

**BEREAN QUESTIONS
ON SCRIPTURE STUDIES
SERIES IV**

STUDY I

**"THE DAY OF VENGEANCE"--PROPHETIC MENTION OF IT--THE TIME IS
AT HAND**

(1) What is the "Day of Vengeance" mentioned in prophecy? How is it variously referred to by the Prophets Daniel, Malachi, and Joel, respectively, by the Apostle James and by our Lord? Page 11, par. 1

(2) Is the Day of Vengeance a national or an individual Judgment? What is the distinction between these? Page 11, par. 2

(3) When, and under what conditions will the Judgment of the world as individuals take place? When is the Judgment of the nations due to begin, according to Scripture? Page 12, par. 1

(4) What is the Word of the Lord unto the nations assembled before Him for Judgment, as proclaimed by the Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Zephaniah? Page 12, par. 2

(5) What are the evidences that the Day of Vengeance is even now at the doors? Page 13, par. 1

(6) What is the purpose of this volume of the Scripture Studies in calling attention to this subject? And to what class are its declarations especially addressed? Page 13, par. 2; Page 14, par. 1

(7) How is the Day of Vengeance related to the benevolent object of its Divine permission? Page 14, par. 2

(8) How does the Prophet Isaiah refer to Christ's second advent? And to what class is the term Edom symbolically applied? Page 14, par. 3, 4

(9) What is the peculiar fitness of the symbolic name "Edom" in its application to Christendom? And how have the masses sold their birthright of special advantage? Page 15, par. 1; Page 16, par. 1

(10) Under what other name is this symbolic Edom referred to in Revelation, in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel? What does Bozrah, the capital city of Edom, represent? What is the meaning of the word Bozrah, and how is this symbolically applied? Page 17, par. 1

(11) What is the reply to the Prophet's inquiry, "Who is this that cometh from Edom," etc.? What further inquiry and reply is given in the context. and in Revelation? (Isa. 63:1, 2; Rev. 19:11-16) Page 17, par. 2; Page 18, par. 1

(12) How is this symbolic treading of the winepress related to the Harvest of the Gospel Age? And what significance in the fact that the "King of kings" is represented as treading the winepress "alone"? Page 18, par. 2, 3

(13) Why is the Day of Vengeance referred to as "the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion"? Page 19, par. 1

(14) In what language do the Prophets depict the Lord's "controversy with the nations," and what will be the ultimate result of the Day of Vengeance? Page 20, par. 1 to 3

STUDY II
"THE DOOM OF BABYLON"--"CHRISTENDOM"
"MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN"

- (1) In what language is the Doom of Babylon pronounced by the Lord through His Prophet Isaiah? (Isa. 13:1-13; 28: 17; compare Rev. 16:14 and Heb. 12:26-29) Page 21
- (2) What evidence is there that the various prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and the Revelator refer to a symbolic City rather than to literal Babylon? Page 22, par. 1
- (3) What is the antitype of ancient Babylon? And what is the meaning of the word? What other symbolic names are Scripturally applied to Christendom? Page 22, par. 2
- (4) How does the Revelator intimate that this mystical City would not be difficult to discover? Page 23, par. 1
- (5) What was the double application of the term "Babylon," as respects the literal city? Describe the manner in which the city was built and protected against invaders? Page 23, par. 2
- (6) To whom were the grandeur and military glory of Babylon chiefly due? For what characteristics was this city noted? Page 24, par. 1
- (7) What was the origin and significance of the name Babylon, and how was this changed by the native etymology? Page 24, par. 2, 3
- (8) During whose reign and under what circumstances was Babylon overthrown? Page 24, par. 4; Page 25, par. 1
- (9) In symbolic prophecy, what does a "city" signify? How is the Church also, and in the same connection, represented? Page 25, par. 2
- (10) How does this same method of interpretation apply to Mystic Babylon? What is the distinction between the terms "harlot" and "Babylon"? What is the more restricted sense in which the term Babylon is applied? Page 25, par. 3
- (11) Is the fact that Christendom does not accept the name, "Babylon," any proof that it is not applicable to her? Page 26, par. 1
- (12) What has been the general claim of Protestantism with respect to the name, "Babylon"? What change from this attitude has recently taken place? Why will neither Protestants nor Papists admit the foregoing, and what position is necessary for all who would get a true view of Babylon, as shown by the Revelator? Page 26, par. 2

(13) What has been the attitude of the Kingdoms of the civilized world toward the great ecclesiastical systems? How are they fulfilling the antitype of the literal Babylon, and what will the judgment of Mystic Babylon mean to the nations of Christendom? Page 27, par. 1, 2

