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"Times Of The Gentiles, Fast Running Out"

By MILBURN COCKRELL

"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."—Luke 21:20-24.

I am glad I was given a prophetic topic to discuss. I have always loved preaching on prophecy. I was talking to one brother, who said that he preached Christ, but he didn't preach prophecy. I suppose he had never read in the Word of God where the Bible tells us that the testimony of Jesus

is the spirit of prophecy, meaning that all prophecy points to, centers in, and revolves around Jesus Christ. One cannot preach



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prophecy without preaching Christ, and he cannot preach Christ without preaching prophecy.

I want you to notice in my text the expression, "the times of the Gentiles." You'll find a similar discourse to this in Luke 21, Matthew 24, and Mark 13; however, you'll not be able to find verses 20-24 which I read. They are omitted in Mark and Matthew, the reason being that the text that I read had already been fulfilled. The account that I read refers to the time when General Titus and his Roman legions besieged the city and eventually captured it, and massacred its inhabitants. I believe that what we read about, in the 21st chapter of Luke, had already been fulfilled in 70 A.D., but it was, in a measure, a type and a shadow of that which is going to be true in the very near future, in the land of Palestine. On the other hand, the information given in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 refer to a future siege of Jerusalem, which will be characterized by the abomination of desolation. However, there was no abomination of desolation mentioned here in Luke. Instead, he refers to Jerusalem and the inhabitants being dispersed to all (Continued on page 6, column 2)

"Dumb Dog Preachers" Are Legion As To Their Number

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"His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs, which can never have enough." Isa. 56:10, 11.

Here is a Biblical instance of a preacher with one kind of a D. D. degree. A Dumb Dog preacher — and brethren, their number is legion.

There are many blights and curses upon our country today. There is the racial problem with the consequent rioting. There is the racial problem with the lack of law and order. There is the threat of Communism in high places. Sexual immorality is a curse that blights every corner of our land. Drunkenness is prevalent everywhere. Our land is filthy, sick, sore, and diseased. Great curses are upon us.

A CURSE

One of, if not the greatest of the curses on our land, is that of dumb dog preachers. These useless animals roam far and near across our country. We have more preachers (so-called) than we have ever had, and more than we need; but they are nearly all dumb dog preachers. The preacher that will stand up like God's man and proclaim the whole counsel of God is mighty hard to find today. Beloved, sound preachers are few and far between.

Now beloved, a preacher is the watchman of God. He is to watch for the danger that comes, and to

lift up his voice and cry out at those things that endanger the spiritual values of a person or a nation. He is to shine the light of God's Word upon the situation, so that things might be seen as they really are. He is to inform folk of spiritual and eternal truth, and warn of spiritual and eternal dangers. Surely, a



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preacher who won't preach the whole truth of God is no good at all as a preacher. In fact, he is worse than no preacher at all. He is a curse upon the land. I cannot say too emphatically that a preacher who does not preach the truth, is worse than no preacher at all. The folk look to him — they believe what he says — they follow where he leads and they end up in Hell. They sleep (Continued on page 2, column 3)

The Devil's Counterfeit Ways Of Salvation

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God has one way of salvation, and one only. That way is a narrow way, for "strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life," said Jesus. Jesus Christ is THE WAY. Jesus said, "I am the way." (John 14). Again



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He said, "I am the door." That means that He is the entrance into the Kingdom of God. The simplest statement in the Bible concerning one's spiritual state and condition is this: "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." God's way of being saved is a "by grace through faith" in Christ, and that means faith in Christ plus nothing.

The mark of the devil is the PLUS MARK. He seeks to plus Christ with many things, and it matters not what he pluses Him with, it is equally fatal. Nothing is made plainer in the Scriptures than the fact that the person who fully trusts in Jesus Christ and what He did in sacrificially dying for him, for salvation, is saved. When the Philippian jailer asked the point blank question, "What must I do to be saved?" he received the direct reply, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The expression "believe on" in the original, signifies to "lean upon." To lean upon is to trust. Nothing whatever is added in the Scriptures, but men have added different things. Let us think of some of the devil's counterfeits:

1. The False Way of Works. The general public believes that if one "pays his honest debts, treats people right, and does the best he knows how," he will be received into Heaven. Satan has popularized that idea until it is woven into the thinking of people all over the world. It is a lie from start to finish. Ephes. 2:9 says "NOT of works, lest any man should boast."

2. The False Way of Partly by Works. All "falling from grace" advocates believe in salvation partly by works. Christ is supposed to save from one's sin up to the time one receives Him, but from then on one must merit salvation by his conduct and if he falls below the standard, he loses salvation and goes to Hell. That is installment plan salvation. Christ supposedly makes the down payment, and it is up to one to keep up the payments.

Really this is salvation by works, for there is no difference in principle between working to (Continued on page 8, column 3)

One Of The Greatest Blessings For All Is Acceptance Of Verbal Inspiration

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"WHY BE A
BAPTIST?"



By verbal inspiration we mean that every word in the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament was put there by the Holy Spirit. Men often talk about the inspired writers. God doesn't. He talks about the inspired Word.

"And God spake all these words."—Ex. 20:1.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." — 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

"The Scripture cannot be broken."—John 10:35.

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth shall pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law (here used for the whole Word) till all be fulfilled."—Matt. 5:18.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation: for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."—2 Peter 1:20-21.

That means that no Bible writer had any choice of any word in the Bible; but every word in the Book was selected by the Holy Spirit and given by Him to the writers. It is not inspired by men but an inspired Book that God gave.

What is the effect of believing in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures? The first effect of believing that the very words of the Scriptures are God's own and have behind each of them the au-

thority of heaven will be to make the man or woman, who believes it, obey it to the letter. Very few fundamentalists, who claim to believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, really believe it. If they did they would obey it, and not call some of it "non-essential." Verbal inspiration with them is only a shibboleth to fight modernism. They have no real faith in verbal inspiration. If those who are fundamentalists really believed that every word of the Bible is the authoritative Word of God, they would cut out their unionism and compromise of church tenets.

Many modern-day Baptists do not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures; if they did they would cut out their wilful and wicked disobedience of I Cor-

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"SAUL'S CONVERSION"

(Read Acts 9:1-25).

I might say by way of introduction that there is no experience in all the Bible that has been more challenging to me from the standpoint of study than this experience of Saul's conversion.

SAUL'S BACKGROUND.

Saul was a Jew, for we read: "I say then, hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also AM AN ISRAELITE, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."—Rom. 11:1.

Notice, Saul was a Jew. That meant that religiously, Saul stood high in the eyes of the world.

Very few people had any respect for the religion of the Greeks, or the religion of the Romans in Saul's day, for they were just idolaters. Even they themselves didn't respect their own religion. But for a man to say that he was a Jew, meant that he stood high religiously in the eyes of the world.

Then I would have you to notice that he was not only a Jew, but a Roman citizen. Listen:

"And the chief captain answered, with a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born."—Acts 22:28.

Just preceding this, Paul said,

"Is it lawful for you to scourge A MAN THAT IS A ROMAN, and uncondemned?" and when the chief captain heard that he was a Roman, he said, "It took a great price for me to be a free man — a free Roman." Paul said, "I was born free."

I imagine that Paul's father had purchased his freedom and had become a Roman citizen as a result of purchase. At any rate, Paul's father was a free man, and Paul himself was born free. In other words, the Apostle Paul was a Roman citizen.

