

The Baptist Examiner

Baptist Is Our Middle Name

Paid Circulation In All States And In Many Foreign Countries

"To the law and to the Testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

Vol. 42, No. 11

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, APRIL 13, 1974

WHOLE NUMBER 1965

WHIPPING UP A TIRED HORSE

"... he was sick nigh unto death, but God had mercy on him."—Phil. 2:27.

Well, that is what I have been doing since November, 1972. I am the tired horse, and I have been doing everything possible for myself physically since then.

I had a prostate gland operation at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland, Kentucky, which hospitalized me for twenty-three days in November of 1972.

Then, in December, 1972, I was back in the same hospital with a bad case of flu which thankfully only kept me in the hospital for two days.

Then in August of 1973, I was in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va. for a breast operation. The growth that was removed was not cancerous for which we are most grateful. God gave me a remarkable recovery, and I, like Hezekiah, went up to the house of the Lord on the third day — a miraculous recovery.

In October of 1973 I had a black out on my farm, and fell off the tractor that I was driving. The large, rear, right wheel of the trac-

tor, a corn picker, and a wagon over half full of corn ran over my shoulders and chest. It is a miracle that my insides were not mashed out of me. They took me to King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland, to the emergency room, where they found that I had no bones broken — not even a fracture. Surely God must have had His angels there holding up the weight of the three implements that passed over me. I was only in the emergency room for a couple of hours, but I was exceedingly sore and bruised, and for six weeks I could scarcely get about.

Then, in January of 1974, I was in Holzer Medical Center Clinic in Gallipolis, Ohio as an out-patient for several days due to the fact that my heart was causing me a great deal of difficulty — not getting enough oxygen to my heart.

On the second day of February, 1974, I suffered a stroke of paralysis which caused my left eye to close entirely. The upper lid dropped down on my lower cheek

and the eye itself was entirely motionless. It looked like I had a glass eye. I was in Cabell-Huntington Hospital then for one week. Over 300 X-rays were made. Examinations and tests of all kinds were run. Truly the curtain had fallen, but the act was not yet over.

Then, a week later, (February 1974), I entered the Pocahontas Hospital at Marlinton, W. Va. It had been determined that my heart condition was caused by hardening of the arteries. I went to Marlinton for Chelation treatment which is given in but few places in the United States. I was there for two full weeks in this hospital.

I have been going to an ophthalmologist for consultation as to my eyes ever since the second of February. I have made a number of visits to his office.

Now my physical health is very much improved. The arteries are much more pliable as a result of the Chelation treatment, and my eyes are slowly recovering. I can move the lid and open and close it as I normally could prior to the stroke. The eyeball itself is no longer "set" but is now movable up and down and right and left. The sight itself is slowly coming back although I am still terribly burdened because of this, as I can see so little. It is such a difficulty to me in carrying on my work.

I am glad to tell our readers as to my present physical condition for I have a feeling that I am going to be completely well, and maybe the "old tired horse" can keep going a little while longer.

Many have written asking me about Chelation. It is about the same principle as that of pouring Drano down a stopped up sewer line whereby the Drano eats up the filth and muck in the sewer. Chelation treatment is an intravenous treatment administered somewhat like glucose which requires about three and a half hours daily to take. I took 12 of these treatments and the solution that went into my veins removed much of that which was causing the arteries to harden, and has given me remarkable relief so far as my heart is concerned. I don't mean to say that I am thoroughly recovered in this respect, but for a (Continued on page 8, column 4)

One Of The Unmistakable Signs Of Christ's Return

By MILBURN COCKRELL
Fulton, Mississippi

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth, distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see



MILBURN COCKRELL

the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:25-27).

One of the unmistakable signs of Christ's return is "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." The word translated "failing" can be rendered "fainting" or "swooning." It has the meaning of "expiring" or "breathing out life."

Our generation has seen the fulfillment of this prophecy uttered by Jesus Christ nearly two thousand years ago. Over a million Americans die due to heart failure. It is remarkable indeed that Christ said: "Men's hearts," not "women's hearts." There are more men suffering from heart disease than women.

In spite of the tremendous medical advances, transplants and mechanical hearts, heart disease is the number one killer among the industrialized prosperous nations of the world. About 54.5 per cent of all deaths in the United States can be blamed on cardiovascular disease. Twenty-five million Americans have some form of heart disease. Direct expenditures for hospital and nursing home care, physicians' services for persons with heart disease amounts to two and six-tenths billion dollars.

If you are an American male between 30 and 60 years of age, the odds are one in ten you will have some form of heart attack within the next ten years. The chances are one in three you will die from it. If you are overweight, or if you are a heavy smoker, your chances of having a heart attack leaps to one in two.

Today I want us to pause and consider some of the things which are coming upon the earth which (Continued on page 6, column 5)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"WITNESSES UNTO ME"

IN THE ISSUE OF MARCH 9, THERE WAS A BRIEF LETTER FROM BRO. HALLIMAN COMMENDING MY SERMON ON TANGENTS. IN IT HE REFERRED TO ANOTHER MESSAGE THAT HE HAD HEARD ME PREACH OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO. IT WAS PRINTED UNDER THE DATE OF DECEMBER 19, 1953. AT BRO. HALLIMAN'S REQUEST, WE ARE REPRINTING IT.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"—Acts 1:8.

This Book of Acts has always been a most interesting and challenging book. I can't say that I particularly care for the name — the Acts of the Apostles. It isn't such, because it doesn't give the complete acts of the apostles.

I think it would be much better if instead it were called "The Acts

of our Ascended Lord."

If you will notice carefully, you will see that the Book of Acts is merely a continuation of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ as laid down in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In fact, beloved, Acts 1, the very first chapter of the book, is but a sequel to, and a continuation of, the things which are spoken of in the last chapter of each of the four Gospels.

For example, the last recorded fact concerning our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew's Gospel, is the

Of recent date, one of our readers wrote us asking that I seek not to be bitter toward those who differ with us at present because as he said they were very **SMALL DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES**.

Personally, I do not consider them small, but even if they were, the Word of God would indicate that we are to stand for the Truth, and that the fellow who doesn't stand for it, even if it is a minor difference, will be a mighty "small potato" when he gets to Heaven.

Listen:
"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these **LEAST COMMANDMENTS**, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the **LEAST** in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called **great** in the kingdom of Heaven"—Matthew 5:19.

However, we insist that the differences that have arisen on the part of false teaching by certain preachers are far from small. I would like to call attention to some of these supposed to be "small differences."

These New Liters are wrong in that:

(1) They teach that the church and kingdom are synonymous, which is gross Campbellism.

(2) They interpret the Sermon on the Mount as applying to the church. One of them said in my presence sometime ago that Matt. 7:21-23 referred only to the saved, and in no way referred to the judgment of the lost — a gross perversion of the Word.

(3) They say that the word

"body" in II Cor. 5:10 refers to a Baptist church. I think I am just as strong a Baptist as any of these New Liters, but common sense, sound exegesis, the Greek language, and the English dictionary would all prove these New Liters to be badly in error.

(4) These heretics say that one cannot be saved except when the Word of God is preached by a Baptist preacher in a Baptist church. To use an expression that Brother Joe Wilson has already used, this is pure "tommy rot and hog wash."

(5) They say that you can't learn anything outside a Baptist church. Your own experience would certainly prove that this is a lie made out of the whole cloth.

(6) One of them went so far as to say that one can't pray acceptably outside of a Baptist church. God pity the multiplied thousands who have died trusting Jesus Christ as a Saviour who were never in a Baptist church. I would rather that everybody was a Baptist, but God in Heaven will hear any saved person who calls upon Him in prayer.

(7) One of the chief heresies of the New Liters is that of hyper-churchism. They even go so far in this respect as to say that the only sins whereby one can be excluded from a Baptist church are doctrinal sins.

(8) They interpret the Scriptures relative to the unpardonable sin as referring to the saved and say that only the saved can commit the unpardonable sin, which if followed (Continued on page 6, column 2)

God Frustrates Others, But He Is Never Frustrated!

"The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect." (Psalm 33:10).

"Thus saith the Lord . . . I am the Lord that maketh all things . . . That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish." (Isaiah 44:24-25).

What kind of God do you believe in? Is He the God of the Bible, or the "god" of your own imagination? Is He all-powerful and able to carry out His purposes and desires, or is he a weakling that is constantly being defeated by his rebellious creatures? Does your "god" ever get frustrated? If so, let me tell you of my God, One who frustrates others, but is never frustrated Himself!

DEFINITION

Webster's Dictionary defines "frustrate" as meaning: "to balk or defeat in an endeavor; to induce feelings of discouragement

in; to bring to nothing; to make invalid or of no effect: NULLIFY, THWART, FOIL, BAFFLE, BALK, CIRCUMVENT, OUTWIT. FRUSTRATE implies making vain or ineffectual all efforts however vigorous or persistent; THWART suggests frustration by running counter to or crossing one making headway; FOIL implies checking or defeating so as to discourage further effort; BAFFLE implies frustration by confusing or puzzling; BALK suggests the interposing of obstacles or hindrances; CIRCUMVENT implies frustration by a particular stratagem; OUTWIT by craft and cunning."

With these definitions in mind, is it really possible for Almighty God to be frustrated? Certainly not! Positively no! Let the thought be forever banished! If God could be frustrated, He could be deposed from off His throne. But, praise His adorable name, that shall never be! See Psalm 66:7; 97:1; 99:1; 103:19.

The word "frustrate" is used only twice in all of the Bible (KJV) and the word "frustrateth" occurs only once. Let us look at these verses: Ezra 4:5—"And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia."

Here we read of certain "adversaries of Judah and Benjamin" (Ezra 4:1) desiring to bring to nought the efforts of the "children of the captivity" in the rebuilding of the Jewish temple at Jerusalem. These enemies of God "weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose." (Ezra 4:4-5) Were God's people defeated in the rebuilding of their temple? We know that they were not. Here then, is a good illustration of what "frustrate" means.