(14) What will be the effect upon the nations outside Christendom? and for what reason? Page 27, par. 3

BABYLON-MOTHER AND DAUGHTERS

(15) What is the true position of Protestantism, as it exists today? In what manner do both Romanists and Protestants "glory in their shame"? Can the true Church of Christ be recognized anywhere as a company from which all the tares have been separated? Page 28, par. 1

(16) What is the significance of "harlotry," as symbolically used in Scripture? Since the "mother" is a religious system, rather than an individual, what should we expect to find in the illustration of the "daughters"? Page 29, par. 1, 2

(17) What circumstances gave birth to these daughter systems? At what time were these systems recognized as "virgins," and when did they become "harlots"? Page 29, par. 3

(18) While the various reform movements did valuable work in "cleansing the sanctuary," which class alone was recognized by the Lord as the true Church? What has been the experience of this "wheat" class, while associated with Babylon? Page 30, par. 1

(19) What is the present experience of these "mourners in Zion"? And what has been the history of the various reform movements instituted by this class in the past? Page 31, par. 1, 2

(20) What disposition in the early Church led to its falling away, and what are the conditions at the present time? What are the proofs that the sects are worthy Daughters of the Mother organization? Page 31, par. 3; Page 32, par. 1

(21) How do some members of Protestant sects boast of their relationship to Rome? Page 32, par. 2, to Page 33, par. 1

(22) What is the attitude of Protestants toward the doctrinal errors of Rome? Page 33, par. 2

(23) What views regarding Apostolic Succession, clerical authority and the right of individual judgment are held by Protestants? Page 33, par. 3; Page 34, par. 1

(24) What language was used by Pope Leo in his encyclical addressed to "The Princes and Peoples of the Earth," and to the Roman Church in America, and in his "Apostolic Letter to the English People"? Page 34, par. 2, to Page 35, par. 1

(25) Describe the Papal "Missions for Protestants," and how Protestantism is being ensnared by this craftiness. Page 35, par. 2, 3

(26) Does the fact that many devout and faithful souls have worshiped God within these systems prove that the name, "Babylon" is not properly applicable? Page 35, par. 4

(27) What is the general accepted application of the term "Christendom"? Page 36, par. 1

(28) Upon what doctrine is the present civil system founded? What similar doctrine has controlled in religious affairs? What has been the Lord's attitude toward both civil and religious systems? Page 36, par. 2

BABYLON'S DOOM

(29) In what language is the destruction of Babylon, Christendom, described by John the Revelator. and the Prophet Daniel? However, what must be her experience immediately preceding her violent overthrow? Page 37, par. 1

(30) What will be the greatness of Babylon's punishment? And who will share in her plagues? Page 37, par. 2

(31) What are Papacy's boastings and threats in regard to her regaining of temporal power? And how will this matter culminate in the great crisis? Page 38, par. 1 to 3

(32) Why will Babylon's plagues come "in one day" and what is the significance of this phrase? Page 39, par. 1

(33) Read and interpret Jer. 51:1-3, 24, 44, 58 and Rev. 19:1, 2. Page 39, par. 2, to Page 40, par. 1

(34) What is the Lord's command to His sanctified ones who recognize Babylon's true condition? Page 40, par. 2, to Page 41, par. 1

(35) With a few individual exceptions, what is the attitude of Christendom, as expressed in Rev. 3:14-22? Page 41, par. 2

(36) Why is the reformation of Christendom impossible, as prophetically stated in Isaiah 47? Page 42, par. 1 to 3

(37) In view of the foregoing, what should be the course of the Lord's people still within Babylon's borders? And what is their only place of refuge? Page 43, par. 1, 2

(38) What is the real significance of the command, "Come out of her, My people"? Page 44, par. 1, 2

(39) What should be our attitude toward the various social and financial bondages of Christendom? Page 44, par. 3; Page 45, par. 1

(40) What should be the general attitude of the Lord's people, as the Time of Trouble approaches? Page 45, par. 2

STUDY III

THE NECESSITY AND JUSTICE OF THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

- (1) What were Jesus' words respecting the special responsibility of the generation living in the end of the Jewish Age? Page 47, par. 1
- (2) At what time, and under what circumstances, was this terrible prophecy fulfilled? Page 47, par. 2; Page 48, par. 1
- (3) Of what greater calamity was this trouble upon fleshly Israel a foreshadowing? Page 48, par. 2; Page 49, par. 1

