time these folk have not been forgotten and left alone for long. Just this morning one of our young men said he wanted to go to the Levani and preach for a week or two. When he returns someone else will go and so it goes whether it be the Levani or at any of our other many places that we preach we keep them saturated with the Word of God and God continually saves souls at every place.

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Simon Peter

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Nero's reign (67 A.D.) and was buried on the Vatican hill.

3. That Peter's tomb and his bones are under the high altar of St. Peter's church in Rome.

There is no intimation in the Scriptures that the words of our Saviour addressed to Simon Peter made him ruler and head of the church. In the Greek there is a play upon his name—"Thou art Petros (a stone) and upon this petra (a stratum of stone) I will build my church." First Peter 2:5 says, "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house." First Corinthians 3:11 says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The meaning is self-evident. The foundation, "the petra," upon which Christ will build His church is His deity, which Simon Peter has just confessed upon a revelation from the Father. The stones out of which Christ will erect His church are believing disciples, one of which is Peter himself. The keys of the kingdom here given to Peter as a representative disciple, while the authority of binding and loosing, are given to all the disciples in Matthew 18:18 and in John 20:23.

Peter in the Early Churches

Was Peter ever the ruler of the church? of any church any time, any place? Not that anybody knows of. The pastor and leader of the church at Jerusalem was James, the Lord's brother. (Acts 12:17; 15:13-21; 12:18; Gal. 2:9). This Scriptural account of James is confirmed by Josephus in his Antiquities XX, 9, 1, where James' martyrdom is described. Josephus never heard of Simon Peter, but the Jewish historian knows all about the faithful pastor and leader of the Christian church in Jerusalem.

Notice in Acts 8:14 that Peter is "sent" by the apostles along with John to Samaria. Peter is not doing the sending; somebody else is.

Notice in Acts 1:14-21 that at the Jerusalem conference, after Peter made his speech and Paul and Barnabas made their speeches, it is James who delivers the final verdict.

Was Peter Ever in Rome?

The second avowal of the Roman hierarchy concerning Peter is that he was a bishop at Rome from 42 A. D. to 67 A. D. when he was crucified under Nero. If Peter was in Rome during those years, then the New Testament cannot be relied upon. There is not the faintest, slightest historical foundation for the fiction that Peter ever saw the city of Rome.

1. Paul was converted about 37 A. D. He says in the first chapter of Galatians (Gal. 1:13-18) that after his conversion he went into Arabia, "then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days." This takes up to 40 A. D., and Peter is still in Jerusalem.

2. Sometime during those days Peter made his missionary journey through the western part of Judea, to Lydda, to Joppa, to Caesarea, and back to Jerusalem (Acts 9, 10, 11). Then came the imprisonment under Herod Agrippa and the miraculous deliverance by the angel of the Lord (Acts 12). Peter then "went down from Judea to Caesarea and there abode" (Acts 12:19). Herod Agrippa died not long after those events (Acts 12:20-23). Josephus says that the death of Agrippa occurred in the fourth year of the reign of Claudius. This would be about 45 A. D., and Peter is still in Palestine.

3. Paul writes in the second chapter of Galatians that fourteen years after his first visit to Jerusalem to visit Simon Peter he went again to see him. The

first journey was 40 A. D., fourteen years later brings us to 54 A. D., and Peter is still in Palestine.

4. Peter returns the visit and goes to Antioch where Paul is working. This occasioned the famous interview between the two recorded in Galatians 2:11-14. Peter is still in the Orient, and not in Rome.

5. After 54 A. D., and after the Antioch visit, the Apostle Peter makes an extensive missionary journey or journeys throughout the Roman provinces of the East. On these missionary tours Peter takes his wife (I Cor. 9:5). They labor in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. So vast a work and so great a territory must have consumed several years. This would take us, therefore, to at least 60 A. D., and Peter and his wife are still not in Rome but in the East.

6. In about 58 A. D. Paul wrote a letter to the church at Rome. In the last chapter of that epistle, Paul salutes twenty-seven persons, but he never mentions Simon Peter. If Peter were "governing" the church at Rome, it is most strange that Paul should never refer to him.