Galatians 2:21—"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by law, then Christ is dead in vain."

(Continued on page 8, column 1)

The Baptist Examiner

The Baptist Paper for the Baptist People

JOHN R. GILPIN Editor

Editorial Department, located in ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, where all subscriptions and communications should be sent. Address: P.O. Box 910, zip code 41101.

Published weekly, with paid circulation in every state and many foreign countries.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One year — \$2.00; Two years — \$3.50
Five years — \$7.00; Life — \$25.00
CLUB RATES: 15 or more — each \$1.50

When you subscribe for others or secure subscriptions — each \$1.50

BUNDLES: 10 to 50 copies to one address \$10.00 for each 10 yearly; 60 to 100 copies to one address, \$9.00 for each 10 yearly.

FOREIGN Same as in the United States.

PLANNING TO MOVE? Notify us three weeks in advance. The Post Office does not forward second class mail and they charge us 10c for each "change of address" notice. Please save us this expense

Entered as second class matter MAY 9, 1961, in the post office at Ashland, Kentucky, under the act of March 3, 1879.

STRIFE

"A wrathful man stirreth up strife"—Prov. 15:10.

"A froward man soweth strife; and a whisperer separateth chief friends"—Prov. 16:28.

"Where there is no tale bearer, the strife ceaseth"—Prov. 26:20.

One preacher friend wrote me this past week saying that Brother Fields is now writing to other preachers in an attempt to stir up strife against TBE and its editor. This isn't the first letter of this type that we have received, but we regret very greatly that such is being done.

In my editorial on page one of the issue of February 16, 1974, "The Die Is Cast!" I made mention of the fact that I did not want to hurt Brother Fields in any wise. In fact, I have gone out of my way not to do so. I would much rather see him recant his heresy, and renounce his Hardsell Campbellism, and come back to the truth that he once stood for, than to say anything that would harm his ministry.

However, I take time today to tell our friends of that which is being done undercover, hoping that many who have been written will reject the letter which they have received.

We regret the fact that some few have been led astray. It has been amusing how a few have written to me trying to appear to stand with TBE, whereas we know just exactly where they stand. They have already espoused the heresy propagated by Brother Fields. Brethren, I pray that you don't try to compromise. Be honest and take your stand. I would love you

a whole lot more if you would do so.

When all this difficulty is buried and this little heretical flareup has subsided, TBE will still be standing just where all Baptists have stood through the ages. Ours is the historic position of Baptists. I can assure you that it will remain the same irrespective of those who would stir up strife, and fight against the truth that we contend for.—J.R.G.



"Witnesses"

(Continued from page one)

fore, insist this morning, beloved, that it might be much better if we were to speak of it, not as The Acts of the Apostles, but as The Acts of our Risen and Ascended Lord.

For example, in the first chapter, if you would see His works, you will find that when the disciples, those early apostles, desired a successor for Judas, that it was unto the Lord Jesus Christ they prayed, asking for guidance. Listen:

"And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen"—Acts 1:24.

They never prayed to Mary — they never counted any beads in the name of a departed saint; but it was unto the Lord Jesus Himself they looked for guidance.

When the Holy Spirit fell upon them in power on that memorable day of the first Pentecost following His resurrection, as Simon Peter stood up to preach, he reminded them that the coming of the Holy Spirit was a gift of the Lord Jesus, for he said:

"Therefore being by the right hand of God, exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, HE HATH shed forth this, which ye now see and hear"—Acts 2:33.

So you see, beloved, the coming of the Holy Spirit was an act of the Lord Jesus.

When you read in the third chapter of the Acts of the healing of the man who had laid at the temple gate for so long — the healing of the man was not done in the name of any of the balance of the apostles, but it was done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Stephen, as the first Christian martyr, was put to death, Heaven was so close and earth moved so near into the celestial spaces, that Stephen said, "I see Heaven open and Jesus standing at the right hand of God."

Then it was, beloved friends, on that roadway to Damascus when Paul was stricken. He stood up in the presence of Jesus and said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

In the tenth chapter of the Book of the Acts, you will find that when Simon Peter had that vision

which impelled him to go unto the Gentiles and give the Gospel to them for the first time, it was the Lord Jesus who lowered that sheet down into the presence of Simon Peter.

I say to you, beloved, that you can go on through the book, from the beginning to its ending, and you will find that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who is lifted up, who is manifested and whose works stand out in the Book of Acts. Thus, I say, it might be called "The Acts of Our Risen Lord."

Then, beloved, it might, also, have been called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit" just as well. If you will notice in the very second verse of the first chapter, it says:

"Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the HOLY SPIRIT had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen."

You don't have to read more than two verses to find the Holy Spirit in the Book of the Acts. In fact, beloved, if you will read carefully, you will find that the Holy Spirit is mentioned exactly seventy times in the book.

So, I would say to you, beloved, I don't think much of calling it "The Acts of the Apostles," but rather, I prefer to refer to it as either "The Acts of Our Ascended Lord," or "The Acts of the Holy Spirit of God." I say this that you might see that in the New Testament, following the days of our Lord Jesus Christ's ministry, the emphasis was placed on the work of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit and not on man, so that we

1973 BOUND VOLUMES

CONTAINING EACH AND EVERY ISSUE OF TBE

Are Now Available

No more of any other year.

\$10.00

POSTPAID

can say that the predominance, so far as emphasis is concerned, is on the Divine element rather than upon the human element.

Beloved, we will never have Pentecost again, we will never have anything that approximates Pentecost again, we will never have anything by way of a great Bible Conference again, unless the emphasis is upon the works of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, rather than upon the works of man.

This Book of the Acts which tells us the story of the early church, does not tell us the story of the beginning of the church, for it began not in the Book of the Acts, but rather it had its beginning in the days of our Master, the Lord Jesus Himself. Yet, this book of the Acts tells us of the work, the early tasks, and the vicissitudes through which they passed.

It has often been said that society is governed by five powers—eloquence, learning, rank, wealth and the army. This early church, beloved, had none of these; in fact, beloved, all five were arrayed against it — yet this church conquered. I think the reason why it conquered is found within our text:

"But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

I
You can find from this text of Scripture WHAT YOUR DUTY AND MINE IS. You don't have to

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 12, 1974
PAGE TWO

HE COMETH

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" — I Pet. 5:7.

He careth, yes He careth, there's One who cares for thee. Let not thy heart be troubled, what'er thy portion be.

In love He hath appointed, for thee, He knows what's best. In His unerring wisdom thou may'est calmly rest.

He careth in the darkness, as well as in the light. When shadows gather round thee, and veil Him from thy sight.

When treasured hopes are shattered, and earthly joys grow dim. He knows thy disappointment, He careth, turn to Him.

He careth, yes, He careth, amid each seeming ill. When cherished plans are broken, trust thou His perfect will.

'Tis His skilled hand that weaveth, the threads in the design. Which He has planned and purposed, for all thy life, and mine.

He careth, yes, He careth, oh rest thee in His love. Let not thy heart be troubled, there's One who cares above.

—copied

get out of this text to find what is the duty of a Baptist preacher, a Baptist deacon, a Baptist layman, or any Baptist woman—your duty is laid down within this verse of Scripture—"Ye shall be witnesses."

Beloved, a witness is a peculiar person. He doesn't tell what he thinks. He doesn't tell what he has heard. He tells what he knows. No man goes into a court room to testify as a witness, as to what he thinks relative to any matter, nor does he testify as to what he has heard. Beloved, a witness testifies as to what he knows.

I think one reason why we have such poor testimony on the part of Baptist witnesses today is because Baptist witnesses know so little. A man can't know unless it has been revealed to him of God. I think that was made clear in the ministry of John the Baptist when he said:

"A man can receive nothing, EXCEPT IT BE GIVEN HIM FROM HEAVEN"—John 3:27.

I think that's what the Apostle Paul meant when he said:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED"—I Cor. 2:14.

The natural man can understand with his brain the history of the Bible, the geography of the Bible, and the literature of the Bible, but he can't understand the spiritual content of the Bible. A witness is a man who knows, and he can't know apart from a revelation of God. Do you remember that in the case of Lydia it says, "Whose heart the Lord opened" (Acts 16:14)? Beloved, unless God opens the hearts of men and reveals Himself unto them, no man can ever be a faithful witness for my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

That's the reason we have modernists in pulpits; that's the reason we have modernistic professors in Baptist colleges. That's the reason why our seminaries are shot through and through with modernism and higher criticism. A man

can't tell what he does not know. He can't know through his brain. He can only know as the Holy Spirit has made a revelation unto him.

I say, beloved, we can see our tasks, our duties, and our obligations in this verse of Scripture — we are to be witnesses.

II
THIS TEXT ALSO TELLS US AS TO WHOM WE ARE TO WITNESS.

He says that we are to witness first of all to "Jerusalem and all Judea."

That means witnessing to the Jews — many of whom held the truth, but who held it in a false and unreal manner. When my Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses," He meant they were to go out and witness to the very people who held the truth — the only ones who had ever held the truth, but who were holding it in an unreal and in a false way. They had the law — God gave the law to them. The only people God ever gave a revelation to was to the Jew. They had the law. Yet there had grown up around the law an infiltration, to the extent it was encrusted over the tradition, ordinances and ceremony, yes, to such an extent that the Spirit of the Lord was forgotten. We think it pretty hard to keep the Ten Commandments, but believe me the Jews, at least, tried to keep 618 precepts — 248 were negations and the balance were positive commands. Our Lord never gave 618 commandments to any man. The Jews to whom God had given the law, had allowed the law to become contaminated to such an extent they tried to keep not ten, but 618 commandments. I say, beloved, they had the law but they had lost sight of its spiritual value. They had the law, but they held it in an unreal and false manner.