Notice, he not only stood high (Continued on page 3, column 1)

inthians 14:34-38. I Tim. 2:8-15, Revelation 2:20-27, et al. None of the women and young people would thus treat God's inerrant and infallible Word, if they really believed in its verbal inspiration. They would be afraid to.

The seminaries and colleges and secondary schools of all kinds do not believe in the verbal inspiration of Holy Writ. There are individuals who are exceptions but they are few and far between.

So with the boards of all kinds. They are full of missionaries and officials, who deny and some of them even sneer at the verbal inspiration of God's Holy Word. They are not trying to obey the (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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Xmas, A Catholic Perversion Of The Truth Of The Bible

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As I begin, let me say, that we are not fighting anyone but the old Devil, who loves to cause mankind to insult Jesus Christ and to crucify Him all over again. We do not hate the so-called "Roman Catholics" nor their hierarchy. We strive to win them to the one and only Saviour (Acts 4:12), and yet, with a fixed hatred of their lies, heresy, and inventions.

Prominent and well-known "Catholics" say that "Christmas" means Christ in the mass, but "mess" is a more nearly proper name for this very, very blasphemous practice. There's no Christ in the mass, never was, and never will be! The "mass" is a multi-million dollar soul-damning, religious racket by the double-headed political-religious monstrosity of the papacy, whose headquarters is in Rome.

Many people, who play up this fraud, are well aware of the truth of this, but they will both teach it and preach it, not only in December, but at any time of the year. The God of Heaven, earth, and all creation, whether you call Him Jehovah, Elohim, Adonai, or any one of His many names, prevented Josephus, the historian, from recording the date when He incarnated Himself into the unique person of Jesus Christ, and of course, it did not occur

December 25th, as much of the gullible and Christ-rejecting world believes! This date does not fit the circumstances as described in the Book of books. More likely, the birth of Christ occurred in September or October.

December 25th is the birth date of one of the most wicked men that ever lived, named Nimrod, who married his equally filthy mother, the notorious Semiramis, who accepted the title, in her blasphemous way, of "Queen of Heaven"; outlived her "husband son"; and at his death, invented a weird and superstitious tale. As to her title, God says, "My glory I will not give to another." Neither will my blessed Lord share His all-sufficient sacrifice (Hebrews 7:24-28) with the permanently repeated mass of Rome.

Christ tells us:
"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."
—I John 2:15.

"Come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing."
—II Cor. 6:17.

"Learn not the way of the heathen."
—Jeremiah 10:2.

Our brother, Paul, as always, inspired by the Holy Spirit, told the foolish Galatians:

"Ye observe days and months and times and years, I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain."
—Gal. 4:10, 11.

How can you sing: "Oh! how I love Jesus"; "Jesus paid it all"; "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"; "He's the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning star," and many other hymns of praise, and yet, deliberately connect His holy and unique name with the unspeakable, filthy, blasphemous and wicked "mass" of "the great whore" of Rome?

Are you a crowd follower or a follower of Christ? Or do you say, well, it's universally accepted, so it must be all right?

Some folk say, "Well, we have it for the kids — that is the tree, the stockings and Santa Claus." The kids soon find out that Santa Claus is false; that the stork does not bring babies, and when told of Jesus, they'll doubt this also.

There are many evil, and grievous facets of this dressed up Pagan pageantry. The mass has its mythical "purgatory" as an end to this soul-damning, very cruel, and also, very, very pitiable deception! They have asked the question, "You accept our Christmas, Lent, and Easter, why don't you accept our 'purgatory'?" Connecting His name, with the mass is the worst kind of profanity and blasphemy! As for you parents, beware! Study Matthew 18:5-6. Christ is supposed to be worshipped and honored in this vain celebration.

There is much silly and senseless giving and exchanging of gifts, to one another, but nothing is given to Him who gave His all to redeem mankind from the

curse and eternal penalty of sin. Study the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation and learn of the Satanic gift-giving, which will be done because God says so. His sure, and certain wrath will fall on those prophet-haters. Surely Christ-haters will not escape His inevitable judgment, either.

We don't have to be, and are not, self-righteous, unkind, austere, or malicious, to stand for Christ and His gospel — rather we present this in love and goodwill.

Dumb Dog Preachers

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on in their night of spiritual ignorance, feeling safe because they have a watchman: but their watchman is a dumb dog preacher that will not speak the truth. It would be a great blessing upon our land if all these dumb dog preachers would quit their pulpits and get them an honest job, like digging ditches. Surely it is more honorable work to dig ditches than it is to be a dumb dog preacher.

WHAT IS A DUMB DOG PREACHER?

He is one who does not preach the Word of God at all.

It is certain that most professed preachers in our land today do not believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. They use it as they use other text books. They regard it as written by mere man and as containing many errors. Their schools have taught them that the Bible is unreliable, untrustworthy, and in error. So they cannot speak with authority, for they have no authoritative word to speak. They truly are dumb dog preachers.

The preacher who does not speak the whole counsel of God is a dumb dog preacher. Most of the preachers who do preach anything at all pick and choose very carefully as to what part of God's Word they do preach. They pick out that which pleases them, and especially that which will please their hearers and preach that alone. Those great truths of God which will offend the natural man they leave untouched. Oh! these dumb dog preachers will not speak those great truths that exalt God and put man in the dust. They will not speak those truths that burn, and scorch, and cut, but only that which soothes and pleases and gets the preacher a large hearing and a good salary.

The preacher is a dumb dog preacher who perverts the word of God and handles it deceitfully. They remove it out of context; they deliberately mis-interpret; they ignore the clear meaning; they put one verse against the other with no attempt at understanding or explaining. They pick the easy and popular doctrines that appeal to the natural man and then force every portion of Scripture to fit this false standard. There is no measuring of the length to which such men will go, or how low they will stoop in deliberately misinterpreting God's Word. Brother, when a man can profess to get sprinkling and baby baptism out of the Bible, he is surely, an untrustworthy exegete of Holy Writ. Multiplied hundreds of examples could be given of how men abuse, mishandle and pervert the Word of God in order to hold and defend some pet heresy of their own. They are dumb dog preachers.

WHY DUMB DOG PREACHERS

The text which heads this article gives three reasons why some preachers are dumb-dog preachers. These are ignorance, laziness, and greediness. These three things certainly explain the dumb dog preacher in the land today.

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May these few words be a blessing to you, and strengthen you, that you may carry on this missionary work until Jesus comes. Amen.

ELDER JOHN L. STEPP
Rome, Ohio

Many preachers are like dumb dogs because they are plain ignorant of the Word of God.

Many preachers could not pass a simple test on the historical, geographical, moral, and doctrinal contents of the Book they profess to preach. I am amazed at the utter stupidity of some preachers (so-called). Of course, apart from this blind stupidity, they could not remain in the churches they are in. How some men can study the Bible enough to preach three times a week and still remain in the false churches in which they are is a thing that continually amazes me.

This ignorance comes from two sources. The majority of preachers who are dumb dogs because of ignorance are ignorant because they have never been saved.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." II Cor. 2:14.

Herein lies the true cause of most of the ignorance among preachers. They have never been born again. They look at the Bible with the blinded eyes of natural wisdom, and they do not see what is contained therein. A movement of God's saving grace among the professed ministry would solve most of the problems of dumb dog preachers.

A second cause of ignorance is where truly saved preachers will not study the Word of God under the teaching of the Holy Spirit. These dumb dog preachers are so busy in the social and administrative side of the ministry that they do not study long, hard, and prayerfully, the Word of God. Sometimes they are so enamoured of their own wisdom that they do not seek humbly and diligently the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Thus they remain ignorant and

are dumb dog preachers.