Romans 1:13 shows that the church at Rome was a Gentile church. At the Jerusalem conference (Gal. 2:9), it was agreed that Peter should go to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles.

The gospel ministry of Paul was motivated by a great principle which he clearly repeats in Romans 15:20, "Yet, so have I stroved to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build up another man's foundation." A like avowal is made in I Corinthians 10:15, 16. Where no other apostle had been, there Paul wanted to go. Having written this plainly to the people at Rome, his desire to go to the Roman city would be inexplicable if Peter were already there, or had been there for years.

7. Paul's first Roman imprisonment took place about 60 A. D. to 64 A. D. From his prison the Apostle to the Gentiles wrote four letters — Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon. In these letters he mentions many of his fellow Christians who are in the city, but he never once refers to Simon Peter.

8. Paul's second Roman imprisonment brought him martyrdom. This occurred about 67 A. D. Just before he died Paul wrote a letter to Timothy, our "II Timothy." In that final letter the apostle mentions many people but plainly says that "only Luke is with me." There is never a reference to Peter.

We have gone throughout those years of 42 A. D. to 67 A. D., the years Peter is supposed to have been the prince and bishop and ruler of the church at Rome. There is not a suggestion anywhere that such a thing was true. Rather, the New Testament clearly and plainly denies the fiction.

Babylon and Rome

In I Peter 5:13 Peter says, "The church that is at Babylon saluteth you." Some suppose "Babylon" is a cryptic word for

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Rome.

There is no evidence that Rome was ever called "Babylon" until after the Book of the Revelation was written. The Revelation was written about 95 A. D., many years after the death of Simon Peter. If I Peter 5:13 refers to Rome, then Simon Peter did not write the letter and we have forgery in the Bible.

Peter's method and manner of writing are in no sense apocalyptic. He is direct and matter-of-fact. That this man Peter, of fact, that this man Peter, plain of speech almost to bluntness, should interject into the midst of his personal explanations and final salutations such a mystical epithet, with no hint of what he means by it, is beyond credulity. Peter says the elect in Babylon send greetings to the Jews of the Dispersion in Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. "Babylon" is no more cryptic than "Pontus," "Asia," or the rest. He means what he says. His "Babylon" is the Babylon on the Euphrates. It is a part of that eastern world where Peter lived his life and did his work.

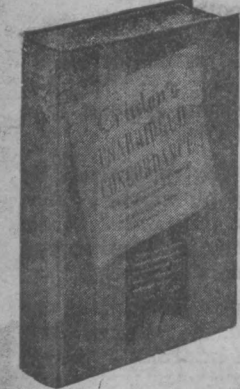
Babylon in the time of Simon Peter was no longer a great world capital, but it was still inhabited by a colony of people, mostly Jews. Among those Hebrew friends he won many to Christ, and those Jewish Christians sent greetings to their fellow-Jewish Christians in Asia Minor where Peter had previously done a blessed missionary work.

Unbiased historians and the Scriptural records indicate that Peter died and was buried elsewhere in Mesopotamia or Asia Minor. The Pope of Rome will be able to find plenty of bones beneath the Vatican hills, where Christians by the thousands were murdered and buried by pagan and papal persecutors back, when Rome ruled the world. But these bones prove nothing except that the Roman hierarchy is frantic in its efforts to find something that will give a semblance of justification to their false claims that Peter was connected with the papal system.

Peter was never in Rome. Nor did he have any keys to give to anybody else to hand down to others.

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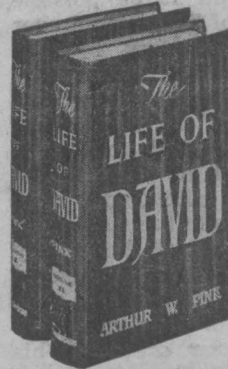
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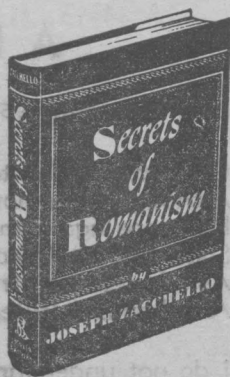
It was my impression that the bishop, having so often expressed in public his bad feelings against me, would not visit my colony. But I was mistaken. On the 11th of June, taking the Rev. Mr. Lebel and Carthual for his companions, he came to St. Anne to administer the sacrament of confirmation. As the infamous conduct of those two priests was known to every one of my people, I felt a supreme disgust at their arrival, and came very near bidding them to sit at my table. Having, however, asked the bishop to give me half an hour of private interview, I respectfully, but energetically protested against the presence of these two degraded men in my house.