So blinded were the Jews by tradition that when John the Baptist witnessed unto them, they said:

"Who art thou?"—John 1:19.

A little later in the same chapter, we read:

"John answered them, saying, I (Continued on page 3, column 1)

A Lifetime Possession . . .

THE CAMBRIDGE COMEO BIBLE



BOUND
IN
REAL MOROCCO

Leather Lined

ONLY

\$15.95

Available In Black, Red, or Blue

SAMPLE
TYPE FACE

13 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

2 ch. 2, 8.
4 ver. 7.
2 Tim. 4, 8.
2 Mt. 19, 27.

— ORDER FROM —

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

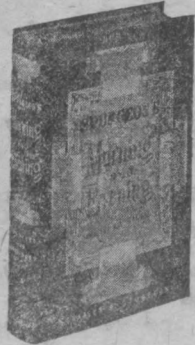
MORNING AND EVENING

By

C. H. SPURGEON

744 pages

\$4.95



This devotional classic has never grown old nor out of date. This edition of the book is complete and unabridged, published just as Spurgeon wrote it. Each devotional is one page in length, printed in large, easy-to-read, bold type. There are two devotions for each day of the year — one for the morning and one for the evening.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE

P.O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

"Witnesses"

(Continued from page two)

baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, WHOM YE KNOW NOT"—John 1:26.

I tell you, beloved, in that day of Judiasm was nothing more than a dead husk. They had the truth, but they held it in a false and unreal manner.

I'm wondering as I face Baptists in this 20th century, if it isn't also true that Baptists are in the same position today that the Jews stood in, in the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. God gave the law to the Jews, but it had lost its spiritual value. God has given His Word to Baptists. I would say this morning that this Book was written by Baptists — every word of it — for Baptists, about Baptists, and in order to make Baptists; yet, beloved, I know of no people in all the world who need to be witnessed to more than Baptist people. The Jews held the truth but they held it in an unreal manner. Baptists

hold the truth — Baptists have the truth, but they hold it in an unreal and false manner, in the main, today.

I can remember the time when I was a boy preacher, when I used to go to an Associational meeting and I would have my soul fed and lifted up, and I would leave, feeling that I had been in the presence of God. I challenge you to go to the average Associational meeting today and see what you find. Instead of your soul being fed, you will come away depressed in spirit, if you love the Word of God and the truth of God's Word. Instead of hearing great dissertations on God's Book, you will come away having been starved, after having listened to the "program," and all that you have heard throughout the day was one phase of the program after another. I challenge you to dare to go contrary to it. I challenge you to dare to go contrary to the powers that be, and try to speak out relative to the

truth of God's Word.

As a sample, some two years ago when the local Baptist Associational meeting was in progress, one man who was put on the program to make a report on the matter of hospital, in some way made mention of the doctrine of election, and one of the brethren spoke up and said, "Brother, your subject is hospitals." He would rather hear about hospitals — he would rather hear about the program — he would rather hear about the co-operative program, than he would the Word of God.

Speaking of the cooperative program, isn't it strange that it is so important today, although Baptists got along without it for 1900 years.

So far as I'm concerned, beloved, about all I know relative to a hospital, is when you want to have your appendix taken out, or the doctor's wife needs a new fur coat, then it's a good place to go. Baptists had better leave it alone. I

challenge you to find one verse that will justify secular education in the light of the Great Commission. I challenge you to find one verse of Scripture that will justify in any wise at all, any hospital, school or secular institution. You just can't afford it.

I say that Baptists hold the truth, we have the truth, but instead of preaching it, not only is it true in the Associational meetings, but in the majority of our churches, instead of the truth being preached, men go away time and time again with their souls hungry because they feed on the husks of the Baptist program instead of the bread, honey and milk of the Word of God. Our first business, I say, is to witness to Baptists. When our Lord said to go witness to "Jerusalem and all Judea," He meant to witness to people who held the truth, but in an unreal and false manner.

I say, beloved, Baptists have the truth but they are holding it

in an unreal and false manner. We need to witness to them. Consider the doctrine of election. To me there is no more glorious truth in all the Word of God than the fact that before this world was, God looked down from Heaven and chose me in Christ Jesus. Listen:

"According as he hath CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION of the world; that we should be holy and without blame before him in love"—Eph. 1:4.

I'm older than creation this morning, spiritually speaking. Before God ever laid down one rock, before God ever put one particle of earth on top of that rock, before one single tiny violet peeped from the sod in the springtime, before a blade of grass grew out of the soil, my God, in eternity, had already chosen me in Christ Jesus (Continued on page 4, column 3)

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 13, 1974

PAGE THREE

GET THE PUMP WITH THE Pledge!



It's the "priceless extra" that costs no more when you buy a Goulds Water System.

Declaration of Dependability

See your GOULDS Dealer

Goulds Water Systems are sold and serviced only by your local independent pump dealer who hereby declares that parts and service will readily be available.

GOULDS PUMPS

Your private water system should be as dependable (and more economical) than the one that serves a city. It is when you have your local "dependability dealer" install a new Goulds jet or submersible water system.



GOULDS HuskyJet WATER SYSTEM

- Won't lose prime
- Won't waterlog
- Corrosion resistant inside and out
- Installation service available
- Beautiful two-tone appliance finish

AMAZING

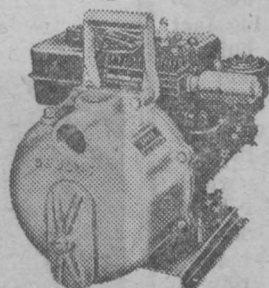


NO TANK PUMP

We have it.

It's like city water service! Goulds Balanced-Flow pump delivers fresh water instantly—as much as you want at all taps at same time, up to 520 gal. per hour!

POWERFUL PORTABLE Utility Pump



- Gasoline powered
- Self priming
- Plus Dependability

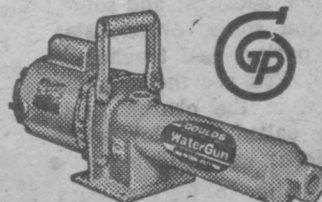


LET US SINK A GOULDS SUB FOR YOU

The pump and motor are in one unit down in the well. The most modern private water supply system you can get. Delivers fresh, cold water and lots of it. Get Goulds from us for quiet service ... with

Dependability

NEWEST Answer ... TO FARM AND HOME CLEAN-UP PROBLEMS



GOULDS WaterGun

- Adds 80 pounds to intake pressure
 - Delivers 6 gallons per minute
 - Cuts clean-up time in half
- For Milk Parlors • Hog Parlors
Poultry Houses • Booster Service
Hosing Down Driveways
General Utility Purposes

Keep your cellar dry!

with a Goulds series DV Vertical Drainette pump.



- Top side suction—eliminates impeller clogging from debris in bottom of pit.
- Corrosion resistant construction
- Float and rod actuated switch

Look for the name GOULDS under "pumps" or "water systems" in your telephone book classified section

For the name of your nearest GOULDS Dealer write:

GOULDS PUMPS, INC., Seneca Falls, New York 13148

The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Please explain Acts 7:38, in relation to the context, with special emphasis on the phrase 'the church' as it relates to dispensational eschatology."

JAMES HOBBS
Rt. 2, Box 16,
McDermott, Ohio
RADIO SPEAKER
and MISSIONARY
Kings Addition
Baptist Church
South Shore, Ky.



The word that is translated church is the word "ekklesia" which means assembly. Stephen is preaching about the things of old and he is saying here that Moses had told the nation about the promise of a prophet while they were assembled at the foot of Mount Sinai.

To take this verse and try to say that this proves that the church was in existence before Christ came is to commit a terrible misinterpretation of God's Word. We do not have indications of a church before this, no ordinances, no offices, no instructions, etc. We do have the teaching as to what was placed in the church first. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." (Eph. 4:11). You see the apostles were placed in the church first. They were called apostles when the Lord Jesus called them.

I am not able to fully discuss dispensational eschatology as I have not done that much study of it. I believe that we are in the so-called church age now and that it will continue until the Lord comes for His people. After the rapture will usher in the 7-year tribulation period and then the 1,000-year reign of Christ on the throne of David in Jerusalem. I frankly can't see where Acts 7:38 has any reference to these things at all. Stephen is simply showing that Israel turned in their heart to idol worship and that's all there is to it.

ROY MASON
RADIO MINISTER
BAPTIST PREACHER
Aripeka, Florida



This Scripture is found in Stephen's address to the "denominational leaders" of Israel, and it made them so mad they killed him. He details the story of Moses and his leading of the Israelites. Then he says, (verse 38) "This is he that was in the church in the wilderness, with the angel which spake to him in Mount Sinai . . ." The word church as used here is not to be identified with the church that Jesus started and has preserved. The word is "ecclesia" which means "congregation," or "assembly." The word was commonly used to designate a group

of people gathered together for one purpose or another. Jesus used the same term, but there is a vast difference between a mere congregation and the church that he started. He said (Matt. 16:18), "I will build MY CHURCH." His was a "called out assembly" for a different purpose than any other that had been or ever will be.

Extreme dispensationalists seek to relate this assembly in the wilderness, with the church that Jesus mentioned, but it has not the slightest connection, except that provided by the mere accident of words. Dispensationalists are believers in the Universal, Invisible Church, but this "church in the wilderness" as they speak of it, was not INVISIBLE, so they certainly don't get any help for their theories from this passage.

E. G. COOK
701 Cambridge
Birmingham, Ala.
BIBLE TEACHER
Philadelphia
Baptist Church
Birmingham, Ala.



Here in Stephen's great sermon, as in Exodus, all this should be studied in the light of I Cor. 10:11. Here we are told that all these things happened unto the children of Israel for types for us in these last days. So in verse 34, we see God sending Moses to Egypt to deliver the children of Israel from their Egyptian bondage. This is a type of our Lord delivering us from our bondage to sin. The Father sent Him to this world for that specific purpose. Egypt is a type of the world. And the children of Israel while in Egypt were a type of our Lord's lost sheep in the world.

