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Ye  
are  
my  
witnesses,  
saith JEHOVAH,  
that I am God  
Isa. 43:12

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"And all thy children shall be taught of Jehovah; and great shall be the peace of thy children." - *Isaiah 54:13.*

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THAT JESUS was made human, and the man Jesus suffered death in order to produce the ransom or redemptive price for all mankind; that God raised up Jesus divine and exalted him to heaven above every creature and above every name and clothed him with all power and authority.

THAT JEHOVAH'S ORGANIZATION is called Zion, and that Christ Jesus is the Chief Officer thereof and is the rightful King of the world; that the anointed and faithful followers of Christ Jesus are children of Zion, members of Jehovah's organization, and are his witnesses whose duty and privilege it is to testify to the supremacy of Jehovah, declare his purposes toward mankind as expressed in the Bible, and to bear the fruits of the kingdom before all who will hear.

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THAT THE RELIEF and blessings of the peoples of earth can come only by and through Jehovah's kingdom under Christ which has now begun; that the Lord's next great act is the destruction of Satan's organization and the establishment of righteousness in the earth, and that under the kingdom all those who will obey its righteous laws shall be restored and live on earth forever.

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### JOYFUL SONGS

*"Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah."—Ps. 32: 7.*

(CONTINUATION OF HABAKKUK'S PROPHECY)

#### PART 4

**J**EHOVAH is at his holy temple, and unto him Christ Jesus has gathered his saints. This great truth, made known, brings joy to the remnant, because 'in his presence is fullness of joy and at his right hand there is favor for evermore'. (Ps. 16: 11) Those who have devoted themselves to Jehovah and his kingdom now appreciate the fact that their joy is accompanied with tribulation because the enemy is desperately trying to destroy those who are serving Jehovah God. The rebellious ones are doomed for destruction, and properly therefore the remnant pray: "Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee."—Ps. 5: 10, 11.

<sup>2</sup> The remnant love the name of Jehovah God and know that his holy name shall be vindicated, and their joy is in the vindication of God's name. They diligently seek to be filled with a knowledge and understanding of the progressive steps of the unfolding of his great purposes, that they may walk worthily before him. To such faithful ones Jehovah says: "I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." (Ps. 32: 8) Being taught of Jehovah, and from him learning the meaning of the present-day persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, the faithful have full assurance of final victory, and therefore they sing: "Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance."—Ps. 32: 7.

<sup>3</sup> The prophet Habakkuk stood as the representative of the faithful remnant now on earth. Having made pertinent inquiry of Jehovah, and having received the answer from the Most High, Habakkuk was filled with prayer, thanksgiving and joy, and he uttered a song of ecstasy: "A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth."—Hab. 3: 1.

<sup>4</sup> Chapter one, verse one, of Habakkuk's prophecy is a "burden", or prophecy, against the enemies of

Jehovah, and chapter three is a part of that burden. God makes known to his people his purpose and how that purpose will be carried out, and this knowledge brings joy to the remnant and calls forth from them a song of praise. Habakkuk here gives utterance to a soul-stirring prayer in song, and which is the soul-stirring prayer of praise of the remnant to Jehovah God. The prayer-song is "set to Shigionoth" (R.V.); "in the manner of an ode" (Roth.). According to the root of the Hebrew word it implies rapture or being enraptured. It means a wild, irregular, rambling poem. It is a psalm or song of ecstasy which rises to the heights of rapture, as Jehovah gave Habakkuk a vision of what was to come to pass. An understanding now of that vision enraptures those who see what is just at hand.

<sup>5</sup> Habakkuk had stood on the watch and had heard what God had to say to him and why Jehovah had permitted the acts of the wicked, and what he did to them, and now he prays that Jehovah will bring to pass his judgments heretofore written. Likewise the remnant standing on watch have heard the reasons from Jehovah why he has permitted them to suffer at the hands of the enemy, and they rejoice and in a prayer-song to Jehovah implore him to quickly bring these things to pass. "O Lord, I have heard thy speech [thy fame, A.R.V., margin] and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." (Hab. 3: 2) By the revelation of the prophecy and the making plain of the battle-types of the times of old to Jehovah's witnesses, these faithful ones have truly today 'heard the report of thy fame', and by faith they see that Jehovah's fame at Armageddon will be universal. Not until the coming of the Lord to his holy temple do the remnant get an understanding of his purpose. Being taught of God they learn that his purpose is to make a glorious name for himself and that the supreme issue or question for settlement is the vindication of his holy name, and in that vindication his supremacy will be made known to all. At one time these followers of Christ Jesus understood that

Armageddon would be merely anarchy or class struggles between human creatures; but now they see that Armageddon will be all of Satan's organization arrayed in battle against the Lord and all those who take the side of Jehovah, and that therefore Armageddon truly is Jehovah's fight, the battle of the great day of God Almighty. The former understanding of Jehovah's purpose pales into insignificance when compared with the revelation of what is his real purpose.

\* Jehovah had spoken to Habakkuk the woes upon the world, and particularly against "Christendom", and Habakkuk for the remnant says: "I . . . was afraid"; "and [I] am afraid" (*R.V.*). Now the remnant have heard the words of Jehovah telling of the battle of Armageddon that draws very near, and they stand in awe and fear before the Lord. The remnant, trusting in the power of Jehovah, are not afraid for themselves or for their own safety, but because of the fearfulness and dreadfulness of the manifestation of the power of God at Armageddon they fear and tremble. Having in mind that all the nations will be involved; that men composing the armies on earth, who are against Jehovah God and his people, will fall and that this will be a slaughter of multitudes, when "their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (Zech. 14:12), and that there will not be a sufficient number surviving to bury the dead, they see it will be a terrible and dreadful time. They realize the import of the words of Jesus that it will be a tribulation such as the world has never known and that there will never be another like it. Seeing these dreadful things approaching, the remnant do stand in awe and fear of the power of Almighty God. When upon the plains of Moab Moses reminded the Israelites of what took place at Mount Sinai and said, "I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount." (Deut. 5:5) "And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake." (Heb. 12:21) The remnant are not among those who think that Armageddon will be a small affair. There has never been anything so great and terrible as what will take place at Armageddon. It will be a fight of Almighty God against entrenched and desperate enemies. The power there exhibited by Jehovah will strike fear in all creation. Even the inanimate objects will tremble. The destruction of Pharaoh's armies in the Red sea was a type of Armageddon, and when Moses and the other Israelites beheld it Moses said: "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. The people shall hear, and be

afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina."—Ex. 15:11-14.

† Again Moses said: "Fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD." (Deut. 28:58) "For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward." (Deut. 10:17) Jehovah's witnesses do not fear the enemy, composed of Satan, Gog and all their forces on the earth, because that fear is cast out by their love and devotion to Jehovah and his kingdom. (1 John 4:18; 2 Chron. 20:15; Ps. 27:1-3) Safety and security is only to those who fully trust in and serve Jehovah.

\* The things which Jehovah did to the enemies of his people in times of old were ensamples of what shall now come to pass at Armageddon. The remnant, therefore, now pray as Habakkuk prayed: "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." Another translation reads: "In the midst of the years bring it to life." (*Douay*) Jehovah's witnesses now pray according to his will that Jehovah will repeat his acts of old according to his promise, to wit: "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." (Zech. 14:3) That will be Jehovah's work, his strange work. The faithful student of divine prophecy now learns why Jehovah fought the battle of his people in times of old and that such battles then fought foretold the great universal war now near. "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out." (Ps. 44:1,2) Jehovah had said: "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." (Hab. 1:5) "For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work; I will triumph in the works of thy hands." (Ps. 92:4) "His work is honourable and glorious; and his righteousness endureth for ever."—Ps. 111:3.

† "In the midst of the years make it known." (*R.V.*) The climax of the years was reached in 1914, and there Satan's world ended and Christ Jesus, the world's rightful King, was enthroned. The tribulation upon the world there began, and at Armageddon it will end in such a spectacular demonstration of power that all will know that it is Jehovah's mighty hand that accomplishes these things. "Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD." (Jer. 16:21) "So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more; and the heathen [nations, *R.V.*] shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel."—Ezek. 39:7.