A second reason given in the text as to why some watchmen are dumb dog preachers is because of laziness. "Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber," are the words of the text. The job of the God called preacher is the hardest job that man can have. It is the most important job God has ever given to a mere man. Well might this task exhaust the strength of an angel. Surely, with such a job before him, the preacher ought to be the busiest of men. He ought to work harder and longer than those occupied with mere jobs of time and sense. Yet many times the preacher is too lazy to study, to pray, to do what the job demands. Because of his laziness, he has nothing to say worth hearing and is a dumb dog preacher. Sometimes he is too busy about other things to be the student, warrior and preacher that he should be. Some preachers sleep too late in the day, spend too much time on other things, often put in too many hours at play, and so they are dumb dog preachers.

The third reason given in the text as to why some are dumb dog preachers is greediness.

"Yea, they are greedy dogs, which can never have enough." What a condemnation it is of a preacher, if he should justly obtain the reputation of being greedy. He might as well leave the ministry and go into business if he is truly a greedy man. The preacher might become greedy of money, or of worldly possessions, or of fame and prestige. Any of these will ruin him as a spokesman for God, and leave him as a dumb dog preacher. Suppose that a good way to sneak a watch dog would be to throw the dog a big piece of meat, and then

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"Saul's Conversion"

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Religiously, but he stood high socially — he was a Roman citizen. That was the apex. That was the very highest honor that anyone could have socially in Paul's day.

Paul was an educated man. He spoke Latin, for we read:

"And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?"—Acts 22:25.

The Romans were Latin-speaking individuals. So the Apostle Paul spoke Latin.

He also spoke Hebrew. Listen:

"And when he had given him license, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying."—Acts 21:40.

Notice also that Paul spoke Greek, for we read:

"And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?"—Acts 21:37.

He thought that Paul was an Egyptian. He didn't recognize the fact that Paul was a Greek-speaking citizen.

So the Apostle Paul, as we see here, spoke Latin, he spoke Hebrew, and he spoke Greek.

Not only that, but Paul was educated. He knew Greek literature, for he quoted from the Greek poets in that day. Listen:

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said. For we are also his offspring."—Acts 17:28.

"One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies."—Titus 1:12.

The words "slow bellies" mean "a lazy glutton." This was a poem that the Apostle Paul was quoting to these individuals.

Talk about education, Paul had it. He could speak Latin, he could speak Hebrew, and he could speak Greek; and he knew Greek literature.

More than that, he had studied Hebrew theology under Gamaliel, the greatest teacher of the law of his day. Listen:

"I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day."—Acts 22:3.

So you can see that the Apostle Paul, as we notice his background, was not only a Jew — he stood high religiously; he was not only a Roman citizen, which meant that he stood high socially; but he was likewise a well educated man, which meant that he stood high educationally.

You will notice that Paul was a zealot, for we read:

"I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and WAS ZEALOUS TOWARD GOD, as ye all are this day."—Acts 22:3.

The Greek word that is translated "zealous" is literally "zealot."

He was a zealot toward God.

Let's think just a moment about the Zealots that were a political group in Paul's day, that was organized to resist any attempt on the part of the Jews to depart from the Mosaic law. There were Jews in Paul's day that were turning to the Lord Jesus Christ, who were departing from the Mosaic law, and the Zealots were an organization that had been formed among the Jews in order to prevent any Jew from departing from the Mosaic law.

Paul said he was a zealot.

Notice, as a Jew, he stood high religiously. As a Roman citizen, he stood high socially. As a man of education, he stood high educationally. As a zealot, he stood high politically. Paul also stood high from the standpoint of his religious sincerity, for he was so sincere in his religious dealings and devotions that he persecuted Christians even unto death.

In talking about the death of Stephen, we read:

"And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul."—Acts 7:58.

Notice again:

"As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison."—Acts 8:3.

"Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name."—Acts 9:13,14.

"And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee."—Acts 22:19.

"And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him."—Acts 22:20.

"Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities."—Acts 26:10,11.

"For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it."—Gal. 1:13.

Now notice these verses. Put them all together and what do you have? Here was a man who was so sincere in his religious devotions and his religious beliefs that he persecuted Christians to death, and in these instances that I have read to you, we find how he was literally mad and insane in his devotion to God. He was so devoted and so sincere that he referred to himself as a man mad and insane against Christianity.

Now look at Paul's background. I say he was a Jew, which meant that he stood high religiously. He

was a Roman citizen, which

meant that he stood high socially. He was an educated man, which meant that he stood at the top of the ladder educationally. He was a zealot, which meant that he stood high politically, and he persecuted the Christians in a manner that would indicate the sincerity of his religion. With that kind of a background, I ask you, what more does that man Saul need? A man who stood at the top of the ladder religiously, socially, educationally, and with sincerity of heart and purpose—what more can you ask for?

II

SAUL'S ARREST.

God arrested Saul. I am going to show you that Saul was laid hold of and was arrested by God just the same as a policeman might lay hold of a violator of the law and arrest him for his

violation of the law.

A light shone around about Paul. Listen:

"At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me."—Acts 26:13.

There was a light that was above the brightness of the noon-day sun. What kind of a light was it that came on the day that the Lord Jesus was transfigured before His disciples? We read:

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."—Mt. 17:1,2.

What kind of a light was it that shone round about the Apostle Paul? We have a vision

of Jesus clothed in light from head to foot. Listen:

"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shining in his strength."—Rev. 1:13-16.

Beloved, this was that light that laid hold of Saul on the roadway to Damascus. In other words, he came, on the roadway to Damascus, face to face with the Lord (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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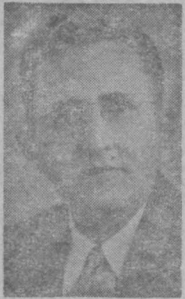
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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Why is it generally accepted that the Negro race (Cushites) is the 'servant of servants' when the curse was put on Canaan (Canaanites)? Also, who did the Mongolian race descend from?"

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The races of mankind have descended from the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth. Canaan was the son of Ham (Gen. 9:22), and the curse was really upon Ham and his descendants who should live down through the centuries. However, the prophetic statement singled out Canaan probably because a branch of his descendants should inhabit Palestine and would prove to be such a thorn in the flesh of the Shemites (Semites).

The Negro race is of Hamitic origin. If one wants to call them Cushites, it amounts to the same, for Cush is designated as a son of Ham in Gen. 10:6.

It is quite the style just now to glorify the Negro race. Modernistic, Social Gospel preachers (the product of half-infidel seminaries) join in civil rights demonstrations, and seek to excuse rioting. Personally, I have no prejudice toward the Negro race, and should like to see them have their just rights, but there is no way around the fact that God's Word predicts that they shall be a servile race. (Gen. 9:26-27). The Negro race needs the leadership of the white race. When left to themselves they make little or no progress as a race. Through the centuries they have never in any land produced a real civilization. Colonial nations have in recent years withdrawn from different countries in Africa and with what results? Left without white leadership, they have lapsed into tribal wars in which they have largely destroyed the things that had been built up under white leadership. A good illustration is the island of Haiti—one of the most backward poverty ridden countries on earth.

