

The CRESSET Fertilizer the Why.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI

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LOCAL LORE

—Mr. Jackson our Prosecuting Atty. called on the Ed. last Monday morning in company with young Mr. Pope.

—Mr. John Wilcox, member of the JAH-Ville Colony, left here last Sat. on the 10 O'clock train for Thayer, to visit, for a short time, his son Joe Wilcox.

—Hon. Mr. Harrison candidate for Congress in company with Dr. Ryon and 3 other leading men of Wright County, paid the Ed. a visit on last Friday.

—Mrs. Thomas McCall of Fowler Texas Co. Mo. paid the Colony people a pleasant visit on last Thursday. Mrs. McCall is one of Texas' best women, and belongs to the Colony Church.

—Mr Isaac Casner of Richmond Mo is paying his two daughters Miss Lona Casner and Mrs C. H. Dawson a visit this week. Mr. Casner is a member of the Colony but have been living at Richmond for some time past. We welcome Mr Casner to our midst.

—Meeting at the Caudle Grove in the Colony Tabernacle, every Wednesday night, Saturday night and Sunday at 11 and at 3 O'clock

Come all who love to hear the truth.

—We feel honored to have the privilege of announcing the name of C. H. Jackson for Prosecuting Atty. of Wright Co. Mo. He is a young man worthy of the support of the Voters of Wright County and while you are voting for him, you are voting for a cripple, a one armed man. So help him if you can.

—We must say that Mr. James Clark and his Sister Mrs. Robertson needs much praise and credit for taking into their home the sick children of Mrs. McCraw and sheltering them from the weather when they could not get out of bed. God will bless them for it.

—We recieved a compliment from Mr. Earnest Ramsey and wife of Buffalo Mo., last week, a little late to say anything in our last week's Paper about it. But not to late for this week—The Ed. and wife can not express their sincere thanks, for the honor bestowed to them by the compliment sent by Bro. Ramsey and wife, and by so doing, informing us of the great Governor, Richard K. Ramsey, born to them Sept. 27th. 1916, a gem of heaven. Hoping that we may have the priviledge of seeing Father, Mother and the little Governor soon. Come and see us, Bro. and Sister,

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This proves who the bulls and dogs were that was spoken of in this prophesy.

But again to show further proof, that Christ, did number the Gentiles with the beasts, we ask you to read this.

"For a certain woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell at his feet;

The woman was a Greek a Syrophenician by nation and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

But Jesus said unto her let the children first be filled for it is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it unto the dogs.

And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs" (Mark 7-25-26-27-28.)

No one can read the above language without comprehending the state of the Gentiles at that time. Naturally speaking they were as the beasts. Spiritually speaking, they did not have a living soul.

Hence, Christ numbered them with the brut creation as he said it is not meet to cast the children's bread to dogs. But we are not satisfied yet, we shall endeavor to give the reader more light, so as to place their mind upon the Solid Rock Christ Jesus

So you will find in the Tenth and Eleventh chapter of the Acts of the apostles that Christ numbered them with the beasts in order to let Peter know that they had been brought in by letting a sheet down from heaven, by these words.

"Wherein were all manner of four footed beasts of the earth and wild beast and creeping things and fowls of the air." (Acts. 10-12. See 11-6)

Some one might say, How does this scripture teach us or number the gentiles with the beasts? And we must say that this is very easy answered. For God was showing to Peter that He through Christ had cleansed the gentiles or in other words created them anew in him. Hence God says to Peter call not any man common or unclean that I have cleansed (Acts 10-23 last clause) Prior to this the gentiles was an unclean people and in order to

show Peter they had been cleansed they had to be on the sheet, that God let down to Peter wherein were all manner of four footed beasts and wild beasts.

The four-footed beasts included all beasts that had four feet and the wild beasts included the Gentiles. Therefore Christ and His God numbered them with the beasts. And in this manner we have done the same: in order that the readers may be able to see the deep truths of the Bible. But in the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus they have been taken from that old beastly state, and transplanted into a new man. And all this come about in the following manner.

Christ Preached to the Spirits in Prison.

After we have taken a backward glimpse of that portion of Christ's mission on earth. Of the blinding of the eyes of the Jews, and the bringing of judgement to the Gentiles, which we will show hereafter. And with these facts before us; and comprehending by this, the great links being fastened together into the Grand Old Chain of the Word of God, with the Two Men Theory. By this we proceed to take up another very important point; as our heading will show.