† The words of Habakkuk, according to *Rotherham*, read: "In the midst of the years wilt thou make

known? in trouble"; the marginal reading: "agitation," "excitement," "tumult," or "wrath". "Wrath" here denotes a time of great trembling, trepidation and disquietude. This further shows that it relates to the time of Armageddon. In support thereof says the psalmist: "The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble; he sitteth between the cherubims [in his temple]; let the earth be moved."—Ps. 99: 1.

<sup>11</sup> Concerning this same time the prophet Isaiah states: "As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!" (Isa. 64: 2) "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." (Joel 2: 1) These texts show that all nations shall be involved in the great universal war. The wrath of God is against Satan and his crowd. That wrath began in 1914, and then "the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come".—Rev. 11: 18.

<sup>12</sup> The prayer by Habakkuk, and now by the remnant, will then be heard by Jehovah and answered. "For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act." (Isa. 28: 21) Habakkuk's prayer asks: "In wrath remember mercy"; that is, mercy toward those devoted to Jehovah, who are the remnant and the Jonadab class. These who stand for the name of Jehovah God and boldly proclaim his message God will remember, shield and protect. "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name."—Ezek. 39: 25.

<sup>13</sup> The ruling powers of this wicked world shall pass away in the midst of great tribulation, but Jehovah will have mercy on those who love and serve him. "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." (Isa. 54: 10) Mercy will mean that God will spare during his wrath at Armageddon those who serve him, and this he will do, not for their own sake, but for his own name's sake. "But do thou for me, O God, the Lord, for thy name's sake; because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me."—Ps. 109: 21.

<sup>14</sup> In the days of old Jehovah went forth to vindicate his name by fighting against the enemies of his chosen people, but his action then was chiefly to foretell what he will do at the battle of the great day of God Almighty. When he sent Moses to Egypt to make a name for himself, that was temporary, for the reason, God's due time had not arrived to destroy the enemy completely. At Armageddon he will permanently and for ever vindicate his holy name. The prayer-song of Habakkuk recounts what Jehovah did in the past, and

which foretells what shall come to pass at Armageddon. "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise."—Hab. 3: 3.

<sup>15</sup> Jehovah inspired the prayer of Habakkuk to 'revive his work' at the consummation of years, and what He did in answer thereto he in times of old fulfilled in miniature only. The prophet briefly refers to those acts of Jehovah in times of old and which foretell the fulfillment of the prophetic prayer now in completeness. In the vision he beheld God coming from Teman. Teman was the grandson of Esau, or Edom; and a part of the south country was named for Teman. (Gen. 36: 11-15) Jehovah is shown as coming from Teman. The marginal rendering of this text is: "God came from the south." On his triumphant march from Mount Sinai to Jerusalem God led his people through the land of Teman. "O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness [south of Jerusalem]; Selah: the earth shook, the heavens also dropped [waters] at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel."—Ps. 68: 7, 8.

<sup>16</sup> This is corroborated by the statement in Judges: "Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir [of which Teman is a part], when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom [to which Teman belonged], the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water."—Judg. 5: 4, 5.

<sup>17</sup> Jehovah selected Jerusalem as a city for his people, and he placed his name there; and he will fight the battle of Armageddon and vindicate his name; therefore Jerusalem pictured his glorious organization, which he defends. He is the Mighty One over all of his host, which includes the remnant on earth. With lightning speed Jehovah hastens to the battle, and this is pictured by his approaching from the south to engage in the war. "And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south." (Zech. 9: 14) He comes as a whirlwind; thus indicating great swiftness and indicating that the fight will begin suddenly and result in taking the enemy by surprise and will bring about the enemy's sudden destruction. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."—1 Thess. 5: 3.

<sup>18</sup> Furthermore says Habakkuk: "And the Holy One from mount Paran." Manifestly Mount Paran is here used as an illustration. To some the name "Paran" means "beautiful, gleaming". Jehovah in his conquering march to the battle of Armageddon comes from the highest place, illustrated by the mountains, but far more lofty and beautiful than Mount Paran. God led the Israelites from Sinai to the north by the hand of Moses, and now he leads his mighty host by the hand of the Greater Moses, Christ Jesus,

approaching from the south to engage in the great battle. Moses recounted to the Israelites on the plains of Moab God's movement. "And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them [the enemy]; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints [holy angels]: from his right hand went a fiery law for them."—Deut. 33: 2, 3.

<sup>19</sup> At Armageddon "the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee". (Zech. 14: 5) In this prophetic picture Christ Jesus is shown as chief in command, leading all the hosts of heaven and earth to the execution of Jehovah's judgment against the enemy. Concerning this same matter Jude wrote: "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all; and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."—Jude 14, 15.

<sup>20</sup> In Habakkuk 3: 3 appears the word "Selah", which word means "pause", or "suspension" of the music or song. This would indicate a pause in what is done or said by the remnant. Will the remnant on earth, whom Habakkuk pictured, see the march of Jehovah's forces to engage in the battle of Armageddon? Some of the prophecies seem clearly to answer this question in the affirmative, that they will see Armageddon begin. Habakkuk in uttering this song-prayer pictures the remnant singing the praises of Jehovah when by faith they see that Armageddon is at hand. It would seem exceedingly appropriate to say that, if the remnant see the beginning of the battle of Armageddon, the manifestation of Jehovah's power and glory there will be so overwhelming that they will pause or cease their singing for a time and view the splendor, weight, power and glory of the Lord with all wonder and fear. The great spectacular demonstration of Jehovah's power would certainly cause the remnant to pause and remain absolutely dumb for a time.

<sup>21</sup> Immediately following the pause the prophecy reads: "His [Jehovah's] glory covered the heavens." That will be a dazzling manifestation of Jehovah's power appearing in the sky and will surpass the sun's brilliancy at high noon, and at that time it must be that "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea", and all nations and tribes and peoples of the earth shall see it at that one time. God has repeatedly stated concerning the enemy that 'they shall know that I am God'. By faith the remnant now see Jehovah with his mighty war chariot moving into position for the war, but certainly at the fixed time all of the earth shall have an ocular demonstration of his mighty organization moving into battle. Says Jehovah's prophet: "And I will set my glory among the heathen [nations, R.V.], and all the [nations] shall see my

judgment [upon Gog and his army] that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them."—Ezek. 39: 21.

<sup>22</sup> At Mount Sinai the Israelites saw a manifestation of Jehovah's power; and says the prophet: "So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward." (Ezek. 39: 22) What the Israelites saw at Mount Sinai was terrifying to them: "And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel." (Ex. 24: 17) The things which the Israelites there saw appeared unto them as ensamples or types of what shall come to pass at the end of the world.—1 Cor. 10: 11.

<sup>23</sup> The Scriptures clearly disclose that the manifestation of Jehovah's power at Armageddon will strike terror in the hearts of the enemy. Habakkuk, describing the opening of the battle, says: "And the earth was full of his praise." Certain it is that the enemy will not be singing the praises of Jehovah, and therefore this part of the text must mean that God's praises will be sung by the small band of Jehovah's witnesses on the earth as they behold his glory and the marching of his martial host going into battle. Jehovah in times of old made pictures of this very thing, when he sent the Israelites out against Moab, Ammon and Mount Seir and commanded that the singers should be put in the van and, as they approached the enemy, they should all sing. "And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten." (2 Chron. 20: 22) It is true that the remnant now see the glory of Jehovah and sing: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens." (Ps. 8: 1) Is it not also true that the faithful ones on earth will at the time of Armageddon sing the praises of Jehovah when the war begins? "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands [stable places, that is, those who stand firmly on the Lord's side]." This will occur at the time after the fight is beginning: "The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies."—Isa. 42: 10, 12, 13.