THE GREAT TRIBULATION A LEGITIMATE EFFECT FROM PRECEDING CAUSES

- (4) Explain how the Great Time of Trouble upon Christendom is a legitimate effect from preceding causes. Page 49, par. 2, to Page 50, par. 1
- (5) What is God's Law with respect to sowing and reaping, as applied to nations, as well as individuals? Page 51, par. 1

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHRISTENDOM AND HER ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM

- (6) What have been the opportunities and attitude of Babylon, as respects the principles of truth and righteousness? Page 51, par. 2
- (7) In what manner have the civil powers been warned? What is the last warning of God's inspired Prophet? Page 52, par. 1
- (8) How is the importance of the Lord's counsel being forced upon the attention of even men of the world? Page 53 to Page 54, par. 3
- (9) Notwithstanding these warnings, what is the attitude of those in authority, as illustrated by the utterances of the German Emperor and the Czar of Russia? Page 55, par. 1, to Page 58, par. 1
- (10) What prophetic statement was made by Abraham Lincoln? Page 58, par. 2, 3
- (11) What public utterances regarding financial and social matters have been made by statesmen and political leaders of these United States? Page 58, par. 4, to Page 60, par. 1
- (12) What warnings have the ecclesiastical powers received? And with what results? Page 60, par. 2 to 5

(13) Are the "tares" in the Church confined to the pews? How does the Christian ministry differ from other professions? Page 61 to Page 62, par. 1

(14) What are the responsibilities and temptations of those who have undertaken the ministry of the Gospel? What course has been followed by the majority of the clergy, especially in the Church of Rome? Page 62, par. 2; Page 63, par. 1

(15) What course was subsequently followed by the Protestant clergy? What has been their attitude toward earnest students of Truth and what is comprehended in the term, "Systematic Theology"? Page 63, par. 2, to Page 64, par. 2

(16) Why need the common people, or laity, not be surprised that the clergy, as a class, are blind to the Harvest Truth now due? Page 65, par. 1

(17) Is it possible for individuals to shirk their personal responsibility in the matter of proving truth? Page 66, par. 1

(18) What course does wisdom, to say nothing of principle, dictate with respect to purely temporal affairs? Page 67, par. 1, 2

THE RELATION OF HEATHEN NATIONS TO CHRISTENDOM AND TO THE GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE

(19) What has been the responsibility of the heathen nations, as expressed in Romans 1:18-32? Page 68, par. 1, to Page 70, par. 2

(20) What, therefore, is the position of the whole world before the Great Judge? Page 70, par. 3

(21) Explain how the responsibility for the present condition of the heathen in large measure rests upon Christendom. Page 71, par. 1 to 3

(22) What criticism of Christianity, so-called, has been made by leading heathen representatives? Page 72, par. 1, 2

(23) Aside from the moral aspect of the question, why must heathen nations necessarily suffer in the fall of "Babylon"? Page 72, par. 3; Page 73

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- (1) In what manner are "the powers that be" now being tried in open court? Page 75
- (2) What is the object of this trial? Is it to convince the Great Judge of the actual standing of Christendom? Page 76, par. 1
- (3) How do the civil and ecclesiastical powers stand their trial? Page 76, par. 2

BABYLON WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES

- (4) While the masses are challenging both the civil and ecclesiastical powers to prove their claims to rule by Divine authority, to what fact are both rulers and ruled blinded? Page 77, par. 1
- (5) Why have ignorance and superstition been fostered and encouraged among the masses by the ruling classes? What change in these matters has recently come about, and through what agencies? Page 77, par. 2, 3
- (6) What has been the result of this increase of knowledge? And what steps have been taken in some countries toward putting an end to the education of the masses? Page 78, par. 1, 2
- (7) Why will such repressive policies on the part of governments fail of success? Page 79, par. 1, 2
- (8) While Babylon is being weighed in the balances, what are the respective attitudes of the masses and the civil and ecclesiastical powers? Page 79, par. 3, to Page 80, par. 2
- (9) What are some of the fearless criticisms of Babylon on the part of the public press? Page 81, par. 1, to Page 86, par. 1
- (10) What was the cost and evident object of the marvelous display of extravagance at the coronation of the Czar of Russia? Page 86, par. 2, to Page 88, par. 1
- (11) What contrasting facts manifest the lack of true Christian sentiments on the part of the rulers of so-called Christian nations? Page 89, par. 1
- (12) What are some facts relative to the enormous indebtedness of European countries? Page 89, par. 2, to Page 93, par. 2