A parallel to what I have been saying is found in the case of women. Following her sin in Eden a curse was placed upon her as recorded in Gen. 3:16. "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." The male has been at the head during all the centuries since. The great business concerns of the world are run by men. Women do much of the work and do it expertly, but male leadership is needed. To be sure there are notable exceptions here and there, but such exceptions only prove the rule. God is running things, and his

principles laid down back in the beginning, will forever hold good. Woman needs the headship and leadership of the man. The Negro needs the leadership and direction of the White, and this is in spite of the black radical who would cut loose from the White and would start a black nation.

The questioner asks about the ancestry of the Mongolian race. I don't have enough information about this to give a dogmatic answer. My own opinion is that they are a branch of the Hamitic race, but I do not have Scripture to prove this.

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Is there any proof that all Negroes are Cushites? It would seem that the central and eastern parts of Africa along with the southwestern portion of Arabia were peopled with the offspring of Cush. But in Gen. 10:18 we read, "And afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad." So who can say that some of the families of the Canaanites did not go into western Africa? The Negroes who were brought to this country were from the western part of Africa. I have no reason to believe that the Negroes we have in our country are Cushites. I prefer to say they are the offspring of some of the scattered families of the Canaanites.

In Gen. 9:27 we read, "God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. If this means anything to me, it means that the offspring of Canaan is to be servants of the offspring of Japheth. And the happiest Negroes in the world today are not the Stokely Carmichaels and the Rap Browns, but rather they are the ones who are working in the homes or factories, or on the farms of the offspring of Japheth.

As to who did the Mongolian race descend from, I do not know who they sprang from after we leave Noah. They may have descended from Ham. On the other hand, they may have come to us through some of Noah's other children who are not mentioned in the Bible. In Gen. 9:1 Noah was told to be fruitful and multiply just as were his three sons. And in Gen. 9:28 we find that he lived three hundred and fifty

years after the flood. So I am persuaded that Noah had many sons born to him after the flood. The Mongolians could have descended from one of them. One reference work in the Birmingham Public Library suggested that some Eskimos moved down the Yellow river into Mongolia some 20,000 years ago. Another said they evolved along the sea coast. Still another said that in the absence of all historical particulars concerning the origin of the Mongolians, legend took over. And one legend was that these people sprang from a blue wolf. That made about as much sense as any other thing I found concerning the origin of these people. So the only thing I know on the subject is that they sprang from Noah.

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It is generally accepted because of the prophecy pronounced by God upon the descendants of Ham; this prophecy came about as a result of the sin of Ham, which led to the decree that Canaan (Ham's son) was to become a servant of servants.

"And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." Gen. 9:25.

Because of this curse it has been generally accepted that the Negro race (Cushites) is the servant of servants. Though this interpretation is generally accepted, I cannot agree with the popular interpretation of Gen. 9:23. I agree with the querist in that the curse was pronounced upon Canaan (Canaanites), and there is ample Scriptural proof that they (Canaanites) did become the servants of servants.

"And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord, even unto this day, in the place which he shall choose." Josh. 9:27.

"And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did utterly drive them out." Judges 1:28.

"Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon these did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day." I Kings 9:21.

From these verses it becomes very clear that the descendants of Canaan did become servants; his posterity became the bondslaves of Israel.

I realize many of the brethren when interpreting Gen. 9:25 include all the sons of Ham; this of course would include Cush, thus the Negro was included in the curse. But I cannot find Scripture to substantiate their theory. Until I can find Scriptural evidences of all the children of Ham being numbered in the curse, I must contend that only Canaan was affected by this prophecy.

Others contend that as the curse fell, Cush's skin was changed to make him a black man, and a servant of servants. Brethren we are taking a great deal for granted in contending for such teaching. God has not revealed when or where it was that He changed the color of skin to black, yellow, brown or red. If God has not seen fit to reveal this, then anything that we might say as to when and where He did it would only be a guess. If I were to guess it would only be the words of Austin Fields—not the Word of God. I do not

know when or where God changed the color of skin. I do know that basically all came through Noah. As to what took place to cause God to give to the Mongolian his yellow skin and to the Negro his black skin, I frankly do not know.

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This is a good question. I have never been able to understand how the Negro could be connected with the curse of Canaan. Genesis 9:25-27 tells us, "And he said, cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant."

Rather than give my own views on Bible Geography let me quote some of my answer from Hurlbut's Bible Atlas regarding locations and races. In speaking of the "Table of Nations" found in Genesis 10 he says, "Neither the yellow, the brown, nor the black race is represented upon it, and only a portion of the ruddy or white race." (See Page 7). Since Canaan was a son of Ham it might be that we could say that his curse goes to the whole family of Ham. If so, we find that Cush settled in the region of the Nile River south of Egypt. Whenever you see the word Ethiopia in the Bible it means the Cushites. "Moses' wife was a Cushite (Numbers 12:1)". (Page 7) Perhaps the African people came from Cush.

Canaan, the one who actually was cursed, located in a entirely different area. I quote from the Bible Atlas. "The people of Canaan were the ancient inhabitants of Palestine and Lower Syria, from Gaza to Hamath. In their most flourishing period, just before the conquest by Joshua, they embraced six subdivisions or clans." (pg. 10).

In studying the map, I cannot see how the Canaanites and the African Negro could be one and the same. Cush is the only one who settled in the area near Africa. Let me also say that it is not necessarily true that the Ethiopians (Cushites) were Negro. Moses' wife might not have been Negro.

As to the Mongolian race, again we can only surmise from the location of Japheth who settled in that direction. Personally I would say that the family of Magog probably traveled in the direction of Mongolia and on into the Soviet Union.

"Saul's Conversion"

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Jesus Christ Himself.

Not only was there a light on the day that Paul was arrested by the Lord, but there was a voice. We read:

"And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard A VOICE SPEAKING UNTO ME, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."—Acts 26:14.

We read about that voice again. Listen:

"And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, HEARING A VOICE, but seeing no man."—Acts 9:7.

These individuals who went along with Paul heard the voice, but they didn't get the words. It was the Apostle Paul that got the message. It was the Apostle Paul that heard the words.

Notice, there was a light that

shined out from Heaven, and there was a voice that spoke from Heaven, and what was the result? Saul was arrested.

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I AM APPREHENDED OF CHRIST JESUS."—Phil. 3:12.

The word "apprehend" means "lay hold on," and Paul says, "I followed after Christ, and I am trying to lay hold on the things of the Lord because I have been laid hold of by Jesus Christ."

Brother, sister, I wish you would notice this experience: This man who stood high in the eyes of all the world journeyed to the city of Damascus and a light above the brightness of the noonday sun—a light that was the light of the Lord Jesus Christ flashed above him, and a voice spoke to him, calling him by name, speaking to him in the Hebrew language, and saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" From that hour on, Saul was an arrested man. God laid hold of Saul.

I say to you, if a policeman were to walk up to you and lay his hand upon your shoulder and say, "You are a wanted man, and I am arresting you in the name of the law," it would be no more real than was Saul's experience on the roadway to Damascus, because God apprehended him—God laid hold upon him—God arrested him that day when the light shined from Heaven and the voice of God spoke to him.

III

SAUL'S VISION.

Saul refers to the vision, for he says:

"Who art thou Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest."—Acts 22:8.

Here was a revelation. God laid hold on this man, and God gave to him a vision. What kind of a vision? He saw Jesus of Nazareth, whom he persecuted.

Notice again:

"For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."—Gal. 1:12.

Paul is saying, "Everything I have, I got as a result of a vision I had from Him—a revelation of Jesus Christ." Saul saw Jesus. This man who stood the highest of any man in his day, when the light shone from Heaven and the voice spoke from God, and he was arrested by the power of God, he had a vision, and he said, "Everything that I know came as a result of the revelation that I received that day."