<sup>24</sup> The prophet seems clearly to refer to the glory of the Lord at the beginning of the war, when he says: "And his brightness was as the light [like the sunlight, *Leeser*]; he had horns coming out of his hand [*(Hebrew)* out of his open hand]: and there was the hiding of his power." (Hab. 3: 4) It is truly written that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1: 5) At Armageddon he will make his glorious light to shine that all may see his glory. "At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds



passed, hail stones and coals of fire. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire."—Ps. 18: 12, 13.

<sup>25</sup> This song of David was sung in relation to the battle that God fought for him against David's enemies, and which was also an ensample or type of what shall come to pass at Armageddon.

<sup>26</sup> This part of the prophecy, according to *Rotherham*, reads: "Rays [*margin*: And rays (two horns)] out of his hand hath he." Another translation, "Rays streamed forth out of his hand." (*Leeser*) Jehovah's rays of light are power, and like horns they push back the forces of darkness into destruction. The suggestion is that the horns are like prods, prodding the enemy. It is the glorious hand of the Almighty God, and the rays of light from his hand are bolts of lightning hurled forth from the hand of the Almighty that works destruction upon the enemy.

<sup>27</sup> The 'open hand' well pictures Christ Jesus, whom Jehovah uses as his Executioner to destroy the enemy and concerning whom it is written: "If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to mine enemies." (Deut. 32: 41, 42) Then says the prophet Habakkuk: "And there was the hiding of his power"; that is, hiding of his power in his hand. All power of heaven and earth God has committed to the hand of Christ Jesus, who will execute that power in God's due time. (Matt. 28: 18; John 5: 27) During the long period of time when Satan has been the unhindered ruler of this world, and up until 1914, that great power of Jehovah has been concealed. At Armageddon the hand of Jehovah is to be opened to the natural senses of those who dwell upon the earth.—Ps. 110: 2.

<sup>28</sup> The invincible Jehovah of hosts marches to the war, and everything must perish before him: "Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet." (Hab. 3: 5) Clearly this does not mean the pestilence which is mentioned in Matthew 24, which accompanies the World War, and marks the beginning of sorrows upon the world; but the pestilence mentioned by Habakkuk is that same pestilence described by Ezekiel, that afflicts Gog and his forces and concerning which Ezekiel recorded: "And I will call for a sword against him [Gog and his army] throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the Lord."—Ezek. 38: 21-23.

<sup>29</sup> "Christendom" is the unfaithful city foreshadowed by the unfaithful Jerusalem. To "Christendom" their sanitary and medical corps that have fought against diseases will be powerless at the time of Armageddon to stay the pestilence and disease. Jehovah

God will smite the enemy with these pestilences, and all who have been and who are against his holy organization are pictured by the unfaithful Jerusalem. The faithful ones are pictured by faithful Jerusalem; and "Christendom", having fought against the real servants of the Lord, shall suffer the pestilence and plagues which God has caused to be described in his Word. "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongues shall consume away in their mouth."—Zech. 14: 12.

<sup>30</sup> Continuing to describe the exhibition of Jehovah's power moving on the enemy at Armageddon, Habakkuk's prayer-song says: "And burning coals [*margin*: And diseases] went forth at his feet." "And fiery bolts went forth at his feet." (R.V.) The basic sense of the original word is that of burning, whether with hot coals, lightning or disease. Warning concerning these burnings have been given to the nations by Jehovah's witnesses in obedience to the commandments of the Lord. These faithful ones have received the "coals of fire" from the cherubim and, as commanded, have gone out and scattered them over the unfaithful city of "Christendom". (Ezek. 10: 1-8) The enemies of Jehovah are now made the stool of the feet of Jehovah, and he treads them down and brings burnings or destruction upon them, and they shall suffer annihilation. "But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat."—2 Pet. 3: 7, 10, 12.

<sup>31</sup> In 1914, at the command of Jehovah, Michael, who is Christ the great Prince and King, stood up to reign. (Dan. 12: 1) This mighty prince makes an inspection of the earth before the beginning of Armageddon. Says the prophet Habakkuk: "He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting."—Hab. 3: 6.

<sup>32</sup> While Christ Jesus at the command of Jehovah has been taking the measures of the earth, he has also caused his witnesses to go throughout the earth and declare his judgment. When the time for Armageddon is reached, the Lord will not stand still or halt in his marching. He will shake the heavens and the earth and move with rapidity of the whirlwind. "He stood forward, and made the earth tremble"; according to the *Leeser* translation. At Mount Sinai the earth shook, and that was merely a sample of what shall

come to pass at Armageddon. (Heb. 12:26, 27) "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."—Rev. 20:11.

<sup>33</sup> The Lord has beheld the activities of the enemy operating many conspiracies, leagues, defiance and other forms of opposition to God and to his kingdom, and also the reproaches and persecutions that the enemy has brought upon the witnesses of Jehovah; and not only has he beheld them, but he has caused his witnesses to tell the people that these various agencies are the offspring of Satan and form a part of Satan's wicked organization, and to declare to the people that God's purpose is to soon destroy them at Armageddon. Now shall Jehovah permit the nations that have defamed his name to continue their wicked course? The prayer-song of the prophet Habakkuk answers: "He beheld and [then] drove asunder the nations." Men who rule in this world claim that the nations, pictured by the mountains, are everlasting and shall never perish. Those who push schemes for so-called "national recovery" claim that the nations must and will endure for ever and that the present sickness is only temporary and that these earthly schemes will pull the nations out of the hole and that they will continue on without end. But Jehovah God can and will level them to the ground, and this he will do by the hand of Christ Jesus. (Ps. 2:9) The nations of this present wicked world are "mountains of prey". (Ps. 76:4) Says Habakkuk (3:6): "The everlasting mountains were scattered." It is the rulers of this earth that claim that these "mountains" or kingdoms are everlasting; but at Armageddon they shall pass away as "mountains [or nations] of prey" to the marching host of Jehovah. During the World War Jehovah's witnesses were scattered upon and wandered through all of these mountains or nations until the Lord, from and after 1918, gathered them into his mountain, that is, his organization and place of security. (Ezek. 34:5-13; Ps. 91:1-8) To the nations of Satan's organization Jehovah now says: "Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain." (Jer. 51:25) No salvation or blessing can come to the people from any of these nations or any part of Satan's organization. "Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel." (Jer. 3:23) All those nations shall perish. "For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax [melts] before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place." (Mic. 1:3, 4) If it be the will of God, he can make the literal mountains to melt; but it appears that these texts refer to the nations of the earth,

which shall be melted down, leveled, and disappear. "Behold, I will make thee [Christ] a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel."—Isa. 41:15, 16.

<sup>34</sup> The superruling elements of the earth, that is to say, the men that really dictate the policies of the various nations, are not the men who are so much in the limelight, but they are in fact the ones who stay to the rear. They are seldom seen, and little is known of them by the public, but they are the ones that tell the men in the saddle what to do. For instance, during the World War, although the peoples of France and Germany were killing each other by the wholesale, the big manufacturers of guns and other deadly weapons, both of France and of Germany, were consorting together to keep the war going that they might sell their products to the people at an exorbitant price. For the same purpose the big munition and gun manufacturers of England had an understanding with the manufacturers of France and Germany. All of these superpower men worked together before the war and then during the war; and while no one ever mentioned treason so far as they are concerned, they are the guiltiest men amongst all on earth. Those men pulled the strings, and the politicians, like puppets, jumped about and enacted the necessary laws to keep the machine going, and the big preachers shouted to their congregation, "We must use these guns and ammunition to show that we have red blood in our veins." A greater crowd of hypocrites could not be found anywhere.

<sup>35</sup> A hill is the highest point in a mountain, and therefore the hills picture the highest or superpower ruling men of the nations of the earth. Such men never bow to other men or to God, but at Armageddon they will have to get down and crawl in the dust. According to the prophecy of Habakkuk (3:6), "the perpetual hills did bow [are sunk, *Roth.*; were bowed down, *Douay*]." Those international superpower men are never subject to local activities, but they rise to the very top and above the others and think themselves invulnerable to all the forces of the naticas; but these exalted ones, at Armageddon, shall be brought low and be abased, and of this the Word of God is plain and explicit. (Matt. 23:12) When the Israelites went out of Egypt God made the inanimate creation to bow as a testimony to his name. "When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange language, Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The [Red] sea saw it, and fled; Jordan [river] was driven back [before Joshua]. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs." (Ps. 114:1-4) "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be



exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up, and he shall be brought low."—Isa. 2:2, 11, 12.