(13) What is the estimated cost of maintaining the standing armies of Europe? What has been the estimated loss of life during 25 years of nineteenth century wars? Page 93, par. 3, to Page 94, par. 2

(14) What did it cost during three years to keep peace among the "Christian" nations of Europe? Page 95, par. 1

(15) How much have the principal wars of recent times cost? And what has been the estimated loss of life? Page 95, par. 2, 3

(16) What comment upon the military system of modern governments has been made by the late Hon. John Bright, M. P? Page 96, par. 1, 2

(17) How is the judgment of the civil powers progressing? Page 96, par. 3

THE WORLD'S ARRAIGNMENT OF THE PRESENT SOCIAL SYSTEM

(18) Is Christendom's social system likewise under inspection? What is the notable criterion by which both the heathen and the masses of Christendom are judging the present social system? Page 96, par. 4, to Page 97, par. 1

(19) What is the general consensus of opinion regarding the present social and industrial systems of Christendom? Page 97, par. 2, to Page 99, par. 3

(20) What two great extremes of the social system are being brought more and more to the attention of the whole world? Page 100 to Page 102

THE WORLD'S JUDGMENT OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL POWERS

(21) Mention the most prominent points of criticism in John Edgerton Raymond's article on the "Decline of Ecclesiasticism," published in the North American Review. Page 102 to Page 104, par. 2

(22) What notable fact was commented upon by Bishop Huntingdon in his article on "Social Problems and the Church"? Page 104, par. 3, 4

(23) What other significant expressions of popular judgment of Christendom have been given utterance through the press? Page 105, par. 1, to Page 106, par. 2

(24) While the conduct of Babylon's leaders and their followers has been severely criticized, what is the attitude of the world toward her doctrines? And how are Babylon's leaders making answer to the charges against them? Page 106, par. 3, to Page 110, par. 2

(25) What part is the Great Judge taking in this day when the world is applying the test to Babylon's claims? Page 110, par. 3

(26) When will Babylon's complete destruction be accomplished? And how do many already behold and read the handwriting of her doom? Page 111, par. 1

(27) What is the attitude of Babylon's adherents at present? What is the Word of the Lord pronounced against Babylon through the Psalmist? (See Psa. 50:1, 4, 7, 16-22) Page 111, par. 2; Page 112, par. 1

STUDY V

BABYLON BEFORE THE GREAT COURT HER CONFUSION-NATIONAL

- (1) What statements made by Disraeli, when Prime Minister of England, indicate that the civil powers realize that the present judgment is going against them? Page 113
- (2) How are these matters viewed by the public press, as illustrated in the London Spectator? Page 114, par. 1, to Page 118
- (3) Read extracts from an address given by James Beck, Esq., a prominent legal light of the Philadelphia Bar. Page 118, par. 1, to Page 123, par. 1
- (4) How do some of the reigning sovereigns of Europe regard the present situation? Page 123, par. 2, to Page 126, par. 3
- (5) What have been the relations between Socialism and the governments during recent years? Page 127, par. 1, to Page 129, par. 3
- (6) In view of the foregoing facts and tendencies, what protective measures are being taken by kings and rulers? Page 129, par. 4

ECCLESIASTICISM NO LONGER A BULWARK

- (7) What appeals have been and are being made to the Nominal Church by the political rulers? And with what results? Page 130 to Page 133

EXTRAVAGANT PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

- (8) How has the fear of impending Revolution affected the nations of "Christendom"? Page 133 to Page 134, par. 4

MODERN IMPLEMENTS OF WAR

- (9) Describe some of the most up-to-date implements of war. Page 134, par. 5, to Page 141, par. 1
- (10) Read a description of modern warfare, as related by a naval captain engaged in the late Chinese War. Page 141, par. 2, to Page 142, par. 1
- (11) Of what prophecy are the foregoing facts a marvelous fulfilment? Page 142, par. 2

THE UNITED STATES UNIQUE IN HER POSITION, YET THREATENED WITH EVEN GREATER EVILS THAN THE OLD WORLD

- (12) In what respect has the position of the United States of America been unique among the nations of the earth? Page 143, par. 1, 2

(13) Why has the "Harvest Message" especially prospered in this country? And what does this fact indicate? Page 144, par. 1

(14) Can it be said that the United States, as a nation, had any special claims upon Divine providence, or why have we been so favored? Page 145, par. 1

(15) What have been the prevailing conditions and spirit of the people of this country in the past? And by what three elements is their destruction being threatened? Page 145, par. 2, to Page 147, par. 1