Then in verse 38, the verse before us, we see Moses in what is called here the church in the wilderness. This word "church" here is so misleading. According to Paul's writing in Eph. 1 and 3, what we call the Lord's church was a mystery hidden in God during Old Testament times. So there was no such thing as what we call the church in the days of Moses. The word that Stephen used here in this verse was "EKKLESIA" which simply means an assembly, or a congregation. Several other versions put it either assembly or congregation as it should be. The children of Israel during their 40 year wandering in the wilderness, or better desert, were an assembly, that is, they were all assembled together. And Moses in this assembly in verse 38 is a type of our Lord today in the midst of His assemblies, Rev. 1:13,20.

Then the idolatry we see in the verses following verse 38 is a clear type of the awful idolatry that prevails in Christendom today. And Aaron who was a leader

among the Lord's people then, is a type of pastors today who are guilty of leading their people into idolatry. I am a great believer in those things being types for us today, but I simply cannot see the Levitical priesthood being dragged over into this age, and its being transformed into the Lord's church. See Heb. 7:11.

PAUL TIBER
PASTOR,
NEW TESTAMENT
BAPTIST CHURCH
1643 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights,
Ohio



The context is speaking of a prophet which was to be raised up who would be greater than Moses (obviously Jesus Christ), vs. 37. The 38th verse simply states that this coming prophet was in the assembly at Sinai in the wilderness. The Scriptures have always affirmed the eternal existence of Jesus Christ.

The phrase, "the church" is nothing more than the translator's substitution for the original word which is "assembly."

We fail to see this "assembly" in any dispensational eschatology. At best it is a type or foreshadow of the church which Jesus built thousands of years later during his earthly ministry.

"Witnesses"

(Continued from page three)
unto salvation. I'm older than creation today. I'm older than the ground upon which we walk; I'm older than the rocks and hills; I'm older this morning, beloved, than this creation we call the earth. It's right here in God's Word, and yet the majority of Baptists know nothing whatsoever about it. When you preach it, the majority of these little fellows who have come from the seminaries, think that you are preaching something that is absolutely foreign to the Word of God, and so far as they are concerned, they know nothing more about it than if you would borrow some dead phrase from some language of antiquity. I say that we need to witness to Baptists.

I say not only is this true relative to the doctrine of election, but consider also the doctrine of the church. I believe that when the Lord Jesus Christ was here in the days of His flesh, He established a Baptist Church and none other, and if I had never seen a Bible, I would still believe it. When I was in college, I read better than a quarter of a million pages of secular history. If I had never seen a Bible, from the pages of history, I could prove to you that the church which Jesus built was a Baptist Church. I can prove it, also, out of the Word of God.

I tell you, beloved, the majority of Baptist Churches today need to be witnessed relative to the fact of the church that Jesus built. I know more Baptist preachers today who believe in a great big universal something they call the church, made up of all the redeemed of all the world, which never did exist — I say I know more Baptist preachers who believe thus, than I know who believe in the local, independent, self-governing, democratic form of a local body. The fact of the matter is, there are mighty few preachers who believe today that the church that Jesus built was a local, independent, self-governing body in itself. We need to do some witnessing to Baptists.

People come along and they say, "We believe just like you do on the plan of salvation," which, in the main, is a lie in every particular. They say, "Let's all go together and unionize and have a

union meeting." The majority of Baptists, because they know no more about the Word of God, think it is all right to go into any kind of union meeting. Beloved, for shame on any Baptist who would ever do so. Listen:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK THEM which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID THEM"—Rom. 16:17.

This verse of Scripture means to stay away from them. Not only "mark them," but stay away from them. Listen again:

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine RECEIVE HIM NOT into your house, NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED"—II John 1:8,9.

Yet, beloved, some Baptists go around and talk about "Brother" So-and-So of the Methodists and "Brother" So-and-So of the Campbellites, and "Brother" So-and-So of the Episcopalians. Like Hosea, I say, "Lo-ami" — "no kin of mine." My Lord said, "Receive him not." There are mighty few of them that have ever been saved.

I tell you, beloved, we have no business to unionize with people of other denominations, and yet the majority of Baptists today think nothing at all about going into union meetings any time it suits their purpose and fancy. We need to do some witnessing to Baptists.

Lest I be tedious to you, my Lord said in this same text that His disciples were not only to witness to Jerusalem and all Judea, but they were to be witnesses "in Samaria."

Who were the Samaritans? What was their history and background? In the book of II Kings, you will find the King of Assyria came into the northern kingdom of Palestine and carried the Jew captive, and that when he did so, he replaced that land with citizens he had brought in from other countries, which he, himself, had overrun and over-thrown. Listen:

"And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof."

So they feared the Lord, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

They feared the Lord, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence"—II Kings 17:24,32,33.

What does it mean? Simply this: When the king of Assyria carried captive the people out of the land of Palestine, he went over into Babylon and other countries and brought in the inhabitants thereof, and they came and mixed their religion, customs and habits with the few of the remnant left of the Jews. There grew up a race of half-breeds called Samaritans, who were half Jews and half something else, who feared the Lord and served their own gods. They were not only a mixed race so far as nationality was concerned — they were a mixed breed so far as their religion was concerned. My Lord said, in the words of my text:

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria."

What does it mean? It means they were to witness to the folk who held some truth and some error. So far as religion was concerned, it was partly true and partly false. This would tell us that we are not only to witness to Baptists, but to Catholics, to Protestants, and to all these who hold a mixed religion today, which is more or less false, with some little truth mixed therein.

I make no apology when I say to you that I do not believe that Catholic churches nor any Protestant church is of the Lord. I make no apology when I say that all were man-made and Devil inspired. Listen:

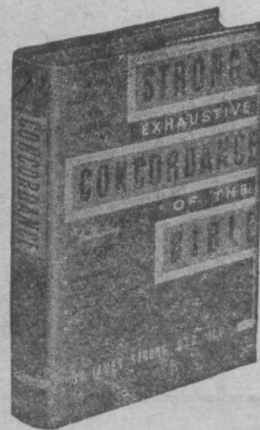
"Behold, I will make them of the SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee"—Rev. 3:9.

In the city of Philadelphia, there was a true church and there was, also, a synagogue of Satan. I believe that today there are multiplied thousands of synagogues of Satan. You can go into any town and find many church buildings, contemplating them, you say, "That's a church building," but before you say this, see what they stand for doctrinally, and in the majority of instances, you will come to this conclusion — it isn't a church — it is but a synagogue of Satan.

I say that I make no apology for saying that Protestant and Catholic churches are not of God and that their preachers are not called of the Lord. I do not believe that God ever yet has called one single Methodist, Campbellite or any other Protestant to be a preacher. It does not make sense to me that God is going to write a Bible to teach one thing and then call an heretic to preach something else. I think we have the finest example of that in the world, in that stir—
(Continued on page 5, column 2)

STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE

By JAMES STRONG



1818 Pages

\$15.75

Thumb-indexed

\$17.00

Strong's Concordance is EXHAUSTIVE, for it contains every single word in the Bible and every passage in which it occurs!

James Strong and more than 100 associates worked a total of 30 years to produce this work.

The Main Concordance refers the user to every passage in the Bible in which the word appears. (1,340 pages).

The Comparative Concordance shows the difference in the translation of the word in English and American revisions in 1885 and 1901. (262 pages).

The Dictionary of the Hebrew Bible gives the original Hebrew and Chaldee of each Old Testament word and explains its meaning. (127 pages).

The Dictionary of the Greek Testament gives the original Greek of each New Testament word and explains its meaning. (79 pages).

MABEL CLEMENT

A thrilling religious novel which deals with the main errors of the Campbellites. Campbellism is a religion that appeals to the head, rather than to the heart, and is rapidly growing in America. Next to the Bible, this book will come nearer stopping these followers of Alexander Campbell, than any other book

Price \$2.00

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 910

Ashland, Kentucky

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 13, 1974

PAGE FOUR

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

ADAM'S RIB

WRITTEN BY A WOMAN
AND FOR WOMEN

"CARNAL PRAYERS"

"Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (Jas. 4:3).

Prayer is no doubt the most neglected privilege we have. Why is it we spend so little time in prayer when we need it so much? Then when we do ask, we receive not because we ask amiss. We have carnal prayers. When we make self the end of prayer, it is not worship of God but self-seeking. That is the main difference between the carnal life and the spiritual. The one is a living to ourselves and the other a living unto God. Speaking to God may be prayer if it comes from zeal; it may be howling if it comes from lust.

"And they have not cried unto Me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against Me." Hosea 7:14.

What is to be the main purpose in our prayers? We need to establish this or our whole prayer-life will be fruitless. Our purpose in prayer is wrong when we ask blessings for the use and encouragement of our lusts. Solomon said the wicked offer sacrifices with an evil mind. Balaam built an altar out of the hope that God would curse His own people. Simon Magus wanted gifts from God to make himself a big-shot.

Our purpose in prayer is wrong when we desire things merely to live more comfortably and not to serve God more cheerfully. Agur prayed thusly, "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full and deny Thee, and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain" (Prov. 30:8,9).

The question then arises, can we ask for physical things that we need such as food, clothing, health, blessings for others, etc.? YES, most assuredly we may. It pleases the Father to have us come to Him for our every need. But the purpose behind our prayer must be right. It must be first for the glory of God, not just for our own enjoyment. When we pray for food and clothing, is it just to warm our belly and body, or is our first thought that we might thereby glorify our Father in Heaven? When we pray for the health of someone, is it mainly to relieve their suffering in the flesh, or that God might get glory from it? Unless our motive is right, a good prayer often becomes a carnal one seeking the satisfaction of the flesh. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake" (Psa. 115:1).