He coldly answered me: "Mr. Chiniquy, you forget that I am the Bishop of Illinois, and that you a simple priest, whom I can interdict and remove from here when I like. I do not come here to receive your lessons, but to intimate to you my orders. You seem to forget that charity is above all others the virtue which must adorn the soul of a good priest. Your great zeal is nothing before God, and it is less than nothing before me, so long as you have not charity. It is my business, and not yours, to know what priests I must employ, or reject. Your business is to respect them, and forget their past errors, the very day I see fit to receive them among my priests."

"My lord," I answered "allow me respectfully to tell you, that though you are a bishop, and I am a simple priest, the Gospel of Christ, which we have to preach, tells us to avoid the company of publicly vicious and profligate men. My conscience tells me that through respect for myself and my people, and through respect for the Gospel I preach, I must avoid the company of men, one of whom has lived with my niece as his wife, and the other has, till very lately, been guilty of keeping a house of prostitution in Chicago. Your lordship may ignore these things, and in consequence of that, may give your confidence to these men; but nothing is more apt to destroy the faith of our French Canadian people, than to see such men in your company when you come to administer the sacrament of confirmation. It is through respect for your lordship, that I take the liberty of speaking thus." He angrily answered me: "I see now, the truthfulness of what people say about you. It is the Gospel you constantly appeal on everything. The Gospel is surely a holy book; but remember that it is the Church which must guide you. Christ has said, 'Hear My church.' I am here the interpreter, and ambassador of the Church — when you disobey me, it is the Church you disobey."

"Now, my lord, that I have fulfilled what I consider a conscientious duty, I promise, that I will keep myself in the bonds of peace with my bishop, I, too, will deal with these two priests as if they were worthy of the honorable position you give them." "All right! all right!" replied the bishop. "But it must be near the hour for dinner."

Yes, my lord, I have just heard



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the bell calling us to the "dining room."

After the blessing of the table by the bishop, he looked at the Rev. Carthual, who was sitting just before him, and said: "What is the matter with you, Mr. Carthual, you do not look well?" "No, my lord," he answered, "I am not well, I want to go to bed." He was correct, he was not well, for he was drunk. During the public services, he had left the chapel to come down and ask for a bottle of the wine I kept to celebrate mass. The housekeeper thinking he wanted the wine in the chapel, handed him the bottle, which he drank in her presence in less than five minutes. After which he went up to the chapel to help the bishop in administering the confirmation to the 150 people whom I had prepared for the reception of that rite.

As soon as dinner was finished, the bishop requested me to go and take a walk with him. After giving me some compliments on the beauty of the site I had chosen for my first village and chapel, he saw at a short distance a stone building, which was raised only a little above the windows, and directing his steps towards it, he stopped only twenty or thirty feet distant, and asked me: "Whose house is this?" "It is mine, my lord." "It is yours!" he replied; "and to whom does that fine garden belong?" "It is mine also, my lord." "Well! well! he rejoined; "where did you get the money to purchase that fine piece of land and build that house?" "I got the money where every honest man gets what he possesses, in my hard labor, and in the sweat of my brow," I replied.

"I want that house and that piece of land!" rejoined the bishop, with an imperative voice. "So do I," I replied. "I cannot give them as long as I am in need of them, my lord," I replied. "I see that you are a bad priest, as I have often been told, since you disobey your bishop," he rejoined with an angry manner. I replied: "I do not see why I am a bad priest, because I keep what my God has given me." "Are you ignorant of the fact that you have no right to possess any property?" he answered. "Yes, my lord, I am ignorant of any law in our holy church that deprives me of any such rights. If, however, your lordship can show me

any such law, I will give you the title of that property just now." "If there is not such a law," he replied, stamping on the ground with his feet, "I will get one passed."