<sup>46</sup> Jehovah at Armageddon will level things, and the influence and power of the great and exalted men will amount to absolutely nothing. "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isa. 40:4, 5) No wonder Habakkuk uttered a prayer-song when he had a vision of these things. And truly the remnant now pray and sing, when they see these things coming to pass, because they know that Jehovah will vindicate his name and that they shall have the privilege of being on his side and beholding his victory. That which appears to be very powerful in the Devil's organization, and every part thereof, is very insignificant in the light of Jehovah's power.

<sup>47</sup> Says Habakkuk: "His [Jehovah's] ways are everlasting." "His goings were as of old." (R.V.) Jehovah does not change. (Mal. 3:6) His ways of long ago God can and will duplicate at Armageddon on a far grander scale than ever before. In the long ago past God performed certain acts which there in miniature vindicated his name, but at Armageddon his work will be strange and miraculous, beyond anything that has ever been done: when he comes forth to defend his cause and his people he will "be his old self again", and all creation shall know that Jehovah is the almighty, supreme One.

<sup>48</sup> From other prophecies Jehovah makes it clear that Gog, who is Satan's chief officer, will lead Satan's forces at the battle of Armageddon. Armies live in tents, and therefore tents would symbolically denote the dwelling place of the warriors. The song-prayer of Habakkuk continues: "I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble." (Hab. 3:7) "Cushan" here seems to apply to an Asiatic Cush, king of Mesopotamia, namely, Chushan-Rishathaim. (Judg. 3:10) The Hebrew name means "Cush of the two wickednesses"; the Arabic means "Chief of two governments"; and this appears to properly apply to Gog, the chief one of the visible and invisible government or governmental power of the hosts of Satan's organization; and also to the chief of the 'two-horned power' or 'two-horned beast', namely, the British-American empire system, and corresponding to Aram-naharaim over which Chushan-rishathaim ruled. (Rev. 13:11-17) From that same region, as described by the term *rishathaim*, and probably from the same territory, the unfaithful prophet Balaam came, who hired out himself to curse God's chosen people. (Num. 23:7) Thus he illustrates how

Gog, acting as the ruler over the Anglo-American empire system, uses the hired clergy, who pose as prophets of God, to fight against and curse Jehovah's witnesses. The Anglo-American empire system is "the false prophet" and corresponds to Balaam. Gog assembles the wicked angels and wicked men at Armageddon, which surround Jehovah's chosen people; and it is certain that the assembly place of that wicked horde will be greatly disturbed, and this is illustrated by the words of Habakkuk, when he says: "I saw the tents . . . in affliction." And so shall the forces under Gog be in great affliction. The seventh world-power, now controlled by Gog, will come to the greatest affliction of all the visible parts of Satan's organization, due to the fact that that empire system has rejected the message of and concerning Jehovah's kingdom, which has been given within its borders more fully than anywhere else on earth. It is also the "seat of the beast", "where Satan's seat is: and thou [Jehovah's witnesses] holdest fast my name." "Even in those days [before 1918] . . . Satan dwelleth" there (by his principal agent Gog).—Rev. 2:13, 14.

<sup>49</sup> The name "Midian" means "contention, brawling". In Habakkuk 3:7 mention is made of Midian, that "the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble". The false prophet Balaam instructed the Midianites how to entice their enemies and how to interfere with the Israelites. (Num. 25:6-18) This foreshadows that all those who follow the lead of "the false prophet", the Anglo-American empire system, thereby put a stumblingblock in the way of God's chosen ones, and all such shall tremble and fall. The overthrow of the Midianites is also a type of the destruction of Satan's earthly organization. (Judges, chapters 7 and 8) When the tent curtains of the Midianites get to trembling, the stake pins will loosen and the guy ropes will slack, and the tents will collapse. Likewise the Devil's organization will tremble, shake and fall when they learn that Jehovah is fighting against them. (Jas. 2:19) "The earth shall quake before them [Jehovah's army]; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining; and the Lord shall utter his voice before his army; for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"—Joel 2:10, 11.

<sup>50</sup> Nothing will be able to stand against the marching hosts of Jehovah. Habakkuk, God's prophet, there had a vision of it, and the remnant, by God's grace, shall in fact see the falling of Satan's organization; and having a knowledge thereof now in advance, they are greatly comforted and their hope is made strong.

<sup>51</sup> Rivers picture the peoples of the nations under the control of Satan, some willingly and some unwillingly. "Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?" (Hab. 3:8)

When God's chosen people were marching toward the promised land they were interrupted by certain peoples, and God was displeased with those who did interrupt. Jehovah exalted his power against the opposers in those days, not for vainglory, but in vindication of his name; and that pictures what shall take place in these latter times. When the Canaanites heard of the great power exhibited by Jehovah they trembled with fear. (Josh. 5:1) Likewise today God makes manifest his displeasure, but not chiefly against the poor people. He manifests his power for the vindication of his name, and with all those who support Satan's organization he is displeased. The river Arnon flows west and empties into the Dead sea, on the east side thereof, and this river the Israelites had to cross before they reached the Jordan. The Jordan flows from the north into the Dead sea. To the Israelites Jehovah said: "Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee."—Deut. 2:24, 25.

<sup>42</sup> Like the rivers Arnon and Jordan, the streams of mankind flow down into the sea of death. (Rom. 5:12) All those in the stream who oppose the marching of Jehovah's people merit and will receive evidence of his displeasure. At the time the Israelites crossed the Jordan river that river was at a flood stage. (Josh. 3:15) At the present day, when God's people are marching to the kingdom, the population of the earth is at its greatest height, in its own estimation and according to the boast of the clergy and other would-be philosophers. But soon God will manifest his displeasure and anger against all these peoples. By the time of Armageddon that part of the human rivers now known as 'people of good will', and called "Jonadabs", will have turned aside, that they may escape the trouble and pass over. As to the rest of the people willingly remaining with Satan's organization, they must feel the great tribulation and destruction of Armageddon, because like the rivers of Arnon and Jordan they have acted as barriers or hindrances to the march of God's chosen people to the kingdom. The supporters of Satan's organization have kept on voting and fighting and upholding the same old gang that has ruled for centuries and continues to rule by oppressive means, and this they do rather than to hear the message of and concerning God and his kingdom, and hence they take the way of opposition to the kingdom. The wrath of God shall be expressed against them.

<sup>43</sup> The "sea" symbolically is that which gives support to and bears up the oppressive organization of Satan on the earth; and its ruling factors, acting by the will and power of Satan, hold the sea in control

and use it. God's hottest anger or wrath is against such ruling factors, that exploit the people and carry on their merchandise on the sea. The supporters of Satan's wicked rule must feel the strong hand of Jehovah, and the sea must be dried up. "He stretched out his hand over the sea; he shook the kingdoms; the Lord hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof." (Isa. 23:11) "He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth." (Nah. 1:4) "The violence done to me [Zion] and to my flesh [the remnant on earth] be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and, My blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say. Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will plead thy [Zion's] cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry."—Jer. 51:35, 36.

<sup>44</sup> This will certainly pain the old "dragon that is in the sea" and that claims the people for himself. (Isa. 27:1) After Armageddon there shall be "no more sea". (Rev. 21:1) But when the people of the "sea" are confronted with Armageddon they will tremble and flee. "What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?" (Ps. 114:5) "The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee: they were afraid; the depths also were troubled. Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known."—Ps. 77:16, 19.

<sup>45</sup> Those who are saved and brought through the great tribulation will be so favored, not because of their own merits, but for Jehovah's name's sake, as he saved the Israelites: "Nevertheless, he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known." (Ps. 106:8) Those who seek meekness and righteousness will be doing so in vindication of Jehovah's name, and he will remember them in the time of stress.