It is easy to deceive others in this. By flowery words and pious speeches others may think we have a close relationship in prayer with our Lord. And our heart is so deceitful that we may kid ourselves by the assurance that our inner motive was right even tho we were not consciously praying for the express purpose of God's glory. We know we really mean it even if we don't say it, etc. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. He does indeed know our inner self better than we. He knows how our hearts are more devout when we want a blessing, than when we enjoy it. All too often we are like the nine lepers when they got what they wanted, but didn't even bother to say "thank you."

How can we know that God's glory is our utmost aim in prayer? Perhaps by an honest appraisal of our prayer life. What is most often in our thoughts? Our needs or God's glory? How much of our prayer time is spent praising God for Whom He is and all His mercies? How much time is spent in actual worship? How much time is spent asking for things without any mention of it being for His glory? Jesus gave us a superb example in John 12:27,28:

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

When we have unanswered prayer, let us examine ourselves. Were not our prayers carnal? Oh, that we might pray as David, "I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. The Lord is high unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth" (Psa. 145:1,3,18).

"Witnesses"

(Continued from page 4)

ring, stimulating testimony given both yesterday afternoon and last night on the part of our Brother Johnson from Mississippi (an ex-Methodist preacher). I think this in itself is proof that God does not call these preachers. Bro. Johnson might soon found out God didn't call him to preach the false doctrine of Methodism.

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" — II Cor. 11:14,15.

I would not even call upon a Protestant preacher nor Catholic priest to pray in our services. One Baptist preacher friend said that he did so out of "ministerial courtesy." Well, I don't consider them

God-called ministers, so I don't have to be "courteous."

I say to you this morning, no Catholic or Protestant church has any authority to baptize, nor any commission to preach the Gospel. They are running without ever having been sent. They have no orders from the Lord as to what they are to do. We need to be witnesses to them.

God said not only to witness to Jerusalem and all Judea, but "in Samaria," which would tell us that we are not only to witness to Baptists who hold the truth but in an unreal and false manner; but we

EVER ON

Growing old, but not retiring,
For the battle still is on;
Going on without relenting
Till the final victory's won.
Ever on, nor think of resting,
For the battle rages still;
And my Saviour still is with me,
And I seek to do His will.

Years roll by, the body weakens,
But the spirit still is young;
Breath of God—it never ages—
Is eternal—ever strong!
Rather, year by year it
strengthens;

Gaining o'er the things of sense;
By Thy Spirit lead my spirit,
Saviour, till Thou call me hence!

Things of earth decrease in value;
Brighter shines the light above;
Less the power of human hatred;
Sweeter far the Saviour's love!
Let me tell it to the needy;
Far and wide Thy worth
proclaim—

That my closing years may
praise Thee,
Glorify Thy blessed Name!

Let me labour in Thy harvest
More than ever in the past!
Reaping in what Thou hast
planted;

Till I dwell with Thee at last!
That before Thy throne eternal,
I may have some fruit to bring;
Not my work — the fruit of
Calvary—
All Thine own, my Lord and
King!

—Anon

are to witness to those who hold some truth and some error — who have just enough truth to make the error to be received by the public at large. You say, "Don't they hold some truth?" Certainly. The Catholics believe in the virgin birth, and that is about all they hold that is Scriptural. They also believe in Christmas, which is heathen, pagan idolatry. If you believe in it, you are a heathen, pagan idolator yourself.

In addition, practically all they hold is false doctrinally. You say, "Don't these other denominations hold some truth?" Certainly, but it is mixed with error, heresy and falsehood, and we need to witness to them. As a sample, I need to tell every Methodist I meet that his infant baptism is all false. There is not one passage of Scripture in all the Bible that might be in any wise at all twisted to prove infant baptism. I need to tell every Methodist that there is no such thing as sprinkling to be found in the Word of God.

An old Methodist preacher living here in Russell when I first became pastor of this church, stopped Brother Bruce and me on the street one day. He didn't know who I was, but he had heard there was a new Baptist preacher in town who was a strange specie, and who didn't in any wise at all, go along with the majority of folk in what they believe and did. Bro. Bruce and I were in conversation and this preacher came up, and he started deriding that new Baptist preacher. He was telling Bro. Bruce how he had heard that I said Baptists had been in existence for the past twenty centuries. He said, "You know, the baptism that

was administered in the days of John the Baptist was sprinkling." He said that John the Baptist took a piece of brush, dipped it in the water and sprinkled the entire congregation at one time. I say, beloved, you and I need to witness to those who hold a mixed religion — mixed with a lot of error and a little truth.

Then when I meet that follower of Alexander Campbell who says that he has "to be dipped or be damned," when I meet with him, I certainly need to witness to him. I grew up with that group of people. Our brother said yesterday that he wasn't a Baptist by heritage, but by conviction.

My own soul echoed the same. I'm not a Baptist by heritage. I'm a Baptist because of my convictions. They have been pretty dearly bought too — at a cost a little more than what they have cost lots of folk. I grew up going to a Campbellite church. The Lord kept me from ever being a member of it. I know what Campbellism stands for. A man stood less than a hundred yards from where I stand, right in front of our church building, and said to a preacher boy in our church twenty years ago, "If our Lord and Saviour had not been baptized, He would have gone to Hell for sure."

My Lord said we are to witness to the Samaritans — those who have a mixed religion — they have some truth, but they have a lot of error. They feared the Lord and they served other gods too. If I would ask my Methodist and Campbellite friends this morning as to their spiritual relation, they would all say, "We fear the Lord." Then I would look into what they stand for, and I would see their falling from grace, baptismal regeneration, their infant baptism, their sprinkling, and I would say, "They fear the Lord but they serve other gods, just like the Samaritans."

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying that all Protestants and Catholics are lost. Listen to me this morning, regardless of what church a man may be a member of, irrespective of what baptism he has or whether he has none at all, any man who believes the blood of Jesus Christ saves his soul and that the Son of God died to pay for all of his sin, that man is saved from all his sins and is going to Heaven when he dies because there is nothing for him to go to Hell for. Even though some of them may be saved, I tell you we need to witness to them concerning the whole Truth of God's Word.

My Lord didn't stop there. He said we are to witness not only to those who have the truth but who hold it in an unreal and false manner; but to the Samaritans, to those who hold a mixed religion, and certainly our business is to witness to those who hold some truth but mixed up with error; we are, also, to witness to "the

uttermost part of the earth." Beloved, you and I have a task not only to witness to Baptists to get them straight and then keep them straight, not only should we witness to those who hold some truth and a lot of error; but we are to witness to the ends of the earth — to those individuals who hold no religion at all.

A man was preaching yesterday on the subject, "Are the Heathen Lost Without the Gospel," and as he did so, my mind went back to a thought that came to me a number of years ago. If the heathen are not lost without the Gospel, then let's not send it to them. If they are not lost, then we are doing them an injustice when we send the Word of God to them. Let's never send out a missionary again nor any man to preach Jesus to them. If men are not lost without the Gospel, then take this Bible and tear it into shreds, burn up every Bible that can be found, fire the clergy, burn up the hymnals, get rid of every thought of God and make America heathen as soon as possible, for if men can be saved without the Gospel, let's get rid of it for it is a fact that men are not being saved by the Gospel. Our business is to go into all the world — to those who hold no truth — and to give the whole world the entire Word of God.

We have a task today. To me, these are trying days and we have a task of witnessing to Baptists, of witnessing to Protestants and Catholics, and to witness to the men who have no religion at all.

III

It isn't any easy task. **IT'S A TASK THAT COSTS**, and if it has not cost you, it is mighty good evidence you have not been doing a very good job of witnessing.

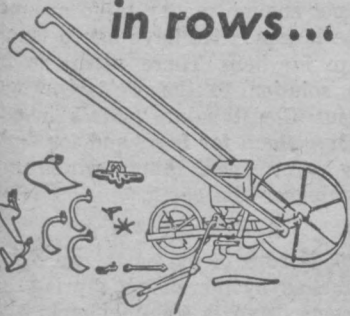
It is a singular coincidence that the word that is translated "witness" in this text is the same word from whence we get the word "martyr." Beloved, any man who is a witness for the cause of Jesus Christ, who is a faithful and true witness, will find sooner or later something of the spirit of being a martyr to the cause of Christ. It costs to be a witness.

Did it cost these early apostles? You know the story. One by one — Simon Peter first being arrested — one by one — troubles, problems, persecutions, difficulties — ultimately one by one they went out into eternity by the route of martyrdom.

Come down thirty years after the death of Jesus Christ.

In the year A.D. 64 Nero set fire to Rome. "For six days Rome was an ocean of flame." The people grew suspicious that Nero himself had caused the fire to be started. To free himself he accused the Christians of Rome, a humble group of worshippers, of incendiary motive that their prophecy of the world to be destroyed by fire might be fulfilled. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

If it grows
in rows...



PLANT IT WITH
**A Planet Jr.
SEEDER**

- FAST
- UNIFORM
- ACCURATE

Whether you're planting grass seed, with more than a million to a pound, or larger seeds — depend on your Planet Jr. Seeder to plant it uniformly and quickly. It opens the furrow, drops and covers the seed, and rolls the dirt all in one easy operation. You can actually plant a row as fast as anyone can walk! Famous Planet Jr. Seeders are available in models for the small garden to large, tractor-drawn multi-row drills. See them now.

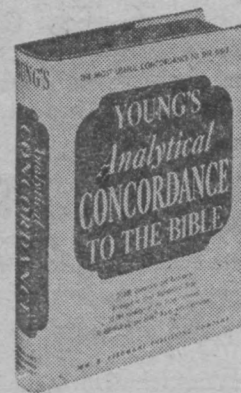
PLANET JR.
DIV. OF THE HOWARD
CORPORATION

4910 So. Boyle Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90058
Phone: 213/583-3383

Planet Jr.

