

# Modern History as Practiced.

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One of the many reasons—perhaps, which helped to make a revision of the Bible necessary in order to harmonize with modern advanced thought and scholarship, is the unwholesome—(unwholesome to the Anglo-Saxon races) prophecy, contained in Joel III, VII, Isaiah XV, II. These words like all others of their import are positive words, they are mandatory, admit of no evasion, no misunderstanding.

History is constantly repeating itself. The application is not hard to see. The books of Jeremiah, Isaiah and Joel contain much food for Negroes. It is real comforting to read these passages and in the light of the conditions which exist today not only in America but throughout Europe where the Negro has been, or is now oppressed they have peculiar significance and a remarkable depth of meaning.

There is today a concert of action among the great powers of the world against all the dark races. England has subdued India and laid it under tribute, Africa and the West Indies; France is supreme in Senegal, Martinique and Madagascar. The United States is enlarging its sphere of influence in Porto Rico, Guam, Sulu Island, Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

"Benevolent assimilation" is the new phrase used by the supposedly great nations when they desire to attach territory belonging to any of the people of the dark races of mankind. Kruger with his Bible in one hand and a gun in the other, oppressed and dominated the blacks in the Transvaal (and praised God in the interim)—with a little more rigour than the British will oppress them when they will have succeeded in coming into full possession of the land now claimed as the property of a lot of Holland Dutch squatters. France and Germany in Africa have not such powerful allies of that rich soil as England, but they are complete masters of the situation wherever their respective flags float. The United States in Cuba, Porto Rico and its other colonial possessions, is carrying the spirit of caste into these places, is dominating the brown and yellow people, indigenous to these soils and defying the Anglo Saxon race much beyond his deserts. There is an undercurrent, strong, powerful, aggressive, which is pushing, in its mighty rush to sea, everything out of its way. The white race in that mighty undercurrent in the great sea of humanity—it is a pushing, persistent, fugnacious race with which no other race can assimilate, i. e. legitimately in some states. It's God is gold and bonds and stocks, it's conception of heaven—unlimited power, unlimited credit, lots of fine furniture and clothes and oceans of time. Every white man with any push in him is rushing into the mad whirl among the money getters—not money earners. He goes into the stock market with hardly a dollar to his name and emerges with \$500,000 or \$100,000 to his account. He has made a corner in flour, pork, or corn or sugar whatever it may be.

People who eat these things occasionally are at the mercy of this power-hunter and must pay whatever

he says must be the price, if they wish to continue eating them. This is oppression in another form. There is one fact about the Anglo-Saxon race and it has no particular respect for poverty, nor sympathy for those who are in its power. It knocks down and walks over anybody that gets in its way, when it takes a notion to do a thing, it does it. It does a great many things that it ought not to do, but this is accounted for by its overweening ambition to divest itself of its swaddling clothes and put on the formidable habiliments of a full-fledged world power, cannons, war vessels and all.

The United States in its present ambitious desire to become facile princeps of the nations of the world, illustrates in its career as a nation the effects which the love of power, fame, honors and gold produces upon those who have been, and are thus afflicted. No one has heard the true story which led to the occupation of the Transvaal by the Dutch and it will be a good many half centuries before the true story of the occupation of the Philippine Islands will be told.

A nation with power, always has money, and as money is the God of these nations, they always invoke its aid in their efforts to overcome trouble, some obstacles. But there is another and more powerful God than this American and European God, His name is "Jehovah-Jire, king of kings, God of Gods" and He has promised to visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the fourth generation. Hence these prophecies of Isaiah and Joel will particularly apply to the present period unless benevolent assimilation, doesn't mean taking forcible possession of another's property without his consent, or that "enlarging the sphere of influence" doesn't mean the crowding out of the other fellow by the big fellow who puts himself and his friends in the other fellows place and keeps it, with the promise that he will teach him the science of government, so that his great grandson will know how to run the government, when he comes. This is "benevolent assimilation" stripped of all its persiflage.

In Hawaii the other day the Independents elected an off colored delegate to Congress, one Wilcox, contrary to the expectations of the dominant race in the islands. Since his election the newspapers in this country who get their news from their representatives in Hawaii have intimated strongly that Wilcox was elected by appeal to the color line and the baser prejudices of the native element in Hawaii. The American white man never raises the color line and never appeals to the baser element for its vote in a state or national election. He is too holy for that. He doesn't believe in color lines—black ones—and so he sticks to the white line every day in the year and makes it pay. He is color blind, but he can always distinguish white from black.

Let any black fellow in Washington who is competent apply for the first vacant bookkeepership advertised in the daily papers by calling upon the head of the establishment desiring the

services of a competent bookkeeper and hear the mighty mogal prevaricate, and see him squirm, as he glances over his letters of endorsement, and wriggles in the effort to get himself up to the point to say no! and he will see the white line in all its hideous and malignant forms. This man may be a pillar in the ultra fashionable white church, a heavy contributor to Negro institutions of learning, a staunch friend of the Negro—staunch friend of the Negro is an American phrase and means not what it says, but "friend of the Negro in his place."

This is the American estimate of the Negro, he is a human being with a place and if he doesn't lock out it will be benevolently assimilated by the horde of foreigners who are flocking to this country yearly by the thousands. The white race the world over has gotten the notion that it must dominate the world. It is doing it by craft and cunning and by force of arms and diplomacy, and it is not overscrupulous as to the methods which it employs to accomplish the results. The unwritten history of some of its large real estate transactions would not be creditable to its honor or its business integrity if made public. Might rather than right is the foundation stone upon which these pushing and popular and powerful Anglo-Saxons have reared what to them seems an imperishable structure.

The great Indian Red Jacket in a speech before a council of the chiefs and a missionary at the Six Nations in 1805, among other things says speaking of the Pious Palm Singers who stole their lands: "They asked for a small seat. We took pity on them and granted their request and they sat down among us. We gave them corn and meat, and in return they gave us poison. The white people having now found our country good, tidings were sent back and more came among us. Yet we did not fear them, we took them to be friends. They called us brothers; we believed them, and gave them a larger seat. At length their numbers so increased they wanted more land, they wanted our country, war took place, Indians were hired to fight against Indians, and many of our people were destroyed." And it always happens that way to the "assimilated" especially when they are outwardly recognized as "brothers." When a particularly avaricious and crafty white man wishes to make an indelible impression on a Negro whom he knows has money or money's worth he sinks his prejudices to color and will some times join a Negro church in order to emphasize his contempt for race distinction? I know two such hypocrites who in Washington after the War of Rebellion were thicker than thieves with the Negroes, and who made money because their interests were supposed to be with the Negroes and their sympathies. One of them is now a millionaire the other is a great publisher, the millionaire employs English servants in his household; the publisher, Swedes, and rarely if ever alludes to the Negro in his great journal of news and opinion. They have both gotten their'n so what's the odds?

The white man of Europe and America has accomplished so many wonderful things in science and inventions that he seems to begin to feel that he is only one remove from the Almighty as a worker of marvels. The Ocean Greyhound, the Iron horse, the telegraph, phonograph, wireless telegraphy

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