<sup>46</sup> Universal war will result beneficially to those peoples of earth who take their stand on the side of Jehovah; and relative to this says the prophet Habakkuk (3:8): "Thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation"; "thy [Jehovah's] chariots of victory." (Leeser) Horses and chariots are symbols of war equipment, and this shows that it is in the time of 'the war of the great day of God Almighty' that salvation comes, and that it is to those people on God's side, and that the victory in that great battle is with Jehovah God. "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many."—Isa. 66:15, 16.

<sup>47</sup> To those who now gain a knowledge of what is to take place at Armageddon and who take advantage thereof by seeking meekness and then following the teachings of Jehovah and learning righteousness, the

promise is made, and they shall be the gainers and be protected in that great battle. The prophet Zechariah had a vision of this coming battle and wrote: "And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains [Jehovah's organization under Christ Jesus]; and the mountains were mountains of brass." (Zech. 6:1) That great army of Jehovah will be led by his chief horseman and mighty Warrior, Christ Jesus, concerning whom it is written, in Revelation 19:11, 14: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." All the warring hosts of heaven will be following him in that fight. "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the holy place." (Ps. 68:17) That will be a war equipment that will completely wreck and destroy Satan's organization, and the faithful remnant of Jehovah on earth will see it. (2 Ki. 6:17) Above this mighty army Jehovah will ride in supreme command. (Ps. 68:33; Ezek. 1:1-28) Before this mighty war force of Jehovah the armies of Satan will be as weaklings: "Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit."—Isa. 31:3.

<sup>46</sup> For many centuries Jehovah has kept his war equipment out of sight and has given Satan full opportunity to make good his boastful challenge, but at Armageddon there will be a complete change and Jehovah's forces will be fully revealed. "Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers." (Hab. 3:9) At Armageddon Jehovah will completely uncover his "bow" and make it twang and throw a shower of arrows against the enemy's forces. Christ Jesus is Jehovah's battle bow, and he will hurl his irresistible strength against the enemy: "Out of him [the tribe of Judah] came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor [of the enemy forces] together." (Zech. 10:4) "Thine [Christ Jesus'] arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee." (Ps. 45:5) "When I have bent Judah [as a bow] for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons [of Zion; Judah and Ephraim], O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar." (Zech. 9:13-15) In support of this Isaiah testifies: "And he hath made my mouth like

a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me." (Isa. 49:2) Jehovah's battle bow will work havoc to the enemy's forces: "Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them."—Ps. 18:14.

<sup>47</sup> Jehovah gives to his faithful remnant full assurance by revealing to them the meaning of his prophecies long ago written, and this he does that they may be strengthened in this day of great stress. The fact that God sends these things to his people is proof conclusive that they need the strength derived therefrom. Long ago he gave his Word and bound it with his oath, and thus he gives double assurance to those who believe and rely upon his Word. "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath; that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."—Heb. 6:17, 18.

<sup>48</sup> As the time for the battle of the great day of God Almighty draws near, Jehovah draws his war weapons, as stated by the prophetic song, "according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word." (Hab. 3:9) "According to the oaths which thou hast spoken to the tribes." (*Douay*) "Like severe rods of punishment [goeth forth] thy word." (*Leeser*) "Oaths of chastisement—song!" (*Roth.*) The Hebrew for the word "tribes" here used is translated "staves" in verse 14 of this same chapter, and this identifies the one to whom the oaths were made. The same word is translated "rod" in Psalm 110:2, wherein it is stated that 'Jehovah sends forth his rod out of Zion to rule'. Jehovah has given "oaths of chastisements" in giving his Word on oath into the hand of Christ Jesus, whom he has commissioned to bring punishment upon all of Satan's organization; He has thus given his "oaths of chastisement". Not only are his oaths a double assurance to the true followers of Christ Jesus, but they are also "the judgments written" against the enemy organization, which Jehovah's remnant sing forth at the fulfillment of these oaths or judgments. To the twelve tribes of spiritual Israel, which is "the Israel of God", Jehovah has declared his Word and has bound it with his oath, by which it is impossible for him to lie, and therefore the hope of the remnant is made strong, and this causes them to sing forth with joy. Jehovah has lifted up his hand to heaven and sworn, long ago, to bring his wrath or judgments upon his enemies, and which he describes here in the song uttered by his prophet Habakkuk. Because Jehovah gave his Word and oaths to do these things, the remnant, whom Habakkuk foreshadowed, likewise utter the prophetic prayer and sing to Jehovah, now saying: "Revive thy work in the midst of the years"; and thus they show their complete confidence in and reliance upon the Word of the Most High. The faithful ones are meek, because they are diligent in seeking to

understand the purpose of Jehovah and hasten to obey his will, and therefore Jehovah has pleasure in them and they rejoice and sing: "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people; he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen [nations, *R.V.*], and punishments upon the people. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord."

—Ps. 149: 4-9.

<sup>51</sup> Having full confidence in Jehovah and his Word, and in obedience to his commandment, the remnant, who are Jehovah's witnesses, sound the warning to the rulers of the world and to the common people before the beginning of Armageddon. They declare the day of the vengeance of Jehovah. (Isa. 61: 2; Rev. 16: 1-21) "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." (Ps. 68: 11) The result of their efforts in this behalf shows that they have received the blessings of the Lord, and that particularly in recent years. It is to be expected that the enemy and his agents would make all the trouble possible for such publishers of the truth, who announce the curse or judgments of Jehovah upon those who now wickedly rule the world. What else could be expected at this time than opposition and persecution of those who firmly stand for God and his kingdom? The things that we see coming to pass in these days are exactly in accord with what God long ago foretold, and which things are necessary to enable the remnant now to maintain their integrity toward God. In the past the followers of Christ Jesus have stood for the Word of Jehovah and confidently relied upon it as they understood it, and have looked forward with gladness to the day of their own salvation; but they have had little or no understanding that the chief purpose of Jehovah is to magnify and vindicate his holy name. That particularly refers to the time as mentioned by the prophet: "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." (Ps. 138: 2) But now, in the present day, when the vindication of Jehovah's name is at hand, and when Armageddon draws near (and at Armageddon more particularly), God confirms his Word which his witnesses have heard and published, and he will at Armageddon vindicate both his Word and his name to his praise and honor. (Isa. 44: 26) Joyful now are those who continue to publish the Word and fame of Jehovah God. They cannot and will not keep back the song. They see and appreciate the unfolding of prophecy, and together they lift up their voices and with one accord proclaim the praises of his holy name. (Isa. 52: 8) This they must and will continue to do until God directs otherwise.

<sup>52</sup> At this point in the prophetic song of Habakkuk there is another pause indicated by the word "Selah". This pause stresses and emphasizes the importance of

the prophecy that has just been stated. The pause gives opportunity to those who joyfully feed upon the sacred truths of the prophecy to here consider with greater gratitude and thankfulness to God the precious things of that prophecy. The pause indicates that what is to follow in this prophetic song will be just as deserving of attention and prayerful meditation as what has gone before. Since the word "Selah" also means *forte*; (musically) "loud and strong", may we not expect something even louder and stronger in the remaining words of the prayer-song of the prophecy?