"My lord," I replied, "you are a great bishop. You have a great power in the church, but allow me to tell you that you are not great enough to have such a law passed in our holy church!" "You are an insolent priest," he answered with an accent of terrible anger, "and I will make you repent for your insolence." He then turned his face towards the chapel, without waiting for my answer, and ordered the horses to be put in the carriage, that he might leave in the shortest possible time. A quarter of an hour later he had left St. Anne, where he was never to come again. The visit of that mitred thief, with his two profligate priests, though very short, did much by the mercy of God, to prepare our minds to understand that Rome is the great harlot of the Bible, which seduces and intoxicates the nations with the wine of her prostitution. (Rev. 17:2).

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## Bible Absurdities

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morals of Sodom were not really so bad; instead of a special act of God to punish such things, what is really needed is "understanding" — not fire and brimstone.

But Jesus believed it! (Mt. 11: 23-24; Lk. 17:28-32).

And it is absurd (say many today) to believe that God actually spoke to Moses, or really gave those detailed laws about red heifers, and cursing father and mother, and picking up sticks on the Sabbath, and sending goats into the wilderness.

But Jesus believed it! (Mt. 4:1-11, 8:28-32, 17:18; Mk. 3:11-12, 9:25, Lk. 4:1-13, 33-35; 8:12, 26-33; 9:42; 10:18).

Above all, it is absurd to suppose that the Old Testament writers had any special inspiration — they merely recorded, in a crude way, the experiences they thought they had with God. It is absurd to attribute all of Isaiah to the prophet Isaiah, since chapters 40-66 talk of things (Cyrus) which took place after Isaiah's death. (Prophecy had little or no predictive quality, say our modern prophets.) It is absurd to attribute the book of Daniel to the man of that name, since the book gives too accurate a picture of the history of Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece — history that took place after the death of Daniel. It is absurd to believe that the character of Jonah (and his great fish) is historical — here most of our modern friends fairly burst out laughing.

But Jesus believed it! He believed:

Old Testament inspiration (Mk. 7:10-13, 12:36-37; Lk. 20:42-44).

Isaiah a unity, not from two or more writers (Jn. 12:37-41, where quotations from both parts of the books are attributed to Isaiah);

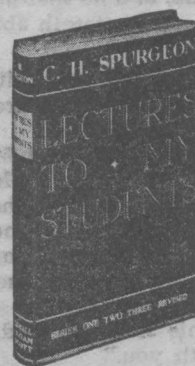
Daniel the author of his book (Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14);

Jonah's "Whale tale" historically accurate (Mt. 12:39-41, 16: 4; Lk. 11:29-32).

Primarily, the problem is that our modern friends reject the accuracy, infallibility, and authority of Scripture. (Many of them say Martin Luther invented the idea of an infallible Bible to replace the infallible Pope.)

But Jesus believed it! (Jn. 10: 35 — "the Scripture cannot be broken.") He even said that those who did not believe Moses could not believe Him — Jn. 5:46-47!

Yes, something is absurd, all right — but is the absurdity in the things which Jesus believed and taught? Or is it that these learned men of the modern Mars Hill, who know so much more than Jesus knew, still want to be called "Christians"?



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## "Dog Meat"

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to Esau.

But wait! Pay day hasn't come yet for Jacob. Years pass by and he is a father. Twelve sons came into his home. One day ten of them came into his presence and laid down a coat of many colors that he had given to his son Joseph. They had dipped this coat in goat's blood. They said, "Father, we found this coat. Do you know whether it is your son's coat or not?" Jacob looked at it. There wasn't but one coat in the world like that coat. He had had it designed particularly for the son that he loved. He picked it up and said, "It is my son's coat; an evil beast has no doubt devoured him." Jacob had lied to his father and deceived his father with goat skins; now his ten sons deceive him and lie to him with goat's blood. You can't tell me, beloved, you don't reap what you sow.