What did Saul see? He saw Jesus identified with the redeemed. Listen:

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou?" (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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me?"—Acts 9:5.

What did he see? He saw Jesus identified with the redeemed. Saul thought he was persecuting Christians, but actually he was persecuting the Lord Jesus Christ, because Christians Jews and Jesus are so identified, you can't persecute a child of God without persecuting Jesus Christ at the same time.

I tell you, beloved, this ought to lift your soul, to realize how identified you are with the Son of God. If you are saved, you are so intertwined, and so identified with the Lord Jesus Christ, that a person who would persecute you would persecute the Son of God at the same time.

That was the revelation that came to Paul on the roadway to Damascus.

That wasn't all the revelation, for he saw that he was fighting a losing battle. We read:

"And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."—Acts 9:5.

He is talking here in terms of an ox goad. A man who drives a yoke of oxen carries with him a goad. One end is forked, with a two-prong fork, that he can gouge the old ox, or he can stick it in his hide and twist it, to make him move forward. Of course when that goad is pushed into the ox, if the ox obediently moves forward, it relieves the pressure of the goad, but if he kicks back, which would be a logical reaction, he would merely drive the goad deeper into his flesh. Paul had a new revelation made to him. He not only saw Jesus identified with His saints, but he saw that he, Paul, was fighting a losing battle — as much as a losing battle as though an ox were kicking against the goad.

Isn't it remarkable what God revealed to Saul? I say to you, the same God that took this man Saul, high and mighty and lofty as he was — He came to him with a light and a voice and a revelation of Himself, thereby arresting him — that same God would give to you, my sinner friend, that same revelation, or that same vision. He would cause you to see that whenever you trust Jesus Christ, you are identified with Jesus Christ, or as Paul said:

"CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory."—Col. 1:27.

Thank God, beloved, that is our status today — we have Christ in us. Would to God that you might have the second part of this vision enacted in your own experience, to the extent that you would realize that you are fighting a losing battle to fight against the Spirit of God.

IV

SAUL REVEALED.

God showed Saul to Ananias. The Lord knew everything about Saul. There wasn't a thing that the Lord didn't know about him. God said to Ananias:

"Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and en-

quire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth."—Acts 9:11.

What did God know about Saul? He knew about the street that Saul was living on. He knew the name of that street — it was Straight Street. He knew the house that Saul was living in. He knew the owner of that house — a man named Judas. He knew exactly what Saul was doing, for He knew that he was in prayer.

You needn't tell me that the Lord doesn't know about us, that He doesn't reveal us. He revealed Saul. Everything about Saul He revealed unto Ananias when He sent Ananias to take care of getting Saul's eyesight back.

That vision that Saul had of Heaven shut out the vision of earth. He couldn't see earth any longer. His vision of Heaven shut out his vision of earth. Now God had to send Ananias to lay his hand on him, that Saul might receive his sight, and God told Ananias the name of the street, the house, who owned the house, and what Paul was doing. God knew everything pertaining to Saul, and He revealed it all to Ananias.

Beloved, I wonder if God isn't the same God today so far as you and I are concerned. Do you suppose there is anything that God doesn't know about you today? Listen:

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but ALL THINGS ARE NAKED and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." — Heb. 4:13.

Beloved, God sees us just the same as though we stood naked and everything open in His sight. He knows everything about us. You may hide from others, you may deceive others, and you may lead a deceitful life, but you can't hide from God.

God knew something else about Saul, for God knew that Saul was a chosen man. We read:

"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."—Acts 15:16.

Doesn't that call to mind the words of the Apostle Paul, when he said:

"But when it pleased God WHO SEPARATED ME from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace."—Gal. 1:15.

Notice again:

"And he said, The God of our fathers HATH CHOSEN THEE, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth."—Acts 22:14.

The Lord even revealed to Ananias that Saul was to be a preacher, for we read:

"For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard."—Acts 22:15.

"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."—Acts 9:15,16.

Listen, brother, sister, God knows everything about you. There isn't anything in your life that is hidden to the Lord. He knows your life as a book.

V

SAUL BAPTIZED.

Saul was a saved man. Why shouldn't he be baptized. We read:

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."—Acts 22:16.

Saul was saved three days before. He had been waiting three days. Ananias said to him, "Why tarriest thou?" We might even excuse Saul, saying that Saul had been blind those three days, but seemingly, Ananias didn't excuse him. Ananias came and said, "Why tarriest thou? Why are you being so dilatory about your baptism? Why are you waiting three days to be baptized?"

I have a conviction that everybody that is saved ought to follow

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the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism. I just don't think it is right for a person to say, "I am going to wait and see if I hold out. I am going to wait and see how I get along. I am going to wait and see if my profession is genuine." I don't think God is pleased with this, for the simple reason that the first thing that God says to the man who has been saved is, "Your business is to follow Him in baptism." He said, Go make disciples." He didn't say to teach them then, but He said to make disciples, baptize them, and then teach them. I contend that God will never teach an individual one thing until that individual has been Scripturally baptized. Salvation, or the arrest, come first. Baptism comes next. Saul got dilatory about his baptism, for he waited three days. I contend if you are saved, you ought to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism now.

The Philippian jailer is a good example. The Word of God says that he took the disciples at the midnight hour and was baptized. I want to tell you, after that Philippian jailer had that marvelous experience with the Lord, he didn't waste any time at all finding a place that he could be baptized in obedience to the Lord.

V

SAUL A PREACHER.

Saul began to preach right away, for we read:

"And STRAIGHTWAY HE PREACHED Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God."—Acts 9:20.

Beloved, he didn't stop with that one experience, but he continued doing so. He became such a thorn in the flesh to the people in Damascus that they tried to kill him, and they had to let him down over the wall in a basket to save his life. Later on, when Saul stood in the presence of Agrippa, he said:

"Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all

the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." — Acts 26:19,20.

Notice, Saul says, "That vision I had of Jesus changed my life to the extent that I could never be disobedient unto that vision, and I began to preach, and I preached Jesus every place I had an opportunity." Saul became a preacher.

Damascus was the end of Paul's career as a persecutor, and it was the beginning of his career as a preacher and apostle. We read:

"Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ."—Acts 17:1-3.

Notice, it says that it was his manner to go into the synagogue to preach. Isn't that remarkable? That was his manner: That was his custom. He didn't just go to church once in a while to preach. He didn't just look up a synagogue occasionally and preach. Rather, it was his custom to do this, and for three sabbath days, in the city of Corinth, he preached the Word of God.

I say, Damascus was the end of his career as a persecutor, and it was the beginning of his career as an apostle. The word "Saul" literally means "destroyer," but the word "Paul" means "builder," and from now on, Saul, who was a destroyer, becomes Paul, who is a builder. Saul died at Damascus, and Paul began to live at Damascus, and from then on, this man Paul was a builder in the kingdom of God. Listen:

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."—Col. 1:28.

"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." — I Cor. 2:2.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."—Phil. 1:21.

Beloved, there was a new man that came out from the city of Damascus. He went in as a destroyer, but he came out a builder, and from then on, he said, "For me to live is Christ. I have just one purpose now, and that

is to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ."

CONCLUSION

I have tried to tell you about Saul's background, Saul's arrest, Saul's vision, Saul revealed to Ananias and to us, Saul's baptism, and Saul a preacher. Now I want you to carry one statement home with you.