(To be continued)

#### QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

- ¶ 1, 2. Account for the joy of the remnant, even in tribulation.
- ¶ 3, 4. Explain the significance of the designation "A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth".
- ¶ 5-7. In their application to those whom the prophet there pictured, show the relation between the statement of Habakkuk 2: 1 and the words in 3: 2, "O Lord, I have heard thy speech." As supported by other scriptures, what is the application of the prophetic statement by Habakkuk, "I . . . was afraid"?
- ¶ 8-11. With related scriptures, point out the meaning of the prayer of the remnant, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," and whether that prayer has been answered.
- ¶ 12, 13. Explain the occasion for the further request, "In wrath remember mercy."
- ¶ 14-23. Compare the manner of Jehovah's 'coming forth' in the days of old, and the purpose thereof, with that in the great day of Armageddon, as recorded and foretold (a) in the words of Habakkuk 3: 3, "God came from Teman," and directly corroborative scriptures. (b) In the further expression, "and the Holy One from mount Paran." (c) In "his glory covered the heavens". (d) In "and the earth was full of his praise". Just how does "Selah" fit at this point in the prophecy?
- ¶ 24-27. With related scriptures, point out the prophetic significance of the statement (a) "His brightness was as the light." (b) "He had horns coming out of his hand." (c) "And there was the hiding of his power."
- ¶ 28-30. How will (a) "the pestilence" 'go before him'? (b) "Burning coals" 'go forth at his feet'?
- ¶ 31-37. "He stood, and measured the earth": how, and when? In what, as pictured in related scriptures, is to be seen fulfillment of the declaration (a) "He beheld, and drove asunder the nations"? (b) "The everlasting mountains were scattered"? (c) "The perpetual hills did bow"? What is the significance here of the further statement, "His ways are everlasting"?
- ¶ 38-40. How, in fulfillment of verse 7, does "Habakkuk" (a) 'see the tents of Cushan in affliction'? (b) 'See the curtains of the land of Midian tremble'?
- ¶ 41-45. With scriptures, and as indicated by present conditions, show whether the Lord has manifested displeasure or anger "against the rivers", and wrath "against the sea".
- ¶ 46-48. When, how, and to what end will Jehovah 'ride upon his horses and his chariots of salvation'? Whom will he then 'save', and why?
- ¶ 49. With scriptures, account for Jehovah's so long ago providing these prophecies and only in this day revealing to his faithful people the meaning thereof.
- ¶ 50, 51. "Thy bow was made naked": how, as supported by other scriptures? According to what "oaths"? Explain the phrase "of the tribes". What is Jehovah's purpose in doing as here foretold? How do they respond to whom Jehovah's purpose is now revealed? Of what are the results of their present efforts an evidence? Why does this bring increased persecution?
- ¶ 52. What is the significance of "Selah" at this point in the prophetic song?

## THE FIGHT AGAINST GOD'S KINGDOM

**P**EOPLE everywhere are looking for a government which shall be above corruption and graft and all selfishness and which shall exalt righteousness and truth and love in the world and unselfishly look after and protect and advance the people's interests. Only the inspired scriptures of the sacred Bible foretell and promise the installation of such a government or kingdom. It is Jehovah God himself who caused it to be foretold and whose all-surpassing power will make good the promise. Several thousand years in the past he raised up the prophet Isaiah and moved upon him by his holy spirit or power to utter this heart-cheering prophecy: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 7:14; 9:6,7) The governing ones in this promised government or kingdom are prophetically spoken of as a Nation, a New Nation, The Nation. It is Zion, or God's organization, which brings forth this Nation; and referring to the occasion when Zion gives birth to her offspring the inspired Word declares:

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. 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. 66:7,8.

We must make a distinction between the government and those individual members who go to make up the government or nation. The year 1914 (A.D.) is definitely fixed by the Scriptures as the time for the birth of The Nation. In that year the nations forming the Devil's empire became angry and engaged in a world war. The last book of the Bible, The Revelation, fixes that date as the time when God Almighty, through his beloved Son, would take his power and reign, or, otherwise stated, the time for the birth of The Nation or government.—Rev. 11:17,18.

A symbolic description of the birth of The Nation is given in Revelation, twelfth chapter. The woman there mentioned clearly is Zion, the same woman mentioned in Isaiah's prophecy (66:7,8) quoted above. The first two verses of Revelation twelve read: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered." In this prophecy the sun and the

moon are symbols of the heavenly light or enlightenment which God gives. Thus around Zion, God's organization as symbolized by the woman, shines the light of the divine purpose and of the divine favor and approval; and thus she is enveloped with the sun. "The moon under her feet" symbolically represents that the course of action of the woman, Zion, is always in the light and in harmony with the divine will as represented by God's law. The twelve stars in the crown upon the woman's head symbolize the heavenly light of God that shines upon them that love and serve him, illuminating their mind, and that the "woman" is a heavenly queen, and her "husband" is the King of Eternity.—Isa. 54:5.

On the earth are some of the faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. These have had a mental vision of his kingdom; they were anticipating that it would be born in A.D. 1914 and were in great expectation and anxiety until the birth. Therefore they are represented by Zion as being in pain, desiring the delivery of the man child, which is the kingdom. The man child, to wit, the new government or Nation, was ordained by the Lord from the foundation of the world; but now it was about to begin to function, and those who were waiting and praying for its birth were in anxious expectancy for the birth. Thus the matter appeared to them.

Verse five of Revelation twelve says: "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." The man child here is the same man child mentioned by the prophet Isaiah; to wit, the Nation or government which is to rule all the nations of the earth. It is the same kingdom described by Daniel, in chapter two, verse forty-four, which reads: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." The man child or new government is symbolically represented as being caught up to God and to his throne, because it constitutes God's kingdom, now beginning to function by virtue of his will and authority.

Watching the preparation of the empire and observing that the day was approaching for the birth of The Nation, symbolically represented by the man child, Satan the enemy was on the alert, with the avowed purpose of destroying this new nation or government if possible. In the Revelation picture he appears under the name and title of Dragon. He is there represented as a "red dragon". The third and fourth verses of Revelation twelve read: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the

earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." The word "red" here used means fiery red, and particularly pictures Satan's devilish, wicked and gory organization, murderously bent upon the destruction of the new government. In this the Dragon was thwarted, because God prevented him.

The new government or nation there began to function; and the first work thereof necessarily was the expelling of Satan from heaven. Hence verses seven to nine go on to state: "And there was war in heaven: Michael [or Christ] and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

In this great fight Michael, who is Christ Jesus, together with his angels, fought against the Devil and his angels; and the result was that Satan the enemy was expelled from heaven and was cast down to the earth. This is in harmony with Peter's words: "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, . . . the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved." (2 Pet. 3:10, 12) The heavens here mentioned clearly mean the Devil and his angels, the invisible rulers.—Eph. 6:12.

Satan the Devil now finds himself, together with his wicked associates, expelled from heaven and cast out into the earth. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Rev. 12:12) The inhabitants here mentioned clearly are the ruling factors of the nations of the earth. They are in for much trouble. The sea represents all the people alienated from God, and they are in for much trouble. The Devil has great wrath against Zion and against her children, and will gather together the inhabitants and the masses of mankind in a great and final trouble.

Now the Devil and all his wicked assistants are concentrating their powers and forces in the earth, implanting in the minds of the rulers, as well as in the minds of the people, devilish, wicked thoughts. The profiteers selfishly reach out for themselves, against the common interests of mankind. The politicians selfishly seek their own purposes; the preachers look after their own selfish interests; and the people are oppressed on every side and afflicted. The cause of all this distress and suffering is that the Devil's empire has come to its end; he knows that his time is short, and he is therefore desperately seeking to rally his forces for a great and final conflict. The peoples of earth are in great fear and trepidation, groaning in pain and desiring to be delivered; they are waiting "for the manifestation of the sons of God", which

means that they are waiting for the manifestation in their behalf of the powers of the new government. They wait, they know not for what; but they all desire deliverance. Let the people now take courage and have hope, because the time of deliverance is at hand.

When Jesus was raised from the dead he declared that all power in heaven and earth was given unto him. (Matt. 28:18) That was nineteen hundred years ago. It was not the will of God that he should at that time begin to exercise his supreme power. Jehovah God then said to him, as stated in the one hundred and tenth Psalm: "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." (Heb. 1:13; Acts 2:34, 35; Matt. 22:44) After Jesus had appeared in heaven and there presented his sacrifice as a sin-offering, he remained inactive against the Devil's institution until God's due time. The apostle Paul says: "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting [waiting] till his enemies be made his footstool."—Heb. 10:12, 13.

The time must come when God would subdue the enemy, Satan the Devil, and his institution. We read in the one hundred and tenth Psalm further: "The LORD [Jehovah] shall send the rod [scepter of authority and power rightfully reposed in his beloved Son] of thy strength out of Zion [God's organization; saying]: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." This is the same time mentioned by the prophet, saying: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."—Pss. 110:2; 2:6.