I read in the Bible of a man by the name of Adoni-bezek. The Word of God says that he was captured, and the old king that captured him cut his thumbs off, and cut his big toes off. When he would get down on the floor under his table, the king would toss him a crumb now and then to eat. We read:

"And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, SO GOD HATH REQUIRED ME. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died." — Judges 1:7.

Adoni-bezek said, "I have treated 70 kings this way, and now it has come home to me. I am getting exactly what I have done to 70 other kings." Don't tell me, beloved, there isn't a law of sowing and reaping.

Look at those Jews. God told the Jews that every seven years the land was not to be cultivated. That is, for six years the land was to be cultivated, and then the seventh year the land was to lie idle. They were to eat and live on what they had raised during the six years. They did that until the days of Saul, and when Saul became king, they decided they knew better than the Lord. That is exactly when people get in trouble — when they decide they know better than Almighty God. So these people decided they knew better, and they said, "We are just wasting our time. We

might just as well go ahead and cultivate the land, and so they did so. For 490 years they cultivated the land. Now how many sabbatical years did they rob God of it? They robbed God of 70 sabbatical years. At the end of 490 years, what happened to them? Along came the Babylonians and carried them into captivity, and kept them for 70 years until God got back His 70 sabbatical years. We serve a God that knows how to keep records, and knows how to balance the books. We serve a God who ultimately sees to it that a man reaps exactly as he sows.

Let's notice Pharaoh. When Moses was born, Pharaoh was killing little Jewish boys in the land of Egypt. The Word of God tells us how all those little boy babies born of the Jews were thrown into the Nile River. For a long period of time there wasn't a boy baby born that Pharaoh didn't order thrown into the Nile River. It was only by a miracle of God that Moses himself survived.

Days passed by and Pharaoh and his armed chariots start out across the Red Sea in pursuit of the children of Israel. When they got into the Red Sea, the land that had been solid for the Jews became boggy to the Egyptians, and their chariots sank down in the mud, and the water came over them, and Pharaoh himself is drowned. Beloved, he drowned the boy babies of Egypt in the Nile River, and he himself was drowned in the Red Sea.

Beloved, I say to you, the God I am talking to you about today is a God who has a law that never changes — a law that you reap what you sow.

III

SOMETIMES IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR A MAN TO CHOOSE SIDES.

Sometimes it is necessary that a man take sides in warfare for the things of God. I look at Jehu as he drove into that city, undoubtedly an ungodly man. He was even guilty of treason against his king, for he had slain his king. But all that he did was according to the plan of God and was fulfilling God's purpose. I can see Jehu in all of his ungodliness, who looked up at the window when Jezebel wanted to make a play for him. He said, "Who is on my side? who?" The Word of God says that two or three eunuchs chose sides. They (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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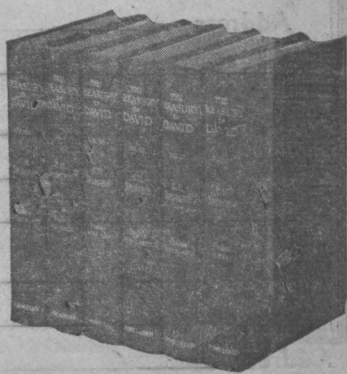
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said, "We are on your side."

Oh, can you imagine, not a normal man in that city was on Jehu's side! Not an normal individual in that city, who would say, "We'll stand with you." There were only two or three eunuchs, who couldn't even dare to say that they were real men, who said, "We are on your side." Then Jehu said, "Throw her out," and I can see those three eunuchs who carefully chose sides and stood with Jehu, as they fulfilled the promises of God.

I tell you, beloved, you are either on one side or the other. You are either on God's side or you are on the side of the world. Just remember you are either standing with God, or you are standing against God.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, I try to be neutral. I try not to take any stand at all, lots of times." Beloved, you can't. You can't be

neutral. Listen.

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." — Mt. 12:30.

Beloved, you are either on God's side, or else you are on the side opposing God.