"He who is called by the Lord will be transformed by the Lord."

That's Paul. He was called by the Lord, and he was transformed by the Lord. What was true of Saul is true of every individual living today. The 20th century is no different to the 1st century. The God who called Saul is the same God we preach to you today. The same Jesus he saw on the roadway to Damascus is the same Jesus I hold up to you as a Saviour. I say to you, the man who is called by the Lord will be transformed by the Lord.

Might it please God to call someone who is here, and transform that individual, by His grace.

May God bless you!

Dumb Dog Preachers

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slip into the house while he was busy with that meat. Surely this has worked on many a preacher.

Many times a convention preacher has seen, and begun to speak out against the evils in the convention. Then the "high ups" have warned him that he would not get another church in the convention, or have given him some position in the convention system, and the preacher has become another dumb dog pet of the convention. Brother, most of the convention boys lie at the foot of the table waiting for the morsels that the higher ups will toss their way. They have become dumb dogs, and the high ups pat them on the head and say "good doggie." There are thousands of preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention who know that it is rotten as Hell, and black as sin; but brother, they want their morsel of meat and their "good doggie"; and they know that they have to be dumb dogs to get it. Greed keeps more preachers in the convention than anything else. Surely, loyalty to Christ and to God's Word does not keep them in. I wonder if we haven't had convention presidents who

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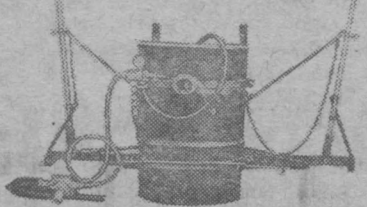
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Dumb Dog Preachers

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chew on that juicy morsel while they fail to bark about the things they once howled about. Yes, greed for money or greed for fame and position will mighty quickly shut up a barking dog, and make him a dumb dog preacher. I wish some of the convention boys would honestly face the question of why they stay in the corrupt, rotten, damnable thing.

Now, beloved, there are many things that are clearly and repeatedly taught in the Word of God that these dumb dog preachers are dumb about. In fact if you go to the average church, the preachers are so dumb dog that you would never realize that many things are in the Bible. How many times have I talked to those who sit under the ministry of a dumb dog, and have had them say to me that they had never heard of that before. Have you had this experience? In bringing this article to a close let me just name some of the things that these dogs are dumb about, and then add a brief conclusion. Each one named is worthy of much elaboration, but I will not do that at this time. As you look at this list, think of how many preachers you know that are dumb dogs about these things.

1. Total Depravity.
2. Unconditional Election.
3. Limited Atonement.
4. Irresistable Grace.
5. Perseverance or Eternal Security.
6. The true church as a local visible assembly and not universal and invisible.
7. That Baptist churches are the only true churches.
8. The perpetuity of the Lord's true Baptist Churches.
9. Baptist Baptism.
10. The Lord's Supper as closed to the local church and the use of wine and unleavened bread.
11. The woman's place in the church.
12. The woman's head-covering in the church.
13. The unscripturalness of mission boards and the Scriptural way of doing mission work.
14. All authority in the Lord's work belongs to the church.
15. God's segregating of the races.
16. A clean, separated, life by the members of the church.
17. An eternal hell for the unsaved.

You realize, of course, that the list could be lengthened greatly; but these are enough to show that the vast majority of so called preachers are surely dumb-dog preachers when it comes to a wide field of Scriptural doctrines.

Brethren, let us beware of being dumb dog preachers. Let us be sure we are born again. Let us study much in God's Word un-

der the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Let us not be lazy but be diligent laborers in the ministry. Let us beware of greediness which will shut our mouths, probably quicker than any one thing. Let us seek wisdom to know, and courage to proclaim the whole counsel of God.

Let the Lord's churches demand that their preachers shall not be dumb dog preachers, but shall proclaim to them all of God's precious Word. God bless you all.

Times Of Gentiles

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nations. That was fulfilled in 70 A.D.

I want us to spend some time contemplating "the times of the Gentiles."

The Apostle Paul said:
"... that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." —Rom. 11:25.

TIMES OF THE GENTILES

The fulness of the Gentiles, as I understand it, is the completion of the purpose of God in this age — the out-calling from among the Gentiles of a people for His name. So it is when the last elect soul is effectually called by the Holy Spirit, the fulness of the Gentiles will be over — that is, the rapture of the saints will take place, and then will be the commencement of the tribulation period.

Now "the times of the Gentiles," as revealed in my text, is that period of time in which Jerusalem is in subjection to Gentile world power. It is that period when the Gentiles are treading down the city of Jerusalem. It is that era when Jerusalem is under Gentile overlordship. However, according to what is written in the Old Testament in Jeremiah 39 and II Chronicles 36, the times of the Gentiles commenced when Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, subjugated the southern kingdom of Judah and took its king, Zedekiah, and blinded him, and led him away captive to Babylon. So I say that the times of the Gentiles commenced in 588 B.C. and will end with the second coming of Christ, the judgment of the leading nations, and the ushering in of the stone kingdom of Daniel.

If you want to know how long the times of the Gentiles is going to be, I regret to say that I do not know, for the times of the Gentiles is a period of time that has no chronological bounds. Its beginning is not hard to establish, and its end is certain. It will happen at the time determined and appointed, but as to how long it shall run its course, it is extremely difficult to tell. I am of the firm conviction that the times of the Gentiles are soon to be fulfilled, and that the fulness of the Gentiles may be upon us at any moment, forever.

A DREAM OF HISTORY

Let's notice in the book of Daniel the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had of the end of the times of the Gentiles. Nebuchadnezzar, in his second year of reign, had a vision or a dream. He forgot it; he couldn't recall it. He called together all of the wise men, the astrologers, and the soothsayers of the kingdom of Babylon and demanded, and commanded, that they tell him the dream that he had, but they were unable to do so. Finally, a command went forth to slay all the wise men in Babylon. When one of the soldiers of the Babylonian empire came to Daniel, he said, "Why is this decree so hasty? If time be allotted to me, I will tell the king of his dream and make known the interpretation thereof." Then Daniel proceeded to make known the dream. He says:

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass. His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." —Dan. 2:31-35.

Daniel makes known the dream and then proceeds to make known the interpretation of it. He says:

"Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And whereas over the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold." —Dan. 2:37,38.

Here we have Scripture interpreting Scripture. Just as Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar, "Thou art this head of gold," he could just as easily have said to Darius, "Thou art this breast and arms of silver," and he could have said to Alexander the Great, "Thou art the belly and thighs of brass." Had he lived in the days of the Caesars, he could have said to one of them, "Thou art these legs of iron."

We are able to see from our study of this great metallic image that was seen by the king that the head of the image represented

ed the Babylonian empire. It was a monarchy ruled by Nebuchadnezzar.

Then we notice:
"And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." —Dan. 2:39.

This kingdom that was inferior, represented by the breast and arms of silver, was the Media-Persian empire that followed in proper succession from the Babylonians. The right arm of the image was symbolic of Persia, the stronger, and the left arm was symbolic of Media, the weaker. While the Babylonian empire was represented by just the head of gold, the Media-Persian empire was represented as being a dual kingdom, suggested by the two arms.

Then he says, "Another third kingdom of brass." This is the Grecian empire and Alexander the Great with all of his conquests of the world. Daniel says "he shall bear rule over all the earth."

He goes on to say:
"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron." —Dan. 2:40.