"Christ Preached To The Spirits in Prison." Where did he do this? And when did He do this? This is the great problem to be solved. For it is taught that Christ went by Noah and preached to those spirits:

But we, in regard to this, like many other sayings of men, do not believe it. And the reason why we do not, is that God in his Word, have taught us quite different. And for the beginning of this proof, we shall quote you this.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit;

By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison." (1 Pet. 3-18-19.)

The Word says He (Christ) went and preached to the spirits in prison. But learned men say "He went by Noah." Oh how misleading men's sayso is. The language is He went, He (Christ) went and preached to the spirits in prison. He did not go to the spirits in the prison houses of the dead, by Noah and preach to them, but He Himself went, and preached to them.

Those spirits was the ones of the Jews who had mingled themselves with the Gentiles; which was the great curse, as we have shown often before. Which curse could not be removed only thru the death of Christ. Those spirits who in Noah's time, had committed this wrong: with all others who had done the same.

But the curse becoming so great, in Noah's time, that it brought the flood upon the earth God in his Word speaks of it in this manner.

"Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." (1. Pet. 3-20.)

This does not say Noah went and preached to the spirits. But that they were disobedient in his time. And it was these spirits of disobedience, that Christ went and preached to. Therefore we say unto you read.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live." (St. John. 5-25.)

Some would have you believe that he was speaking of those who were dead in trespasses and sins, but this was not the case; it was the Gentiles who were called no people. For the hour was right then when Jesus was speaking that the dead should hear the voice of Christ.

This proves that Christ was speaking of a people, that was alive and yet dead, it was the gentile world, that was without eternal life: the class of people that was numbered with the beasts: (Eccle: 3-18) The people that had no bands in their death, and yet very wicked. (Psalms 17-14) This was the class of people that He had reference to as when he spoke of those in the grave; But listen how much different is the language He uses, when He speaks of them in the grave then he does to those around him:

"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.

And shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." (St. John 5-28-29)

In this He says, the hour is coming, in the former He says the hour is coming and now is: right then, when he was speaking.

But He tells them to not marvel at that, for He says, the hour is coming. Then we want to find out when the hour did come when all that were in the graves did hear his voice.

And for proof we shall first notice the question Isaiah asked on this point in this language: "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once, for as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children." (Isa. 66-8)

Now this work had to be done after Noah's time; for Isaiah did not live until long after Noah was dead and gone. And Isaiah's propesay when it was to be fulfilled; was in the far off future. And this took place between the hours of Christ's death and His appearance to His Disciples, after His resurrection; so as to comprehend this fact we shall quote this.

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. And came out of the graves after his resurrection and went in to the holy city, and appeared unto many." (Mat. 27-52-53)

Now this was not done in Noah's time; but just after the resurrection of Christ. We learn then by this that Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison, As you will find it in this language.

"For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead that they might be judged according to men in the

flesh but live according to God in the Spirit." (1 Peter 4-6) After Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison, He arose from the dead. This was the first resurrection during His stay in the prison houses of the dead, is when He preached to the spirits in prison, and at His resurrection, then is when the prison doors were opened and the prisoners came out.

But this might not satisfy the reader. You might ask for more evidence, and with delight we shall give it, so that we may know that we are right.

Wherefore, we again quote you this.

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4-18.) See Isa. 61-1.

And this time was when the prisons were opened. Not in Noah's time. But in Christ's resurrection from the dead.

For Christ said; that He was sent to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to open the prison to them that were bound. And He did it, and tells us so. And tells us just when all these things took place in this language:

"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise, Awake and sing ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." (Isa. 26-19.)

How beautiful is the gospel of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

How plain He has left everything for us. But after seeing just when it was that Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison, and then, for us to still follow the pertinacious teachings of man; that is that Noah went and done the preaching: The way of truth would surely be dark to us,

But God help us to see the great light, of Divine Truth, as it casts its light over a benighted world of mankind.

And drives from center, to circumference of the heart; all suppositions, and let the Royal Foliage of Heaven's day, elevate our souls, unto the sphere of Divine Glory.

For the light of the two men is the light of the people to day. And glad that Mr. Hollenbeck has saw the two men and hope he will see how the first one escaped the great ice burge of the North. We'll come again.

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