(16) What remedy will be attempted by the masses, and with what results? Page 147, par. 2, to Page 148, par. 2

(17) Why will protection and security under any of the kingdoms of this world be sought in vain? Cite the Scriptures bearing upon this point. Page 148, par. 3, to Page 149, par. 3

(18) How are present conditions viewed by thinking men of the world, in fulfilment of prophecy? Page 149, par. 4, to Page 150, par. 1

(19) Amid all this confusion, what is the faith and assurance of God's people? Page 150, par. 2

THE CRY OF "PEACE! PEACE! WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE"

(20) With what watchword are the nations of the earth vainly attempting to encourage each other and conceal their fears? As an illustration of this, describe the great Naval Parade through the Baltic Canal on June 20, 1905. Page 150, par. 3, to Page 152, par. 1

(21) How was this display regarded by the people and commented upon by the public press? Page 152, par. 2, to Page 155, par. 5

(22) How does this united cry of "Peace! Peace!" correspond with the words of the Prophet Jeremiah and the poet Whittier? Page 156

STUDY VI

BABYLON BEFORE THE GREAT COURT HER CONFUSION-ECCLESIASTICAL

- (1) What is the true Church of Christ, and what position does she occupy with respect to the judgments of Babylon? Page 157
- (2) How does the position of Babylon's ecclesiastical systems compare with that of her civil powers, during this Day of Judgment? Page 158, par. 1
- (3) What is the true state of affairs in the Nominal Church, and what has caused these conditions? Page 159, par. 1,2
- (4) What claims are made by the Church of Rome, and what is her position before God? Page 159, par. 3
- (5) How did the Reformation movement alter conditions, and by what influence was the good work overcome? Page 160, par. 1
- (6) What is "Systematic Theology," and what is its object? Page 161, par. 1
- (7) In their confusion and perplexity, to what straits are the forced defenders of ecclesiasticism driven by the accusations of this Day of Judgment? Page 161, par, 2
- (8) What grave charges are being made against Protestantism? How is it imitating and affiliating with the Church of Rome? Page 161, par. 3, to Page 163, par. 1
- (9) How are the people equally at fault with the clergy? And why do the latter foster the worldly spirit among church members? Page 163, par. 2

THE CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST ECCLESIASTICISM

- (10) What classes are preferring the charges against Babylon? Page 164, par. 1
- (11) What is the first charge preferred against the nominal church? And how is it being met by the clergy? Page 164, par. 2, to Page 166, par. 3
- (12) What is the second grave charge against the nominal church? Page 166, par. 4
- (13) What third charge is preferred against Babylon's system? Page 167, par. 1, to Page 168, par. 2

ECCLESIASTICISM TAKES THE STAND AND INDIRECTLY RENDERS UP HER ACCOUNT

(14) What has the nominal church assumed to have been her mission during the Gospel Age? And how do both the world and the church regard the results of her efforts? Page 168, par. 3; Page 169, par. 1

(15) How is the nominal church attempting to meet the charge of inconsistency of doctrine with her avowed standard, the Bible? Page 169, par. 2, 3

(16) How is the charge of lack of piety and godliness being met? Page 170, par. 1

(17) While the religious leaders of Christendom are boasting of their "many wonderful works," what is their realization of the true situation, and by what method are they attempting to preserve their threatened system? What is the motive power behind this movement, and what is their perplexing problem at present? Page 170, par. 2; Page 171, par. 1

(18) What state of affairs in the past has prepared the young people of the Church to favor the greatly desired "Union"? Page 171, par. 2

(19) What are the plans of the various Young Peoples' Societies in the churches, and why are their views and aims erroneous and unscriptural? Page 172, par. 1

(20) Is the desire for Church Union a strictly modern idea? Why have Christians been unable to unite in the past? Page 172, par. 2

(21) What is the nature of the Confederacy proposed, and why is it most dangerous? Page 173, par. 1

(22) What erroneous position regarding what should be its character and mission has been taken by the present-day church? Page 173, par. 2

(23) What declarations and admissions with respect to the decline of real godliness in the church have been made by leading clergymen of the day? Page 174, par. 1, to Page 180, par. 3

(24) What principle characterized the great Parliament of Religions held at Chicago in 1893? And how is Dr. Barrows reported to have expressed himself as to the two possible methods by which Church Union would be accomplished? Page 180, par. 4, to Page 182

THE GREAT PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS

(25) What was the key-note of the great Parliament of Religions, struck by the public press comments, as well as by the various religious leaders? Pages 182, 183