The new government is now born. Jesus Christ, the King, now stands up and assumes his power and authority and begins his reign, even while the enemy still exercises power; but the enemy's lease to that power has expired, his world having ended. Necessarily this would mark the beginning of the battle in heaven; the King of glory and his angels on one side, and Satan, the old Dragon, the disloyal son of God, and his angels, on the other side.

It is really the fight of God Almighty against the Devil. The fight on God's side is led by his beloved Son, and in this fight he subdues the enemy. The psalmist thus describes the Lord Jesus Christ moving into action: "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things."—Ps. 45:3, 4.

This marks the time of the birth of The Nation or government. God's prophet thus puts it: "In the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning [morning of Zion]: thou hast the dew of thy youth." (Ps. 110:3) The new Nation, the government, pictured by the man child now born, is in the vigor of youth and strength and now goes forth to rule; it is the beginning of God's kingdom in action.



# LETTERS

## WONDERFUL THINGS JEHOVAH PROVIDES

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

'Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.' 'Beautiful . . . is Mount Zion, . . . the city of the GREAT KING.' 'He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.'

'The secret things belong unto Jehovah our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all his works.' How precious to "believe on him whom he hath sent"!

I know you were filled with praise and deep gratitude as the great Teacher Jehovah and the true witness Christ Jesus made known the real meaning of his names and covenants and had you to pen these *precious truths* that we all may drink the new wine and be strengthened for the great fight that must be near and that we want to see come off so that his great name will be vindicated.

I wish to express my grateful thanks for all the wonderful things our great God does provide for his own witnesses through his organization. Surely the thing we all most need and desire is the approval of Jehovah. Praise ye his great and vindicated name for ever and ever.

How thankful all his are for the wonderful study on his Memorial (Name) for the eight weeks!

Yours by his grace, trying and desiring to be faithful,

W. F. McLENDON, *Alabama.*

## FIGHT IS GOD'S; VICTORY IS SURE

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

'For Jehovah and for Gideon.' What a wonderful and strengthening text we have for this year, and onward till Armageddon is fought and Satan's organization licks the dust! May Jehovah's name be praised.

Have just finished reading Part 3 of the article in *The Watchtower* on "Jehovah's Battle", while behind the prison bars serving the second day of a three-day sentence for preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. How strengthening are these articles in *The Watchtower*! We are made to realize more each day that the fight is not ours, but God's, and victory is sure. Certainly no man of himself could bring us this zeal and assurance that Jehovah is with us, and at a time when we need it most.

Surely the Lord's angels are directing this work and it is being done according to His appointed way. Our continual prayer is that it will continue so and that we may have strength to push the battle to the gate. The more opposition and persecution from Satan's organization we endure, the nearer we know we are to his final destruction and to the vindication of Jehovah's name.

May Jehovah continue to bless, strengthen and use you, and the brethren associated with you, in sending these refreshing truths to us, that we in turn may carry them on to other truth-hungry souls.

Again we thank Jehovah for the wonderful provision of the phonograph. These four-and-one-half-minute lectures often open the people's eyes to the truth and open the way to place literature with honest people, whereas otherwise they would still be prejudiced and think we only represented another religion. The preachers have many people blinded, and they won't read the books; but very seldom does anyone refuse to hear a lecture. Even then there is usually someone in the crowd that would like to hear, and by running a lecture for the benefit of one they are all usually spellbound to stay and listen. We find that the people will come nearer reading the books they have after hearing your clear and logical explanation of such vital subjects. Almost invariably they say, "That's the best I ever heard," or, "That is surely the Bible truth." That gives a wonderful opening to introduce the literature: "Would you like to learn more and really be able to look all these things up in your own Bible?" and show the books.

May Jehovah continue to bless you and all his faithful witnesses in the earth, and every phase of his work.

Your brethren in the Kingdom service,

BROTHER AND SISTER MELVIN D. WINCHESTER, *Pioneers.*

## WONDERFUL REVELATION

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

I just received and read 'my' latest *Watchtower* on "The Crucible". My heart just bubbled over with joy, that I felt I must write you. I would be ungrateful indeed if I should fail to acknowledge such marvelous truths from your pen. No one but the Lord directed you.

As I say, it thrilled me to see the humble part that God has permitted me to have in fulfilling this wonderful revelation. What joy and privilege to the remnant of telling the people of God's marvelous protection and of inviting them to be reconciled to God.

I am grateful indeed as a lone pioneer to let my light shine out, overcoming the difficulty by the card, not speaking Spanish, at the present moment two miles from the world-famous Cape Horn and Argentina's prison colony, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego.

"The Sword of the Lord" knows no defeat. We pioneers have that Sword. Your example and loving devotion and unswerving fidelity to the King thrill our heart to greater zeal and service.

Waiting for more food from the Lord's banquet,

Your brother in the King's ranks,

H. HANNING, *Pioneer.*

## GREAT RESPONSIBILITY MADE CLEAR

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

Loving greetings in the name of our glorious King. Now that the opportunity has presented itself I wish to take occasion to express to you my deep appreciation for the new book *Jehovah*. While the subject matter has already appeared in *The Watchtower*, nevertheless it appears in this new setting with greater brilliance and power than ever before. May Jehovah be praised for this most precious gift, which I accept with gratitude to the great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

A careful study of this book reveals more clearly than ever the close relationship existing between the vindication of God's name and the three signs given to Moses as well as the ten plagues upon Egypt and the covenants of God. Thus the issue is magnified and our great responsibility is made clearly to appear.

For nearly four years now I have been actively engaged in the pioneer work. Many times during this period of blessedness in service to Jehovah the great enemy has tried to beat my courage down and drive me back to the beggarly elements of this world. But by Jehovah's grace I have 'stood by my guns' and continued to press the battle to the gate. Truly I can say that Jehovah is the Rock of my salvation and my high Tower. He has preserved me from the 'jaws of the lions'. When I think of the great sacrifices which many of the other pioneers are making to continue in the service I cannot help but feel that "truly the lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places". Words fail me to express the deep sense of satisfaction and real joy that I experience every day in talking to the people, and in hearing them say how much they enjoy hearing your fearless and enlightening talks over the radio. Not a day goes by now that I don't find one or more persons who say something like that. In spite, therefore, of all the opposition of wicked men and devils our King marches on to swift and certain victory.

About two years ago, if I remember correctly, I wrote you a letter in which I very unwisely attempted to 'interpret' some of the prophecies of God's Word. I now see that such an effort on my part was nothing but childish prattle. I hereby offer my apology and ask your forgiveness for such presumption on my part. Jehovah has placed you in his mighty organization as the visible commander of his forces yet in the flesh. As for me, I am delighted to remain just a buck private in the ranks, and by Jehovah's grace continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with my brethren in this the greatest battle of the ages.

With this letter there goes my most fervent love. Daily as I think of you, dear Brother Rutherford, my heart is warmed and I am inspired by your truly noble example.

Joyfully yours in the service of our King,

W. B. FOWLER, *Pioneer.*

## REFRESHING WATERS OF TRUTH

MY DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD,

After the new book *Jehovah* came, with its gathered store of the truths the gracious God, the Most High, is now giving to his people through the pages of *The Watchtower*, and after the refreshing of its waters from the deep, sweet well of truth, I intended to write to you to tell you of the gratitude felt to Jehovah, and of the joy in the Lord I felt in his making you his servant to his people. But then the *Watchtower* articles on Gideon and Jehovah's battle began to come, and I got engrossed in them, for they were such as to cause wonder and astonishment in bringing so much confirmation and enlightenment, out from what, after all, may be considered an unexpected place. The history of the Lord's work during the past few years is now seen to be written large; and we are enabled to read it in its due time. The series has lasted longer than I, for one, expected; but surely it is true to say that no series of articles that have appeared in *The Watchtower* have had such a pull for the next issue as these have had. Now I have read the last, and have the feeling of being sorry there is no "to be continued". That is at present, for ere long, if it please our God, we shall know the details not yet fulfilled.