FINEST IN THE FIELD

MASTERPIECE — INVALUABLE — SERVICEABLE



**YOUNG'S
CONCORDANCE**

118,000 References not
found in other Concordances

\$13.75

Plain

Indexed \$15.50

Young's contains nearly 5,000,000 references — 1280 pages — 311,000 translations arranged in strict alphabetical order — 30,000 readings of the Greek Testament — 70,000 Hebrew and Greek words with translations. A 50-page section, recent discoveries in Bible lands.

Indispensable — Informative — Analytical

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 13, 1974

PAGE FIVE

"Witnesses"

(Continued from page five)
quently, he fell upon them with a bloody sword.

What is that we see? A little company of prisoners being led from the dungeons of Rome to grace the Saturnalia. It is a season of festivities at Rome, the annual festival of Saturn; and the Pagan Nero, drunk with power and passionate with the desire of fame, must find some way of entertaining his royal guests. To satisfy his beastly and sordid nature, he had some of our fathers and mothers in Israel wrapped in oiled bandages, some smeared with pitch and encased in iron baskets, and set up on poles as living torches to light the gardens of Nero's Golden House while the emperor and his revelers made merry.

Again, look yonder! What can that be? It is another company of our fathers and mothers in the faith being marched from the dungeons to the barricaded arena of the great coliseum where they are exposed to the hungry Numidian lions while 87,000 spectators rejoice. Some are put on crosses and some are wrapped in animal skins so dogs would tear them.

We hear the groaning prayers, watch the writhing, wencing forms of the heroic prisoners, see their feet fall to the ground as they are burnt from the living torches. But enough of this ghastly scene. We turn and our sickened hearts are made to rejoice as we see Jesus, who stood by them in suffering death, ride with them in a chariot of flames through the parting clouds, to the land of peace. Nero soon went the way of all flesh unmourned, the scoffers were forgotten, but the flames in Nero's royal gardens have cast a light along the pathway of the centuries until this day.

You and I are here this morning worshipping and thanking God for our privileges just because our forefathers dared to witness "to Jerusalem and in all Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." If our forefathers had not undergone the persecutions and the sufferings through which they passed, you and I would not have this God-given privilege of worship today.

You say, "This is a strange Thanksgiving service and a strange Thanksgiving message." Mine always are. That's nothing new — they have been strange for 25 years. If our Lord lets me live, I will be preaching here 25 years from now, if it is His will, and I

will be preaching the same thing. I believe my Lord meant exactly what He said, and when He said to witness to "Jerusalem, and in all Judea," He meant for us to witness to Baptists today. When He said to "witness in Samaria," He meant for us to witness to the Protestants and Catholics today who have a little truth mixed up with an awful lot of error. When He said to witness to the "uttermost part of the earth," He meant that it is our business to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

I'm thankful this morning that I'm a Baptist. I'm thankful that our forefathers in the faith dared to believe that Jesus meant what He said, and they stood for God's Word. I'm thankful this morning, as I come to preach this 25th annual Thanksgiving sermon — I'm thankful for this great Bible Conference we have had these last few days. This morning I feel honored beyond what I deserve. I feel today an honor conferred upon me as pastor of this church — an honor which I do not deserve. I stand here and look out over this audience and see at least two different groups from Old Mexico, from Peru, and from 17 states here in the United States. Oh, what a glorious way to spend one's 25th Thanksgiving service as pastor of one church — a church which has believed the Bible, stood by the Word and supported the Word, and taken care of a pastor, and stood by a pastor who dared to believe Acts 1:8. As I face tomorrow and next year, and as I face the days out before us, I can only look up and say,

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow not with fears.
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might."

Hardshell

(Continued from page one)
to its logical conclusion, would mean that there would be saved people in Heaven who had never been pardoned from all their sins.

(9) Many of these New Liters are "Hardshells" of the worst type. I defended one of these for a long time, but now since all this has come to light, he says that in I Peter 1:23 where we are told that we are "born again by the Word of God," that the word of God

refers to Jesus, and not the Bible. Wrong, badly wrong! The Holy Spirit only works through the Word. Neither the Greek context nor the English dictionary would substantiate such heresy. One of these preachers doesn't even insist upon his children going to church. I love him, and I thank God for my fellowship with him, but he is definitely wrong and positively "Hardshell" when he says that if they want to come to church, it is all right, and if they don't, it is all right.

(10) One of these New Liters said to a preacher friend of mine in Florida, "If a preacher and a deacon's wife 'shacked up' together, that is not too bad." However, he went on to say that if

want to after you are saved, and believe the doctrines of grace, and still go to Heaven." If he denies saying it, we will quote his name and the names of those who heard him that are willing to swear to it.

(16) The big and unpardonable error of the New Liters is that of the priesthood of the church. The Lord Jesus Christ is our great High Priest. Every saved person regardless of church membership is a believer priest or a lesser priest under Christ. Read I Peter 1:9 and give it a sane interpretation. The "big daddy rabbit" that hatched out this heresy, and has led others astray thereby will surely have a tremendous grief when he gives an account to God for his false interpretation of this great passage.

I do not say that all New Liters believe all of these things, but the majority of them do. If a man believes any portion of these heresies that are taught by these New Liters he is to that extent, a New Litter.

If he believes all the things listed above, then such a one is a Hardshell Campbellite and that is just what the average New Litter is. He can send everything that he believes and that he calls new truth, back to the Hardshells and the Campbellites, and they would be glad to own these things, whereas true Baptists refuse to accept them.

Watch out if you believe even one of the above false teachings. I would not want to be in your position at the judgment bar of God when you are definitely guilty of breaking the commandments of our Lord. Remember what He has already said about breaking one of the least commandments.

I come back to our brother who wrote us saying these are just minor differences and declare that if he thinks these are minor differences, he had better get an English dictionary and find out the meaning of the word "minor."
—J.R.G.

"The Revelation Of Jesus Christ"

By Willard Willis

\$5.00
(Postpaid)

A truly great book on Revelation.

— Order From —
CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH BOOK STORE
Ashland, Kentucky 41101

some babe in Christ were to become confused on some of the great doctrines, that the church should deal with him.

This is what Arminians have always accused Baptists of teaching, but have been false in their accusations. I never knew of a Baptist preacher making such a statement in the years gone by. The New Liters are anti-nominians of the worst type.

(11) The New Liters are wrong when they find in I Cor. 7 the true and false church, whereas they ought to find a husband and a wife in the privacy of their bedroom.

(12) These New Liters are positively wrong when they say that Cain and Abel are types of the true and false church.

(13) In Mark 9:43-49 these heretics say that this Scripture is to be applied to the saved, which is contrary to all rules of sound exegesis. It seems to me that any man that had one eye and half sense ought to know better.

(14) Of course, one of the main errors of these modern false prophets is that of spiritualizing the Scriptures in that they take a Scripture and make it mean anything that they want it to without giving it a literal interpretation. Sound Baptists believe in an inspired Bible and not an inspired interpreter.

(15) At his Bible Conference last Labor Day, the high priest of the New Liters said, "I don't practice it, but you can live any way you

FREE! 1974 Home Garden Guide Catalog

Your garden begins here at Burgess... whether it's Peaches & Cream, the yummiest corn on the cob you've ever tasted... a hollow tomato ready to stuff when you pick it... dwarf trees for beauty in your yard as well as full size fruits... green beans 36" long... a climbing vine to say welcome at your doorway... or a gardenia to feed your soul...

You'll find these, plus the finest collection of flowers, vegetables, herbs, fruits, trees, shrubs and many other items—all specially selected for home gardeners—in our beautifully illustrated 52-page full color catalog. For FREE copy write or mail coupon below to Burgess Seed & Plant Co. • P.O. Box 2000 • Dept. 18 • Galesburg, Michigan 49053



Burgess Seed & Plant Co. • P.O. Box 2000 • Dept. 18 • Galesburg, Michigan 49053
Please mail FREE 1974 Home Garden Guide Catalog to:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Signs... Return

(Continued from page one)
makes men have failing hearts. First there is the:

Welfare Woes

The present United States welfare system is a scandal. The present system encourages illegitimacy and discourages work. On Aug. 8, 1969, President Nixon said that the present welfare system is a colossal failure. There is much to indicate we are rapidly coming to a womb-to-tomb welfare program which will increase taxes beyond our wildest expectation.

In 1969 federal, state, and local governments in the U.S. spent \$125 billion on all social welfare programs. This was one-seventh of the Gross National Product. This huge sum is larger than the entire federal budget just five years ago.

The present welfare system does little to help the 25 million poor people of our country. Less than half of these receive any help. It seems the rich get richer and the poor get poorer in spite of all poverty programs. Jesus Christ said: "For the poor always ye have with you..." (John 12:8).

There are many millions of people who really need help but there is not enough money to go around. The larger cities have asked Uncle Sam for help. There seems to be no solution to the welfare woes. Jesus Christ said: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Agriculture Alarm

The crops of the earth are being attacked by increasing myriads of insects. Man is fighting back with more than 50,000 commercial chemicals. More than a billion lbs. of pesticides have already accumulated in the earth's air, living plants, soil and animals. This is bringing an untold problem to personal health to earth's inhabitants.

Today it is a well attested fact
(Continued on page 7, column 1)

Send TBE FREE!

TO A YOUNG PREACHER

We are greatly interested in reaching young preachers with the "strong meat" of the Word—which we know they are not getting in most seminaries, Bible colleges and Bible institutes. In order to reach them, we are willing to send TBE to them for one year free of charge.

Naturally, we don't know every young man whom God calls to preach, but our readers can furnish us with names and addresses of many. We therefore ask you to send us the names and addresses of young men whom you know in the ministry. We will gladly send TBE to them.