This is Rome. Have you ever stopped to think that one could not better describe the empire of Rome than to say that it was as iron? Hundreds of years before it actually existed as an empire, God knew that it was going to be as strong as iron, and said so by the mouth of the prophet Daniel.

Then Daniel says:

"Forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of

pottery's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided." —Dan. 2:40,41.

Notice that the two legs speak of the division of the Roman empire into the eastern and western divisions. One had Constantinople as a capital, and the other had Rome as its capital. That occurred in 64 A.D.

Then in the latter part of verse 41, he says:

"But there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay."

SOME SYMBOLIC LESSONS

The Gentile world power is not progressing. It is undergoing not an evolution, but a devolution. This can be seen from the diminishing value of the metal in the image. Gold is worth more than silver, and silver is worth more than brass, and brass is worth more than iron, and iron is more valuable than clay. So here we have the symbolic language speaking of the deterioration of the Gentiles' world power.

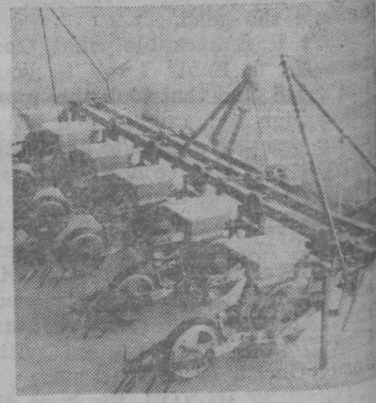
There will be only four universal kingdoms from the days of the prophet Daniel to the days of the stone kingdom, the millennium. If you will read Daniel 2:44 and 45, you will find that the stone kingdom is going to be set up, which is the millennial kingdom.

Another symbolic lesson is the change in the form of government. At first the form of government was a monarchy, for Nebuchadnezzar ruled all Babylon, but there was a change in Gentile government over this period of time, for it merged all the way down to the rule of the head by (Continued on page 7, column 5)

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HERE'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM BOUGAINVILLE

By RALPH A. DOTY
Missionary
to the Solomon Islands

The most amazing and unlikely event has begun to transpire on Bougainville and in the Siwai district — which is perhaps the most astounding part of all. Siwai has always been the back wash of the New Guinea Territory, with the worst postal service, the worst airline service and the worst transportation facilities. Now suddenly the indolent sluggishness of the Siwai has been shattered by the roar of the snort of an International TD-25 Bull-



"This seedy looking character" is the one we lovingly call Bro. Doty.

dozer followed by a gigantic grader plunging and bucking their way through rivers, jungles, cocoa trees and native villages. Progress has come to the Siwai and a road is to be built for some 18 miles! It will apparently be a gravel road such as they have in the "metropolis" of Buin. The one discordant note however is that this road does not really go to any place of importance. It runs from Konga north-westward to a patrol post called Boku. The unfortunate thing about it all is that it will

not help alleviate in any way the transportation difficulties on the cow trail between Konga and the port of Buin. This will still be the bear cat it has always been with its five large rivers to ford. It may be the thinking of some one that having a fine section of relatively modern road in the interior of the island may force the hand of the Administration to build the necessary connecting links to tie the island road network together. What ever the thinking of the powers that be it will be refreshing to have a section of real road between Konga and a spot about one third of a mile from my house. That last third of a mile is a veritable mud hole but we will be thankful for the good section anyway.

It is expected that the road will take some 18 months to complete but the section between here and Konga will be completed much sooner I suspect. There will be several concrete bridges over the larger rivers and many steel culverts spanning the smaller streams.

The natives are completely mystified by the heavy equipment and especially by the abilities of the big bulldozer. Hearing the snorting of its diesel engine and the clatter of its steel track they rush toward the sound only to come face to face with a smoking, jaring, stentorian steel monster waving its big blade up and down and charging at them knocking down coconut trees as if they were match sticks, uprooting Teak wood trees and sending them smashing thru the jungle, and as one man the natives turn and scurry like frightened rats in all directions.

Lest some critic take exception to my description of the natives scurrying like frightened rats let me say that while taking some pictures accompanying this article I ranged up along side the bulldozer as he began to push down a tall tree and began to aim my camera. Suddenly in the view finder I saw that the tree was no longer falling sideways but was coming towards me! Lowering the camera quickly I saw that some heavy vines at the top of the trees were holding the tree in such a manner that it was falling sideways — coming down right where I was standing. Let me tell you brethren that a native of Hawaii began to scurry like a frightened rat in order to out run the toppling tree!

So many coconut trees toppling to the ground has resulted



Pushing over giant trees with bulldozer to clear way for a road through the jungles of Bougainville.

in an over supply of "millionaire's salad." This intriguing title refers to the heart of a mature coconut tree which is an ivory colored crispy core and is eaten like salad and tastes slightly like coconut and a bit like cashew nuts. The "millionaire" part comes from the fact that it requires the sacrifice of a 50 foot high mature tree to produce one meal! With trees falling for miles every native has all he wants, and if they can not all be millionaires they can at least eat like millionaires for awhile.

I am as much a "sidewalk superintendent" as anyone else so every spare minute that I could get was spent in watching the big bulldozer knocking down trees and making the road thru the jungle.

People ask why I don't have more pictures of myself with my articles. Well, first of all there is never any one around to take the pictures. Natives approach a camera with fear and trembling (which make for blurred pictures) and also if one can be pressed into service and actually gets the camera pointing the right way when the moment of truth comes instead of pressing the shutter he jerks it as if he thought something was going to explode with the result that the camera is wiggled and the picture comes out blurred. Another reason is that clothes on Bougainville look very dirty when they come in off the line after just being washed. I think this is perhaps due to the mildew and native washing methods. Hardly the proper attire for having one's picture taken. Therefore I think it necessary to advise you all that the seedy-looking character was not the bulldozer operator, but your scribe.

In closing out this article I should like to quote the old limerick concerning some preacher of the past who had a similar trouble to the one I am having:

"The Reverend Henry Ward Beecher
Called a hen a most elegant creature,
The hen pleased with that,
Laid an egg in his hat
And thus did the hen reward Beecher."

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Times Of Gentiles

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the feet — a democratic monarchy. I don't think we have a real democracy here in America. I think we have a democratic monarchy, too.

TIMES OF GENTILES SOON TO BE COMPLETED

I want to give you some reasons why I believe the times of the Gentiles very soon is going to be fulfilled.

One of the indications of the soon fulfillment of the times of the Gentiles is the revival of the Roman empire. The ten toes of the image symbolize and suggest to me that out of the land territory of the old Roman empire there is going to come ten separate, but federated nations. These nations are not only represented by the ten toes of the image, but they are the horns of the beast in Daniel 7. They are the horns of John's beast in Revelation 13 and Revelation 17. All of them, I believe, have reference to the (Continued on page 8, column 1)

of a hen in distress and about to go into orbit and went out the open window. Hastily extracting myself from the entwining mosquito net I found that this sister had, like the hen in the limerick, left me a small token of her esteem carefully balanced on top of a stack of Tee shirts!

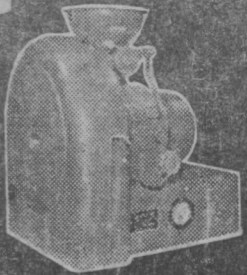
Since my house has many windows but no screens and one doorway but no door I suppose I should not object to these undue intrusions, yet I find myself somehow troubled at the thought of sharing my sak sak house with the thirty or forty chickens who make up the village flock. Baptist preachers usually have an affinity for chickens because, as Bro. Gene Barrow out in Oregon says, "The chicken is a most wonderful creature; you can eat him before he is born and after he is dead!" But I am still not reconciled to living in a chicken house. The egg that the chicken laid on my Tee shirts? What happened to it? Well, it entered the ministry!



