

World Now Ended---Millions Now Walking About Here on Earth Will Never Go Into the Grave.

"Thus saith God, the Lord He that created the Heavens and stretched them out; He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath unto the people upon it and spirit to them that walk therein. The Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand and will keep thee, and give thee for a Covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."—Isaiah 42:5-7.

The words of the foregoing text are addressed to the Christ, Head and Body. Herein is again manifested the love of God, particularly for the entire human family. The class first above mentioned are the special recipients of his favor and shall be used as a channel for the blessing of the others who respond to the terms of the New Law Covenant.

The Prophet of the Lord speaks of the days of Christendom when the old order is going to pieces, thus: "Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light, even very dark and no brightness in it? (Amos 5:20). Without doubt this reference to a time when the last members of the church have finished their course and passed on into the Kingdom. While they have been in the earth proclaiming the truth, they have been a measure of light compared with the other darkness. When the great trouble has reached its climax in the earth when every man's hand is against his neighbor it will then be even a dark time.

God foreknew this time of stress that would come upon the nations of the earth and foretold it through his prophets, and also made provisions for their complete relief and deliverance of the people therefrom. Many centuries ago he made a promise to Abraham, saying "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." And this seed of promise through which the blessing will come are the sons of God, the Christ, Head and Body (Galatians 3:18; 16:27-29). The Apostle Paul, speaking of the distressed conditions of the nations and of their desire to be relieved from such conditions said, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, waiting for the manifestation of the Son of God." (Romans 8: 22; 19) These sons of God are the same ones described by the Prophet Isaiah in our text first above quoted. The head of that class is Christ Jesus himself, who, being born a man humbled himself unto death even the death of the cross wherefore God has highly exalted and given him a name that ultimately every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is the consecrated Christ to the Glory of God (Philippians 2: 8-11). At the Jordan he consecrated himself responding to

the call of the Heavenly Father to the exalted position he occupies. Through all of his trying experiences the Heavenly Father sustained him. "At Pentecost the members of the body of Christ began to be selected. Then it was the call went forth. Call to what? "Call to be saints (First Cor. 1:2) Called to be joint heirs with Christ Jesus in his Kingdom (Romans 8:16-17:30).

How were they called in righteousness? Were they not imperfect men like all others? The answer is that these were called in righteousness when they responded to the invitation to follow in the

steps. Thus they became righteous through his merit being covered with the robe of his righteousness. God then begot such of his word of truth, that they should be of a kind of first fruits of his creatures. (Jas. 1:18) He begot them to a hope of life, to an inheritance, insurmountable and undefiled, reserved in Heaven for them. (First Peter 1:3) He gave to such the exceeding great and precious promises, by which they might be partakers of the Divine Nature. (Second Peter 1:4) Their path way has not been one strewn with flowers, but it has been a path way of suffering! For hereunto



footsteps of Jesus. Such have been drawn to the Lord Jesus by the Father, by giving them a knowledge of the fact that he provided redemption for them and for all men thru the blood of Christ, and that in this Gospel Age he has opened the way for men to be followers of Jesus. Such being drawn to the Lord Jesus and offering themselves in full consecration to do the Heavenly Father's will, Christ Jesus became their advocate, He imputed to them the merit of his sacrifice, and as their High Priest, presented them to the Father, and they were made acceptable, and accepted by the Father through and by the reason of the imputed merit of Christ Je-

sus. were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps." (First Peter 2:21) "For it is given unto you as a privilege not only to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, but to suffer with him" (Philippians 1:29. Diaglott)

"For it became him for whom all things, and by whom are all things in bringing many sons unto Glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all from one; for which he (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them Brethren" (Heb. 2:10-11) The servant is not greater than his master and since

the Master was persecuted, his followers must expect to be persecuted (John 15:18-20) But through all of these trying experiences the sweet and consoling powers of the Heavenly Father are spoken to them, saying, "I will hold thine hand and will keep thee;" And all the way they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto Salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time (First Peter 1:5) The last time means the last days of Christendom, during which time the sons of God shall be completed, glorified and made manifest.