I like to think about Moses at the time when the children of Israel had sinned. They had built an altar of gold which they were worshipping. Moses stood there and said, "Who is on the Lord's side?" All the Levites stepped over to his side and said, "We'll stand with you."

Every once in a while I like to call on men and women and say, "Who is on the Lord's side? How are you standing?" I tell you, beloved, you can't be neutral.

When I was a boy we used to play baseball. I can remember how we used to choose sides using a baseball bat and our hands to determine who was to get first choice of players.

Beloved, this morning I call on you, I plead with you, and I

beg you to choose sides, to choose for God's side, and stand on the things of the Lord. These three eunuchs — poor fellows that they were — yet they stood with Jehu. I call upon you this morning, and plead with you who are here, to choose sides and stand on God's side, because God's Word is going to be fulfilled, for God's prophets don't lie.

### IV

#### THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN IS TERRIBLE.

Can you imagine anything worse than for a woman who is a queen, who has ruled as the queen of the country, to be cast out as was Jezebel? Can you imagine anything any worse than that? Her blood splatters the wall and the horses, and the horses trod her under foot. Jehu goes on into the house to rejoice, thankful because he is now the king. Joram, her son, is dead, Ahab, her husband, is dead, and Jehu is reigning. Then Jehu's conscience started functioning — "she is a king's daughter; you ought to bury her." When they went out, all they found was just a skull, the palms of her hands, and her feet. I tell you, beloved, punishment for sin is a terrible thing, but it is true just the same.

When you read Luke 16 and see that rich man down there in Hell crying for a drop of water, it is terrible, but it is real just the same. When you hear him as he pleads for somebody to go back to his father's house and preach to his brothers the punishment was terrible. He said, "I have five brothers and they are hot-footing the road of vice, and they too are coming to this same place. If you won't let me have one drop of water, at least send the preacher to keep my brothers out of this place of torment." I tell you, beloved, punishment for sin is terrible, but it is a reality just the same.

They say that Hell is a terrible thing to think about, and so is TB, and so is cancer. I tell you, beloved, cancer is terrible to think of. I saw a man sometime ago that had a little pimple on the end of his nose, and it ate and ate and ate, until his nose and lips and eyes and forehead were eaten away before God relieved him by death. I remember seeing him, and the stench and smell of that man's room was such I could hardly sit down beside him to pray. Don't tell me that cancer isn't terrible, yet it is a reality just the same.

TB is a terrible thing. I saw a little girl married, and in a few days it was determined that she had TB. As I talked with her and read to her the Word of God, I remember how it was her only comfort. TB took that body from 110 pounds when she married, to about 60 pounds when she died, just three months later. I tell you, TB is a terrible thing, but it is a reality just the same. I say, punishment for sin is terrible, but it is real.

### V

#### JEZEBEL DIED FORSAKEN.

Jezebel's gods forsook her. She had built idols to her gods all over that country. It looked like those gods ought to have taken care of her, but in a crucial moment her gods forsook her. And that wasn't all. Her own people forsook her. Her friends, her people, and her gods forsook her, and Jezebel died forsaken. She was thrown out of her house to die, to be forsaken, to be eaten by the dogs, to become dog meat, without even a place to be buried. Nobody could ever point to a grave, and say, "This is where Jezebel lies." Nobody could ever say, "This is the grave of Jezebel." Though she was a king's daughter, she died forsaken.

In contrast, God's children don't die forsaken, for God stands with them. Listen:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for THOU

## A PLEDGE

(Written in October, 1964, after amputation of right leg.)

Of course, I plan to walk again,  
Although I cannot tell you when.  
But once again my eager feet  
Shall find their way along the street,  
As life returns afresh, anew,  
And hopes fulfilled spring into view.

I do not understand the loss  
That further weights a weighty cross.  
But Faith within my heart will tell  
That all is well, that all is well!  
So, by God's grace I'll walk again,  
Although I cannot tell you when.

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ART WITH ME: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." — Psa. 23:4.

"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, NOR FORSAKE THEE." — Heb. 13:4.