- (26) What was one of the stated objects of the Parliament, as expressed by Mr. Bonney, its President? On the other hand, what was the real and only object of this review of religions? What were the most prominent features of the Great Parliament? Page 184, par. 1, 2
- (27) From what representative denomination issued forth this cry around the world to the heathen priests and apostles, and what did it signify? Page 185, par. 1
- (28) How long was the Parliament in session? What theme was announced for the last day of the Parliament? And what discreditable admission was implied in the discussion of such a topic? Page 185, par. 2, 3
- (29) To what five remarkable facts should such a scheme have opened the eyes of every true child of God? Page 186, par. 1
- (30) What temporary aid may be expected to come to Babylon from the source from which it was so enthusiastically sought, but with what final results? Page 186, par. 2
- (31) To what seven most remarkable features of this Great Parliament is our attention directed? Page 187, par. 1
- (32) Under what conditions was this Parliament of Religions called together, and who may be considered responsible for all its proceedings? What was the marked contrast between the manner in which the religions of the various heathen nations and that of the so-called Christian nations was set forth? Page 187, par. 2
- (33) Moreover, what strenuous efforts toward compromising and tearing down the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion were made by many who professed to be Orthodox Christians? Page 188, par. 1, to Page 193, par. 3
- (34) Were there no defenders of the faith in the midst of this compromising spirit? Page 194 to Page 204, par. 2
- (35) What were the contrasted attitudes of Catholicism, Heathenism, and Protestant Christianity, respectively? Page 204, par. 3
- (36) How were the heathen representatives in the Parliament affected by the foregoing conditions? Page 205, par. 1 to 4
- (37) What terrible picture of the gross darkness of heathendom was given by Dr. Pentecost in reply to the foreigners' criticisms of Christianity? Page 206, to Page 210, par. 1

(38) What remarkable desire was manifested by the statements of some of the heathen representatives? Page 210, par. 2, to Page 216, of par. 3

(39) What were the expressed hopes and object of these visiting philosophers? And how were they realized? Page 216, par. 4

(40) What is the "Real Position of Japan toward Christianity," as expressed by a learned Japanese Buddhist? Page 217, to Page 223, par. 2

(41) What phase of Oriental Christianity was presented by a representative of the young men of the Orient? Page 223, par. 3, to Page 231, par. 3

(42) What was the marked contrast between the sentiments of some of these heathen philosophers and the representatives of Christianity? Page 232, par. 1

(43) On the other hand, what was the attitude of the great majority of these foreign representatives? Page 232, par. 2

(44) In what manner did the closing sentiments of this Great Parliament show how determined is the spirit of compromise and the desire for union on the part of Protestant Christianity? Page 233, par. 1, to Page 237, par. 4

THE OUTLOOK

(45) In what respect did this great ecclesiastical demonstration correspond with the national display at the Kiel celebration? Page 237, par. 5

(46) Viewed from its own standpoint, what was the character of the Parliament? But, rightly viewed, of what was it a clear manifestation? Page 238, par. 1, to Page 239, par. 3

(47) Describe several of the very unfavorable results of the Parliament. Page 239, par. 4, to Page 241, par. 5

(48) What should be the attitude of all true Christians toward the theory of the Universal Brotherhood of man? Page 242, par. 1

(49) What acknowledgments of the Church's failure have been made by others, who are not so infatuated with the idea of religious unity? Page 242, par. 2, to Page 246, par. 3

(50) In contradiction of the idea that the heathen religions are "good enough," what opinion has been expressed by Bishop Foster of the Methodist Church? Page 246, par. 4, to Page 250, par. 1

- (51) What is the cause of the Church's failure among the Maoris, as an illustration of its failure in general to enlighten the world? Page 250, par. 2, to Page 252, par. 3
- (52) What reasons are given in the North American Review by Wong Chin Foo, an educated Chinaman, for preferring the faith of his fathers to Christianity? Page 253, par. 1, to Page 255, par. 2
- (53) What reply was made by a famous Christian convert from India, Pundita Ramabai, when asked to what denomination she belonged? Page 256, par. 1, 2
- (54) Describe the experience of Japanese converts to Christianity in the middle of the last century. Page 256, par. 3, to Page 258, par. 1
- (55) What is the prospect of union between the heathen religions and Christianity? And how is Papacy taking advantage of Protestantism's confusion? What is the attitude of prominent Protestant clergymen toward Romanism? Page 258, par. 2, to Page 262, par. 4
- (56) Describe the experience of Rev. S. V. Karmarkar, a noted Hindu delegate to the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor at Montreal in 1893. Page 262, par. 5 to Page 264, par. 2
- (57) Cite several other instances of Protestant overtures to Roman Catholicism. Page 264, par. 3, to Page 266, par. 1, 2
- (58) While, in this country, the church is seeking the protection of the State, what is the condition of affairs in foreign countries? Page 266, par. 3
- (59) In view of the foregoing, how should we view the application of the name Christian to the kingdoms of this world? Page 266, par. 4
- (60) Give a brief resume of our study of Babylon's condition, both civil and ecclesiastical. Page 267, par. 1
- (61) Should the term "Babylonians" be understood to include all Christians? Describe the two classes in Babylon and the effect of the call, "Come out of her, My people," upon each class, respectively. Page 267, par. 2