Does this sacrifice pay off? It certainly does! We have before sent TBE to young men who — as a result of help received from the paper — are now standing firm as a rock for the faith. And, think of the good their preaching will do in years to come!

USE THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

Name _____

Address _____

Your Own Name _____

Address _____

If you wish to send more, use a separate sheet. If you can help on these "subs," we will appreciate your offering.

CLIP AND MAIL TO:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, P. O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KY.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 13, 1974

PAGE SIX



THE TWO BABYLONS

By ALEXANDER HISLOP

330 pages — Cloth-bound

\$4.25

If you believe in hanging your stocking by the mantel at Christmastime, or if you have adopted any one of the dozens of Roman Catholic theological pretensions then you need to read this book. Mr. Hislop shows that much of our religious life today is nothing but paganism that has crept in through Roman Catholicism.

— ORDER FROM —

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE

P.O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

Bunch Porto Rico, Centennial, Nancy Hall, Allgold, Red Yam, White Cluster Bunch, Red Nancy Type.

100 — \$4.95 200 — \$6.95 300 — \$8.45
400 — \$9.95 500 — \$10.95

FULLY POSTPAID

HIGH YIELD PLANT COMPANY

McKENZIE, TENNESSEE 38201

Signs . . . Return

(Continued from page 6)

that DDT is a chemical of extinction. While its use has been curtailed to some degree, man continues to develop new and more potent pesticides than ever before with little concern for public health.

Insects are able to develop resistance to these chemicals. This leads to more toxic pesticides that threaten all life forms on this planet. Since insects are developing resistance faster than new pesticides can be invented, it appears there is little hope for us. We have painted ourselves into a corner!

What a dilemma! If we do not use pesticides, crop and livestock production would drop about 25 to 50 per cent. The commercial production of grapes, apples, peaches,

Subscribe For The Baptist Examiner

cherries, strawberries, and a host of other products would come to a sudden halt. This would drastically alter our diet.

God is sending the myriads of insects to devour crops because of our rebellion against Him. He is doing to America what He did to ancient Egypt. Looking back to God's judgment upon Egypt in the days of Moses, the Psalmist said: "He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust. He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost . . . He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble . . ." (Ps. 78:46-48).

In Joel 2:25 the caterpillar and the locust are called God's great army which He sends among the children of men. God sends these devouring insects upon those who despise His commandments. To ancient Israel God said: "I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me,

saith the Lord" (Amos 4:9).

Due to the widespread rebellion against the Creator, we can look forward to more insects and more toxic pesticides with disastrous effects to personal health. Truly men's hearts will fail them as they consider those things which are coming upon the earth.

Family Foolishness

Family breakdown in America is fast reaching epidemic proportions. Divorce is on the increase. Separation, disappearances, and desertions are commonplace. Some openly advocate wife-swapping. Liberal ministers tell their flocks it is perfectly all right to commit adultery. Premarital sex experience is pronounced "whole-some." Masturbation is called "normal" and "healthy." Homosexuals seek social acceptance. Married couples are unhappy, miserable, and wretched.

The U.S. leads the world in divorce, nearly one out of every three marriages end in the divorce courts. Each year we have one million divorces or about one every ninety seconds. Allowing for the differences in population, America has three times as many divorces each year as England, France, Finland and Australia, and four to six times as many as Belgium, Norway, and Canada. This current rate is seven times higher than it was 100 years ago.

In addition to this divorce problem there are some problems which grow out of this situation. There are 100,000 desertions yearly in this country. The illegitimacy rate has tripled since 1938. The juvenile delinquency problem has also tripled since 1940. The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that 29 per cent of all murders in 1966 were family killings. One-half of these involved spouse killing spouse. The other half involved parents murdering their children.

How fitting are the words of Jeremiah the prophet in describing our country and what God thinks of it. The prophet recorded the Lord complaining to Israel: ". . . when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on

such a nation as this?" (Jer. 5:7-9).

This is a sex-crazed world! Magazines, TV, comics, and newspapers tell constantly of sex. They speak continually of infidelity, rape, homosexuality, unchastity, and unfaithfulness along with a liberal sprinkling of lies, deceit, hypocrisy, crime, and perversion.

Some books or magazines attempt to help this ever increasing problem. Sociologists try to uncover the cause of divorce. Marriage counselors use all known means to save shattered marriages from divorce. Conservative ministers warn people of the evils of broken homes. But all of these combined forces seem to have little, if any, effect.

Jesus Christ forecasted this time centuries ago when He said: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37-39).

Pollution Problems

So massive is the problem of environmental contamination, the United Nations General Assembly has organized a world-wide assault on pollution. The internal combustion engine, synthetic pesticides, plastics, and inorganic fertilizers are destructive to our environment.

The air is polluted. There is no such thing as pure country-fresh air, for it is polluted from pole to pole. Layers of pollution produced by high-flying commercial

littered our landscape. There were 10 million discarded car tires.

There is the still silent pollution of radioactivity from nuclear weapons being tested in the world. Nuclear reactors are putting out measurable amounts of radioactive waste materials into the environment.

The damage all of this pollution has done and is doing to this planet is not fully known yet. The prospect of an expanding industrial society and a growing population means more pollution. There seems to be no solution to the problem of pollution. Men's hearts must fail them for looking on those things which are coming upon the earth.

Famine Fomentation

Great areas of the earth are on the threshold of famine. Mass starvation will be the most painful fact of life on this planet in the next ten years. At this moment thousands starve. There are 10,000 deaths daily due to starvation in the world!

America, Canada, and other countries cannot feed the world's hungry millions. We cannot grow enough food to feed the present population of the world, not to mention the additional billions who continue to be born.

Jesus Christ predicted this coming world-wide famine in the 24th chapter of Matthew. He said: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matt. 24:7). This is enough to make men's hearts fail them for fear of what is coming upon this earth.

Spiritual Suicide

Traditional religion is on the skids. Even the hippies know this. It has no depth or influence upon society. The church has become worldly, immoral, and doctrinally unstable. Many ministers are disenchanted, frustrated to the point that they have quit the ministry.

Those ministers who appear successful are preaching what the people want to hear instead of what they need to hear. Multitudes of preachers are yes men for the deacon board or head of the Sunday morning mutual-admiration society. Today's typical minister is not a prophet but a skilled politician.

The old prophet said:

"A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jer. 5:30-31).

There is little connection between the Sunday morning church service and real everyday life. Americans are really practical atheists on the whole, regardless of their profession of religious beliefs. Most people go to church to hide their ungodliness and immorality. Most church members are bigger hypocrites than the Pharisees of Christ's time.

Even conservative churches have

Eld. Fred T. Halliman Missionary To New Guinea



FRED T. HALLIMAN

Send your offerings for the support of Brother Fred T. Halliman to:

New Guinea Missions
c/o Calvary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 910
Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Be sure to state that the offering is for the mission work of New Guinea. Do not say that it is for missions as this will only be confusing since we have other mission works.

Write Brother Halliman frequently. His address is:

Elder Fred T. Halliman
Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission
Koroba Free Bag, via Mendi
Territory, Papua, New Guinea.

become so corrupt that Christ has departed from them. Very few people are being saved and attendance is dropping because of this condition. Local assemblies are governed by headstrong hypocrites who drive away any true minister of the Word. Since the church has closed the mouth of the Lord's messenger, she has closed her doors to any possible revival.

The church has Christ and the Bible which are the only hope left for this doomed planet. But the church has lost her influence and is powerless. This means there is no hope for our world. We are headed for certain destruction. Jesus Christ said before leaving this planet nearly two thousand years ago that unless He returned and intervened into human affairs "there should no flesh be saved" (Matt. 24:22).

The world is a doomsday machine whose time clock has expired. Even unbelievers admit that there are no solutions to the problems facing mankind and that certain ruin is upon us. With conditions in the Middle East setting the stage for Armageddon, surely "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (Jas. 5:8). Dear saints of God, are you listening for a shout, a voice, and a trumpet? Sinner friend, are you prepared to go through the horrors of the Great Tribulation?

IF YOU ADMIRE,
OR IF YOU DESPISE—

BILLY GRAHAM

You Need To Read
THE
PASTOR'S
DILEMMA
95c

jets has been found 43,000 feet high. About 142 million tons of air pollution is spewed into the atmosphere yearly in this country. The motor vehicle is responsible for 60 per cent and 30 per cent is caused by industry.

Our water is polluted. The loads of filth from agricultural pesticides, industrial acids and chemicals and phosphates from sewage plants and systems have overwhelmed the natural abilities of lakes and streams to purify themselves. Major lakes like Erie, Michigan, and Superior are on the way out.

Our oceans and seas are the international garbage dump. Oil spills and DDT is destroying many life forms in the ocean community. The marine fisheries of the world are threatened.

There is the garbage disposal problem. Every year Americans generate 1.5 billion tons of animal waste, 1.1 billion tons of mineral wastes, 550,000,000 tons of agricultural wastes, and 110,000,000 tons of industrial wastes — a total of 3.5 billion tons of garbage each year.

Yearly this country throws away 30,000,000 tons of paper, 4,000,000 tons of plastics, 48,000,000 cans and 26,000,000,000 bottles and jars. At the end of the Sixties, 30,000,000 junked cars, trucks, and buses filled the U.S. junkyards and



THE FLOOD

By ALFRED M. REHWINKEL

Paper Cover — 374 Pages

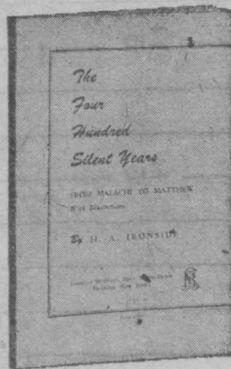
\$2.75

Study the flood in the light of the Bible, Geology and Archaeology. You'll never believe in evolution after reading this great book. The closing chapter showing the flood to be a prototype of the final judgment is an astounding revelation in itself!