God's children don't die forsaken. Jezebel's gods, Jezebel's friends, Jezebel's relatives, and Jezebel's people all forsook her, but that isn't true of God's people, because God says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

I like to think of Stephen that we read of in Acts 7. They stoned him until he died, because he stood for the Word of God. I hear him in his last moments as he prayed:

"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." — Acts 7:60.

When Stephen said this, he fell asleep. That is all we see so far as this world is concerned. But let's draw the curtain. Let's look over on the other side, and let's see what Stephen saw that nobody else saw that day. Beloved, he saw Jesus get up off His throne and extend him a hand to welcome him home.

The Bible says that the Lord Jesus Christ is seated at the Father's right hand. There is only one time we ever find Jesus Christ getting up off His throne after His crucifixion and His ascension to Heaven, and that is when this faithful man of God, who died rather than compromise the truth — who died rather than give up his faith — when this faithful man of God was coming home, the Bible says that Jesus was standing at the right hand of God ready to welcome him. Listen:

"Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man STANDING on the right hand of God." — Acts 7:56.

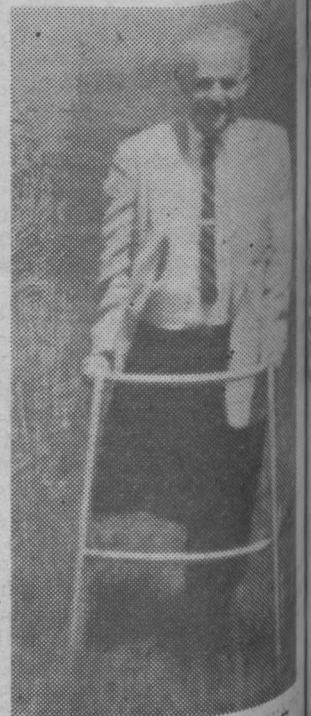
It thrills my heart and blesses my soul to know that while Jezebel died forsaken, God's people don't die that way. God's people never die forsaken. God's people come down to the end of the way with the assurance that He'll never leave us nor forsake us. God's people can come to the end of the way like Stephen with a welcome home. How I thank God for this blessed truth!

May God bless you.

## George Hipshire Is Learning To Walk All Over Again

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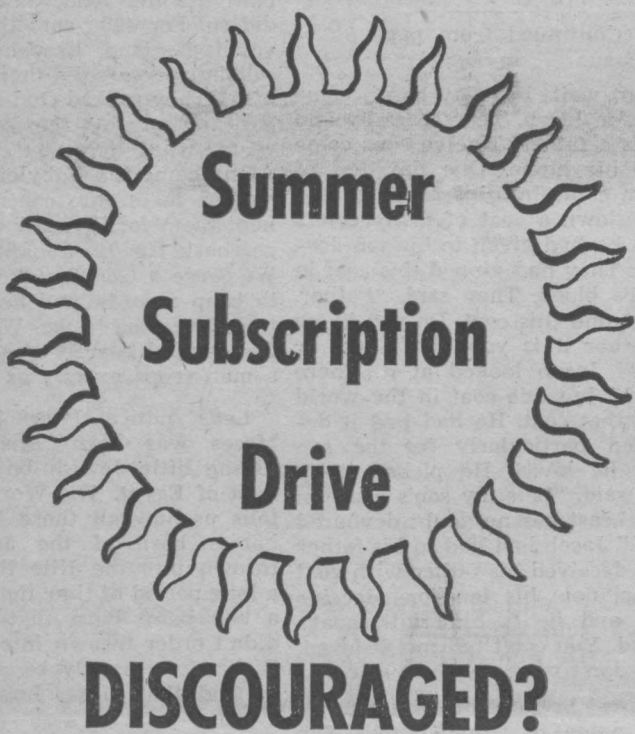
First Brother George had diabetes; then he lost his eye sight and now has had to have a leg removed, and accordingly



GEORGE W. HIPSHIRE

now learn to walk all over again with a new artificial leg.

Brother George and I have been very close personal friends for many years and it is with great deal of joy that we present this picture of him learning to walk again. In spite of all the problems, he remains the same patient and kind personality your editor has known for nearly a half century. God willing, will be with us for our Bible Conference this year, and play the piano as usual.



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