Mark now the commission given to them to do a work in the future. "I will give thee for a covenant of the people." Saith the Lord, God made a covenant with the nation of Israel at Mt. Sinai through Moses as a mediator, and by this covenant promised to give them Life Everlasting if they would keep his covenant. (Leviticus 18:5. Romans 10:5) He said to them, he that keepeth the Law shall live by the law. They were unable to keep this covenant, because of their own imperfection and because their mediator was also imperfect. This covenant and their inability to keep it demonstrated two things; first that none but a righteous man can keep the law perfectly without the aid of a greater one; and second, all the race being imperfect, redemption from the condemnation by the blood of Jesus was absolutely necessary. After the Christ is completed, God will make a new Covenant "Behold the day is come saith the Lord when I will put my law in their minds and write it in their hearts, and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people." (Hebrew 8:10) The mediator of this new covenant will not be an imperfect man, as was Moses. Moses was a type of the new mediator the Christ; "And Christ shall minister unto the people, and having redeemed the people, he will lift them up and bless all who will be obedient to the terms of the new law covenant (Hebrew 9:15) A covenant is a contract between parties competent to make a contract and since the house of Israel and all others are imperfect, God will make his contract with Christ as the legal representative of Israel, and through them of the whole human family. Therefore, in our text Jehovah says to the Christ, "I will give thee for a covenant; of the people."

The blessings that are coming to the people through the covenant are also intimated in the text. "I will give thee for a light unto the nations." When the nations and the people of earth have drained the cup of bitterness to the dregs; when the great dark night has settled down upon them, described by the Prophet, they will indeed be ready for a light and desirous of that light. This will come to them with the full establishment of Mes-

siah's Kingdom. Christ and his faithful followers have been reproached throughout all the dark nights of sin and wickedness marking the Gospel Age. But with the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom the words of the prophet will apply: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness to the people; but the Lord shall rise upon thee and his glory shall be sent upon thee. And the Gentiles (Nations) shall come to thy light, and Kings to the brightness of thy rising (Isaiah 60: 1-3) Thus the Lord Jehovah pictures the nations seeking this light. Millions of people will be brought through this terrible time of trouble. Heretofore they have been blinded by the God of this world, Satan, who has kept the truth from them by various systems. One of his latest schemes is the organization of the Interchurch world movement which ignores the doctrines of the Bible and joins hands in action, acting together with professionals, politicians and Big Business. But the time is near at hand when the eyes of the understanding of the people will be opened. This is a part of the commission given through the Christ in our first text to wit, "To open the blind eyes." When the people get the eyes of understanding open they will rejoice and the Prophet again describes it thus "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the laymen meet as a heart and tongue of the dumb saying; for in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35: 5-6-10)

The first blessing, then, of Messiah's Kingdom will be ministered unto those who are brought thru the time of trouble and who have their eyes of understanding opened that they may discern the fact that the Kingdom has been established and their blessings are at hand. The evidence heretofore set forth is so clear, so cogent and so convincing that no student can doubt the fact that the old world is ending, the New order is coming in and therefore the time is at hand for the manifestation the Sons of God here mentioned, and that truly is can now be proclaimed that "Millions of people now walking about upon the earth will never go into the grave." This glad message is now going to the people, and here and there some are getting their eyes opened already but the hour is not far distant when millions will have their eyes of understanding

opened and after they have profited by their blessings and are given the opportunity to share in the merit of Christ's ransom sacrifice and accept the terms of the new covenant and live forever in happiness, then the Christ will begin to perform the other part of the commission mentioned in the text to wit, "to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." The prison here is the great prison house of death into which thousands of millions have gone in the past centuries. All of these shall be brought out of death. Jesus said: "Marvel not; the hour is coming in which all in their graves shall hear his voice and come forth." (John 28:29) There shall be resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. (Act. 24:15)

The fact that our first text shows when the Messiah begins his reign the eyes of the blind are first to be opened before the awakening of the dead shows that there will be many people on earth who will then be given an opportunity of Life Everlasting without having to go into death and since other scriptures clearly show that the Christ is present setting up his Kingdom, that the old order is passing away and the new coming in, it can be confidently stated that millions now living and walking about upon the earth will never go into the grave." This is the good news that must go to Christendom as a witness, and then the complete ending of the old order will come.

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No. 7146

Minnie Bobo Plaintiff
vs.
Robert M. Bobo Defendant

The State of Oklahoma,

To the above named Defendant:

You will take notice that you have been sued in the above named Court by the above Plaintiff, for a divorce on the grounds of Gross Neglect of Duty, Abandonment and Desertion and that unless you answer the petition filed by this plaintiff in said Court by the 6th day of November, 1920, said petition will be taken as true and judgment granting to plaintiff a divorce, annulling, cancelling, setting aside and holding for naught the marriage contract with you, rendered according to the p ayer thereof.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 21st day of September, 1920.

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John E. Wells, Deputy,
I. H. SPEARS, Atty. for Plaintiff