— ORDER FROM —

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1072 ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101



"The Four Hundred Silent Years"

By H. A. IRONSIDE

\$1.75

Postpaid

Here are over 100 pages of inter-Biblical history — the history of what happened from Malachi to Matthew. No one can have a full grasp of the Bible without this information. Read this and learn how Romanism got the "Apocrypha" books they have added to the Bible.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P.O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 23, 1974
PAGE SEVEN

Never Frustrated

(Continued from page one)

The Apostle Paul declares that he does not "make void" or "set aside" the grace of God, by preaching "righteousness by the law." He says that "Christ died without cause," if men are made righteous before God by the law. "No," Paul says, "it is God's grace that saves us, and I do not make grace of none effect by preaching that righteousness comes by the law, for then Christ would have died a meaningless death." Here again, we have the definition of "frustrate."

DESIGNATION

Isaiah 44:25—"That frustrateth the token of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish."

In this verse Jehovah reveals Himself to be the "Frustrating God." In the context of this passage God is revealed to be the Creator and Redeemer (verse 24), as well as the Frustrator, Confirmer,

and Performer (verses 25-26). In other words, **God is Sovereign** over all His creation! Concerning the return of the Jews from Babylonian captivity, Jehovah says to Jerusalem, "Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof" (verse 26).

God said "of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid" (verse 28). It is also stated that God "will dry up thy rivers" (verse 27). What kind of God is this? Does this sound like a frustrated God? Notice please, all of the "shalls" and "wills" of these verses! God truly does as He pleases, **only** as He pleases, and **always** as He pleases! See Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Matthew 11:25-26.

God has never been defeated in anything He has purposed to do and **never shall be**. Nothing God has planned and purposed can

be nullified or brought to nought. Listen to the testimony of Holy Scripture: "The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand . . . For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and **who shall disannul it?** and his hand is stretched out, and **who shall turn it back?**" (Isaiah 14:24 & 27).

" . . . My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." (Isaiah 46:10).

"And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and **none** can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? . . . Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride **He is able to abase.**" (Daniel 4:34-35 & 37)

" . . . For who hath resisted His will?" (Romans 9:19)

Thus, God is designated as the One who "bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought (**frustrates their intentions**): he maketh the devices of the people of none effect (**defeats their purposes**)" (Psalm 33:10). Yet, "**The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever**, the thoughts of his heart to all generations" (Psalm 33:11). What a contrast is made in these two verses! The Lord is "The Frustrator," but men are "the frustrated."

DECLARATION

Men throughout history have made great plans to do this and that, but God has **foiled** them and their plans. Once Sennacherib, Assyria's wicked king, when desiring to capture Judah from King Hezekiah, "wrote also letters to **rail on the Lord God of Israel**, and to **speak against him**, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, **so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand**" (II Chron. 31:17). How easily did the Almighty frustrate Sennacherib and his armies, however! God sent an angel that slew 185,000 Assyrians in one night! After Sennacherib fled back to Nineveh and was worshipping "in the house of Nisroch his god," **two of his own sons "smote him with the sword"** (II Kings 19:35-37)! Has this God of the Old Testament changed? Let Him answer for Himself: "For I am the Lord, **I change not**" (Malachi 3:6).

Countless others have schemed and devised plans against God and His people, but to no avail! Look at Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Hitler, and the modern Arab nations! Here is a declaration to you, dear reader, that **God cannot be defeated or disappointed**. The sovereign will of God is both **unbendable and irresistible**. He has no trouble whatever with even you! If you are not broken now by His grace and power, one day you will be crushed by His wrath and justice! See Matthew 21:44. All men are mere clay in the hands of a sovereign Potter (Romans 9:21-23). This Imperial Lawgiver has the right to either save you or destroy you (James 4:12).

God nullifies others, but is never nullified Himself! He thwarts, but is never thwarted! He baffles men, but is never baffled by men! The Lord outwits His enemies, but is never outwitted! The King of kings and Lord of lords, is **never frustrated**! Let us rest our lives in His omnipotent hands. Let us rest our souls both for time and eternity, in His sovereign will.

What better place of safety and security could there possibly be in these crises times!

"To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen." (Romans 16:27).

"God makes what use he pleases of men, of mighty men, of those that act with the greatest freedom; and, when they think to do as they please, he can overrule them, and make them do as he pleases. Nay, in those very things wherein they are serving themselves, and look no further than that, God is serving his own purposes by them and making them to perform all his pleasure. Rich princes shall do what poor prophets have foretold."

—Copied from "Word of Truth" Publications.

Tired Horse

(Continued from page one)

man of my age, I think I have a lot to thank God for. The doctor who did this in my behalf has moved from Marlinton, W. Va. to Walterboro, S.C. where he has opened up a new clinic. I cannot praise him nor his work highly enough, and I will certainly recommend that anyone who is suffering with hardening of the arteries contact him. His name and address is Dr. Jack V. Scott, 230 S. Jeffries Blvd., Walterboro, S.C. 29488.

My friends have given me lots of free medical advice. In fact, there is hardly a day that I do not hear from some of our friends and well-wishers, who tell me what to do to recover. I appreciate their kindness and I would like to tell you of the vitamins (not medicine), that I am using to supplement my meals.

I take two capsules of vitamin C (300 mg) twice daily, and have done so for seven years.

Likewise, I have taken three capsules of Vitamin E (200 units) twice daily.

I take four Brewer's Yeast tablets with each meal.

I take one cod liver oil tablet twice daily, each of which contains 2500 units of Vitamin A and 270 units of Vitamin D.

I take two Lecithin capsules with each meal (1200 mg in each).

I drink alfalfa tea daily. I never use pasteurized milk, but rather whole milk from the country, very sparingly on my cereal. I drink considerable country buttermilk and eat country butter. You could not pay me to eat margarine.

I use no sugar, no salt, and no white flour. For sweetening, I use sorghum molasses and pure country honey — honey that has been made by bees that have not been fed sugar.

Some of my food is prepared in cold-pressed safflower seed oil. No preservatives are added. It must be kept refrigerated. I do not, knowingly, eat food prepared with Crisco or any hydrogenated oil.

I sprinkle fresh wheat germ, which must be kept refrigerated, on my cereal (practically always rolled oats) each time I eat cereal.

I take one rounded teaspoon of bone meal in orange juice each night before I go to bed. This contains 1650 mg. of calcium and 750

mg. of phosphorus, plus other trace minerals.

I sprinkle Kelp (for iodine) on all my food at each meal.

I wear a copper bracelet, and drink a mixture of water, honey, and vinegar each day, to ward off rheumatism and arthritis.

I eat sufficiently of good wholesome food (six meals a day), but not the quantities I used to consume, with the result that I have lost over 25 pounds. For the sake of their ministry, I would urge my preacher brethren to watch out lest they become over-weight. Joel Chandler Harris gave this word of warning:

"Watch out w'en you're gittin' all you want
Fattenin' hogs ain't in luck!"

Poking fun at our fat preachers, let us quote another little rhyme:

"The parson shakes his flabby jowls
As 'gainst the people's vice he howls;
I hear him damn each fleshly sin
But I can't forget that fatty chin."

I have taken ten treatments of Auriculotherapy which means electric treatments on my ears and forehead to activate the nerves of my eye.

I am having my feet massaged every other day by a specialist who says that there is a nerve ending in the bottom of the foot corresponding to each of the organs of the body. This gives much relief and has been especially helpful so far as my eyes and heart are concerned.

Let me suggest you subscribe to a magazine called PREVENTION, for some helpful information.

I take time to tell our readers of what I am taking, and what I am doing, hoping that it may be of help to others as well.

Then, in addition to all of this, realizing that there is no healing except Divine healing, I have gone to God hundreds of times in prayer. I am sure that thousands of our readers have likewise held me up to a throne of grace, asking God to restore me to health that I might carry on TBE and the mission program of Calvary Baptist Church for several years to come. I believe in doing all that I can, and then depending entirely upon God for the results.

I certainly thank all of our readers for their kindness in writing me, for their suggestions on how to get well, and especially for the prayers of thousands that perhaps haven't even written. From the depths of my heart, I express my gratitude to God for each of these friends.

I would certainly ask you today to keep on praying for I realize that I must be completely well to do my work with any degree of efficiency. I thank God that I am well as I am, but I want to be entirely well, and I would urge each friend and reader to go to God in my behalf just now, that He would complete the healing that He has begun.

I do want to edit TBE for many years. I would ask you to pray much that God might make this possible.—J.R.G.

No Spiritual Famine Wanted

We have had a lot in '73 to be thankful for. The Lord has been so good to us. We are especially thankful for T.B.E. and the great blessing it brings to us each week. I am sorry for the hardship now facing you in getting the paper needed. Hope this doesn't last long. I sure wouldn't want to have a Spiritual famine and that is what it would be without T. B. E.

W. S. Hardman
Stumptown, W. Va.

SEND US TEN SUBSCRIPTIONS, WE'LL RENEW YOURS FREE

10 SUBS . . . \$10.00

- Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
 - Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
- Enclosed \$_____ for _____ Subs
Your Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____

GIVE US READERS
We Will Give Them The Truth

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER
APRIL 13, 1974
PAGE EIGHT

Commentary On The Whole Bible

By Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown

Price \$11.95



Looking for a lot of dependable Bible commentary in one volume? If so, you need this great book. Books, chapters, verses, and words are expounded. Example: "Ministered" in Acts 13:2 is explained to mean the performance of official duties of the church at Antioch.

There are almost 1600 pages of valuable study helps. Spurgeon said: "It contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently. I have of it a very high opinion . . . and I consult it continually and with great interest."

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER
P. O. Box 910 — Ashland, Kentucky