STUDY VII
THE NATIONS ASSEMBLED AND THE PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS
FOR THE GREAT FIRE OF GOD'S INDIGNATION

(1) What prophecy indicates how and why the Lord will gather the nations and assemble the kingdoms of this world? Page 269

(2) Do we see at the present time any fulfilment of this prophecy? Page 270, par. 1 to 3

(3) In just what manner are the nations "assembled"? And what is the real motive in men which has brought about these conditions? Page 271

(4) What does the Prophet declare respecting God's purpose in thus assembling the nations? What is signified by the expression, "Then will I turn unto the people a pure language"? Page 272, par. 1

(5) What three-fold result will be brought about by this "gathering of the nations"? Page 272, par. 2

THE SOCIAL ELEMENTS PREPARING FOR THE FIRE

(6) What are the ingredients whose friction will shortly set on fire the angry passions of the world, and cause the various "elements" to "melt with fervent heat"? What is the prevailing sentiment of all classes at the present time, compared with the conditions of the past century? Who will suffer most in the Time of Trouble? Page 272, par. 3, to Page 273, par. 2

THE HEAPING OF TREASURES

(7) If we can show that we are living in a day preeminent above all others for the extraordinary accumulation of wealth, what will it prove? Page 274, par. 1

(8) What amazing statement regarding the present as a "wealth producing Age" has been made by Hon. W. E. Gladstone? Page 274, par. 2 to 4

(9) Briefly give an account of some of the richest men of the United States, with an approximate estimate of their fortunes and incomes, as presented in the Boston Globe of Dec. 23, 1890. Page 274, par. 5, to Page 275, par. 4

(10) Give a list of the nine greatest fortunes in the United States. Page 275, par. 6 to Page 276, par. 2

(11) What immense sums are possessed by the Vanderbilt family alone? Page 276, par. 3

- (12) What private fortunes were accumulated from the Standard Oil Co? Page 277, par. 1
- (13) How many years were required to build up these fortunes, and wherein lies the danger to the country? Page 277, par. 2
- (14) Name other great fortunes in existence and daily increasing. Page 278, par. 1, 2

SOME AMERICAN MILLIONAIRES AND HOW THEY GOT THEIR MILLIONS

- (15) Give a few excerpts from the "Review of Reviews" and the "Forum," re the history of some American millionaires. Page 278, par. 3, to Page 281, par. 2
- (16) Show how riches have been "heaped together" nationally, in these last days, comparing the four richest nations of the world. How are such estimates reached? Page 281, par. 3, to Page 282, par. 3
- (17) What is the experience of the majority of fortune hunters, and what will be the natural result in the near future? Page 283, par. 1

THE INCREASE IN POVERTY

- (18) In this land of plenty, is it not their own fault if healthy men and women cannot get along comfortably? If not, why not? Page 283, par. 2, to Page 284, par. 2
- (19) Give extracts from the daily press showing the conditions which obtained in 1893. Page 284, par. 3, to Page 287, par. 3
- (20) Quote magazine articles which show the awful depths of poverty and despair into which the masses of the unemployed are being plunged. Page 288, par. 1, to Page 291, par. 2

DISCONTENT, HATRED, FRICTION, PREPARING RAPIDLY FOR SOCIAL COMBUSTION

- (21) What is the attitude of the honest, self-respecting workingman, and how are existing conditions, especially the extravagance of the wealthier classes, rapidly preparing for social combustion? Page 292, par. 1, to Page 296, par. 2

ARE THE RICH TOO SEVERELY CONDEMNED?