Probably it is true to say that no deeper, fuller truths of the word of God have been given to his people than are contained in *Jehovah*. It is not possible for us to compare the value of truths, but it may be legitimate to speak of the seasonableness of the truths as they are given, and then it may be said that this disclosure of the picture of Gideon and the faithful are as stirring as any we have had. It is evident the Lord is making his people to know that he is all they need or

can have, and that he will do his work by them but only as it is done as for him.

I pray that Jehovah will continue to bless you to the honor of his name, and to the help and encouragement and comfort of his people.

With much love, I am ever your servant in him,

J. HEMERY.

## COMFORT AND HELP TO SO MANY

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

I want to take a few minutes to express my love and appreciation for my *Year Book* and also my book on Jehovah. I thank you very much for these gifts.

The articles on Gideon are the most comforting and strengthening that I think we ever had; and as we see Satan and his agents coming at us from every side and trying every possible way to stop the message, the Lord gives us this food that is so convenient for us at this time. 'He instructs and teaches us in the way we should go.'

In witnessing in a large apartment building this winter a lady said that little did we know what a comfort and help this message was to so many people at this time, and that the talks you were giving over the radio were being their chief subject of conversation at their social affairs. This message is creeping into places we know little about, and the people are turning to Jehovah to learn the way to life. Soon his great and holy name will be vindicated.

May Jehovah's rich blessing be upon you in your labor of love for his name's sake.

IRENE TRUSCOTT, Michigan.

## SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

## T. E. BANKS

Austin, Tex. ....	June 20, 30	Oklahoma City, Okla. ....	July 17, 18
San Antonio, Tex. ....	July 2-4	Muskogee, Okla. ....	" 20, 21
El Paso, Tex. ....	" 6, 7	Tulsa, Okla. ....	" 23, 24
Cameron, Tex. ....	" 10, 11	Claremore, Okla. ....	" 25, 26
Mexia, Tex. ....	" 12, 13	Croweburg, Kans. ....	" 27, 28
Ardmore, Okla. ....	" 14, 15	Topeka, Kans. ....	" 30, 31

## G. H. DRAPER

Pueblo, Colo. ....	July 3, 4	Fort Morgan, Colo. ....	July 18
Canon City, Colo. ....	" 5	Iliff, Colo. ....	" 19
Salida, Colo. ....	" 6	Greeley, Colo. ....	" 20
Paonia, Colo. ....	" 7	Denver, Colo. ....	" 21-23
Grand Junction, Colo. ....	" 9	Loveland, Colo. ....	" 25
Cripple Creek, Colo. ....	" 11	Cheyenne, Wyo. ....	" 26, 27
Colorado Sp'gs, Colo. ....	" 12-14	Laramie, Wyo. ....	" 28, 29
Keysor, Colo. ....	" 16	Slater, Wyo. ....	" 31
River Bend, Colo. ....	" 17	Torrington, Wyo. ....	Aug. 1

## M. L. HERR

Milwaukee, Wis. ....	June 28-30	Loyal, Wis. ....	July 17
Brownsville, Wis. ....	July 2	Auburndale, Wis. ....	" 18
Markesan, Wis. ....	" 3	Stevens Point, Wis. ....	" 19
Oshkosh, Wis. ....	" 4, 5	Bevent, Wis. ....	" 20
Sheboygan, Wis. ....	" 6, 7	Wausau, Wis. ....	" 21, 22
Green Bay, Wis. ....	" 9	Pelican Lake, Wis. ....	" 24
Pulaski, Wis. ....	" 10	Abbotsford, Wis. ....	" 25
Black Creek, Wis. ....	" 11	Withee, Wis. ....	" 26
Lohrville, Wis. ....	" 12	Stanley, Wis. ....	" 27
Necedah, Wis. ....	" 13	Jump River, Wis. ....	" 28
Black River Falls, Wis. ....	" 14	Conrath, Wis. ....	" 30
Granton, Wis. ....	" 16	Chippewa Falls, Wis. ....	" 31

## E. D. ORRELL

Reno, Nev. ....	July 3	Turlock, Calif. ....	July 14
Carson City, Nev. ....	" 4	Atwater, Calif. ....	" 16
Loyalton, Calif. ....	" 5	Fresno, Calif. ....	" 17-19
Sacramento, Calif. ....	" 6, 7	Tulare, Calif. ....	" 20, 21
Stockton, Calif. ....	" 9, 10	Porterville, Calif. ....	" 23
Sonora, Calif. ....	" 11	Los Angeles, Calif. ....	" 25-28
Okdale, Calif. ....	" 12	Kingman, Ariz. ....	" 30
Ceres, Calif. ....	" 13	Ash Fork, Ariz. ....	" 31

## J. C. RAINBOW

Bagley, Minn. ....	July 3, 4	Duluth, Minn. ....	July 17, 18
Bemidji, Minn. ....	" 5	Grandview, Wis. ....	" 19
Red Lake, Minn. ....	" 6	Grantsburg, Wis. ....	" 20, 21
Northome, Minn. ....	" 7	Cloverton, Minn. ....	" 23
Blackduck, Minn. ....	" 9	Bruno, Minn. ....	" 24
Federal Dam, Minn. ....	" 10	Willow River, Minn. ....	" 25
Grand Rapids, Minn. ....	" 11	East Lake, Minn. ....	" 26
Hubbing, Minn. ....	" 12	Aitkin, Minn. ....	" 27
Kinney, Minn. ....	" 13	Deerwood, Minn. ....	" 28
Virginia, Minn. ....	" 14	Merrifield, Minn. ....	" 30
Two Harbors, Minn. ....	" 16	Glenwood, Minn. ....	" 31

## W. J. THORN

Centerville, N. Y. ....	June 30	Rochester, N. Y. ....	July 18, 19
Perry, N. Y. ....	July 2-4	Sodus, N. Y. ....	" 20
Batavia, N. Y. ....	" 5	Auburn, N. Y. ....	" 21, 22
Buffalo, N. Y. ....	" 6-9	Ludlowville, N. Y. ....	" 23
Dewey, N. Y. ....	" 10	Elmira, N. Y. ....	" 24, 25
N. Tonawanda, N. Y. ....	" 11, 12	Waverly, N. Y. ....	" 26
Niagara Falls, N. Y. ....	" 13, 14	Owego, N. Y. ....	" 27
Lockport, N. Y. ....	" 16	Binghamton, N. Y. ....	" 28, 29
Medina, N. Y. ....	" 17	Oneonta, N. Y. ....	" 31

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Hickory, N. C. ....	July 2	High Point, N. C. ....	July 19, 20
N. Wilkesboro, N. C. ....	" 3	Greensboro, N. C. ....	" 21, 22
Salisbury, N. C. ....	" 4-7	Burlington, N. C. ....	" 24
Statesville, N. C. ....	" 9	Chapel Hill, N. C. ....	" 25
Charlotte, N. C. ....	" 10, 11	Durham, N. C. ....	" 26
Kannapolis, N. C. ....	" 12, 13	Stem, N. C. ....	" 27
Winnston-Salem, N. C. ....	" 14, 15	Louisburg, N. C. ....	" 28
Mt. Airy, N. C. ....	" 17	Raleigh, N. C. ....	" 30
Rural Hall, N. C. ....	" 18	Garner, N. C. ....	" 31

## J. C. WATT

Cleveland, Ohio ....	July 2-7	Findlay, Ohio ....	July 20
Ashtabula, Ohio ....	" 8, 9	Port Wayne, Ind. ....	" 21, 22
Jefferson, Ohio ....	" 11	Auburn, Ind. ....	" 24, 25
Perry, Ohio ....	" 12	Kendallville, Ind. ....	" 26
Painesville, Ohio ....	" 13	Ligonier, Ind. ....	" 27
Lorain, Ohio ....	" 14-16	Elkhart, Ind. ....	" 28, 29
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Galatia, Ill. ....	July 9-11	Paducah, Ky. ....	July 23-25
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Mounds, Ill. ....	" 16-18	Owensboro, Ky. ....	July 30-Aug. 1
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