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Roman empire.

Why then are we so near the fulness of the Gentiles, and the time when the times of the Gentiles are going to run out? I can see six toes already, that is why. In Europe there is a common market. For years there has been a belief among the people there that they ought to pool their resources and enter into trade agreements, and also unify themselves that they might stand up against the Russian bear that is northeast of their country. That feeling is going to bring about the revival of the Roman empire that Daniel predicted. Already we have in the common market France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg — six toes of the ten, as suggested by the image.

I believe another indication of the soon fulfilling of the times of the Gentiles happened quite a few years ago — the rebirth of the nation of Israel. For a long time people said that the Jew would never return back to Palestine. One of my good friends was preaching the return of Israel to Palestine, the first part of the year in 1948; the people told him that he was a fool. That very year they were established as a nation, and it happened that way because God had ordained it so.

I believe that the rebirth of the nation of Israel is the greatest prophetic sign since Calvary that we have seen. I honestly believe that the Jews are being gathered back today in large numbers, unconverted, just as God said. While they are there in their own land they are going to undergo a judgment. There is going to be the time of Jacob's trouble. There is going to be Daniel's seventieth week that must transpire, and after that a nation will be born in a day. Of course the millennium will be upon them.

The prophecies of the Bible speak of a temple in Jerusalem during the tribulation period.

"Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."—II Thess. 2:3,4.

Notice that the Antichrist is going to sit in the temple and say, "I am God; worship me."

Presently, there is no such religious leader, and there is not even any temple built in Jerusalem, but it is going to be built. They have already cleaned out around the wailing wall, getting ready for that time; and as time progresses, it'll be built very

shortly.

They had quite a war in Palestine when the Arabs attacked the Israelis. Israel gave them a good whipping on the first go round. The situation is brewing over there right now for another war. The United States ambassador knows that, and the other ambassadors of the world do also. Jerusalem is becoming a burdensome stone as Zechariah said it would.

Do you think that Mr. Nasser and the United Arab Republic, or the Russians, are going to suffer another setback, if there is war in Palestine? One time is all they intend to fall, I am persuaded. If Russia marches on Palestine, as God said they would eventually, and the Arabs come, and many of the other nations come, the kings of the East and the like, the United States is going to have to go there to stop that conquest of the land of Palestine. Our president has already said that we must protect it. Mr. Goldberg has already assured us that in the Security Council.

Now I see in that, the stage being set for the Battle of Armageddon. I am not trying to set a date. I don't believe that anyone can set a date. Nobody knows the day nor the hour, but I believe we can know the times and the seasons, so that that day ought not to overtake us as a thief. My dear friends, let me tell you this much, we can lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh.

Jesus is soon then to come. I am not looking for an undertaker today. I am looking for an upper-taker. He is coming very soon.

(infidel) who doesn't believe in personal salvation, has substituted what he calls "social salvation." This is supposed to be the saving of society by reform legislative movements, better sanitation and working conditions, etc. The more the social gospelers have worked, the more awful a state the world has gotten into, until crime is at an all time high, and the world threatens to burst into flames. There is no genuine salvation save that which is through Christ Jesus. (See Acts 4:12).

Inspiration

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Bible. They are trying to put over a program, largely of their own making, by organization and manpower. That is why they are failing. Lots of them do not care a rap about the verbally inspired Word of God, yet the very foundation of missions is a verbally inspired Bible.

God places supreme value upon His Book. Here is what He says about it. In Psalm 138:2 it is said "FOR THOU HAST MAGNIFIED THY WORD ABOVE ALL THY NAME." God put His Word above His name: for if His Word is not magnified His name is defiled. The modernist is a meaner man than the profane swearer or perjurer or blasphemer, for God puts His Word above His name. The thing that God values most in this world is the Book, His inerrant, infallible, God-breathed, Spirit-indicted Word.

A man who does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures and recognize the Book as the final authority on all questions has no foundation on which to stand.

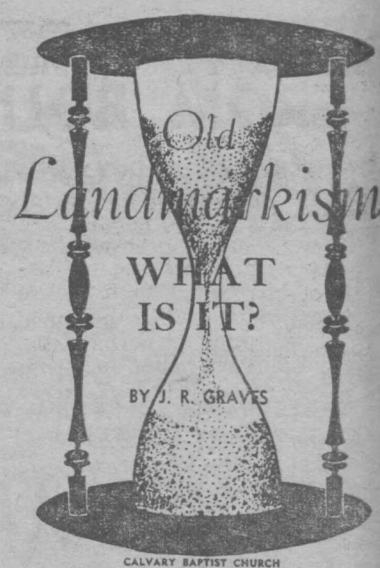
"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

"Thy Word is truth."

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon the house and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock."

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to Thy Word, there is no light in them." Selah!!

All truth is based on the Bible. "Thy Word is truth." The verbal inspiration of the Scriptures underlies all other truths. The Mosaic account of creation in six days is true because God's infallible Word says so, and is readily accepted by all who believe in verbal inspiration. The virgin



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birth of Jesus is true because the Book says so. The story of Jonah and the fish, Joshua's long day including the standing still of the sun, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and all the balance of Old and New Testament miracles are true because the Book says so. The bodily resurrection of Christ and His saints, each in his own appointed time, is true because the Book says so. The second coming of our Lord is true because the Book says so. Christ has but one kind of church in this world and that is a Missionary Baptist Church, and all other churches are harlot churches with human heads, because the Book says so. Blood atonement is the only way of salvation, neither is there salvation in any other, because the Book says so.

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get saved, or working to KEEP saved. It is works in any case. The truth is we are kept—not by works—but "by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

3. The False Way of Water, Crackers, and Latin. Whole groups turn baptism into a saving rite, and attribute to water magical powers of salvation. Roman Catholics attribute wonderful powers to bread. A cracker, blessed by the priest, becomes a part of the actual body of Christ, and when some person lies dying, the priest lays a piece of the holy cracker between his lips, cackles some Latin over him, and presto, he is ready for glory.

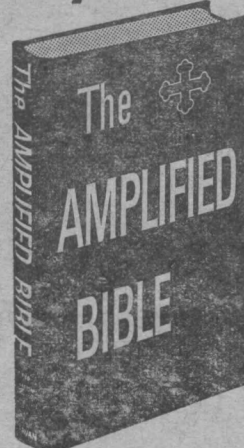
One group has a hydrogen and oxygen god—one part hydrogen and two parts oxygen. The other group has a biscuit god. The penitent thief was assured by Jesus Himself that he was saved and hence was going with Jesus that day, and he was never baptized, nor did he have the benefits of a sacred cracker. That one case demonstrates and proves the falsity of the claims that water and crackers have to do with salvation.

4. The False Way of Salvation Through An Organization. Many lodge people believe that salvation is through their lodge. "If I live up to my lodge membership I think I will be all right," say many. A lodge has no power to save, but it has just as much power as has a Baptist church. The truth is, membership in any organization in this world is worthless so far as salvation is concerned.

"Are you a Christian?" we have asked many times, to get the answer. "I have been a church member for years." But Jesus said "I am the way"—NOT "a church is the way." The devil will work any kind of trick or shenanagan to eliminate Christ from salvation. If he can't entirely eliminate Him, he will "plus" Him with something—it matters not what. Beware of that plus mark.

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