- (22) How are the rich popularly condemned? And what should be the attitude of the Lord's people with respect to these matters? Page 296, par. 3, to Page 300, par. 1
- (23) Why is it really extremely fortunate for the poorer classes that the rich are "foolishly extravagant"? Page 300, par. 2, to Page 301, par. 2

(24) While seeking excuses for the rich, nevertheless, what is the declaration of the Lord regarding their responsibility for present conditions? And what is the view of an increasingly large number of persons with reference to the duty of society toward existing conditions? Page 302, par. 1, to Page 303, first half

(25) Why cannot we expect the worldly rich, even those who profess to be Christians, to pursue the ideal course with respect to present difficulties? And what is the Scriptural prediction concerning their terrible experiences soon to come upon them? Page 303, last par., to Page 305, par. 1

SELFISHNESS IN COMBINATION WITH LIBERTY

(26) What is the effect of Christian doctrines with respect to liberty, and to what does liberty lead? Under what conditions are liberty and knowledge dangerous to human welfare? How has this principle been illustrated in Christendom? What was evidently the source of Jewish love of liberty? To what fact are thinking people just awakening with respect to knowledge and liberty? Page 305, par. 2, to Page 307, par. 1

(27) What facts in chemistry fitly illustrate the relation between knowledge and liberty, and how does the illustration apply to present social conditions? Page 307, par. 2; Page 308, par. 1

INDEPENDENCE AS VIEWED BY THE RICH AND BY THE POOR

(28) What has but recently been the experience of the masses with respect to liberty and independence? How is this change of position viewed by the rich and the poor, respectively? Page 308, par. 2, to Page 309, par. 1

(29) If the premise that "all men are independent of each other" be accepted, what would be the reasonable conclusions? But what are the real facts in the case? Page 309, par. 2, to Page 310, par. 2

(30) If love were the controlling motive in the hearts of all men, what would be the conditions in the world? Since selfishness is the motive power, what two alternatives alone could change their course from selfishness to love? Page 311, par. 1, 2

WHY RECENT FAVORABLE CONDITIONS CANNOT CONTINUE

(31) Inasmuch as the rich and poor have lived together for six thousand years, why is there more danger of calamity now than in the past? Page 312, par. 1, to Page 317, par. 1

MACHINERY AS A FACTOR IN PREPARING FOR THE FIRE

(32) What has been the effect of machinery upon the preparation of "the elements," which shall "melt with fervent heat"? Page 317, par. 2, to Page 323, par. 1

FEMALE COMPETITION A FACTOR

(33) How has female labor become a factor in the competition for employment? Page 323, par. 2, to Page 324, par. 1

LABOR'S VIEWS AND METHODS, REASONABLE AND UNREASONABLE

(34) What do present conditions indicate with respect to the relation between employees and wages? and what has led to the formation of Labor Unions? What injurious effects have resulted from Labor Unions? Page 324, par. 2

(35) What is the theory of labor, and wherein is it correct, yet unreasonable in its demands? Page 325, par. 1, 2

(36) What is the general character of the leaders in the business world and that of the Labor Union leaders, respectively? Page 325, par. 3, to Page 326, par. 2

(37) So long as conditions were favorable, what good did Labor Unions accomplish? Page 326, par. 3

THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND INEXORABLE UPON ALL

(38) What is meant by the "Law of Supply and Demand," and how does it operate? Page 327, par. 1, to Page 328, par. 2

(39) What has been the relation of a protective tariff in the United States to the law of supply and demand? Now that prosperity is on the downward slope, what circumstances alone could hinder this tendency? Page 328, par. 3

(40) Wherein lies the danger of competition, and how has this been met by the laws of this country? Page 329, par. 1; Page 330, par. 1

(41) How does the Law of Supply and Demand govern capital as well as labor? Page 330, par. 2, 3

OUTLOOK FOR FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION APPALLING

(42) What new field for enterprise and capital is rapidly opening up? And what will be its ultimate effect upon the wages of laboring men throughout the world? Page 330, par. 4, to Page 332, par. 1

(43) What opinions have been expressed by prominent writers upon the competition of Oriental countries with their silver standard, and the inevitable result? Page 332, par. 2, to Page 337, par. 4

(44) Explain how it is possible for Japanese laborers to work for, and be contented with, such incredibly low wages. Page 338, par. 1, to Page 339, par. 3

(45) What is the present status of labor conditions in Japan? Page 340, par. 1, to Page 343, par. 2

(46) How is the foregoing corroborated by Report of the United States Congressional Committee in 1896, by magazine and newspaper articles? Page 343, par. 3, to Page 348, par. 1

(47) Next to Japan, which two other countries are developing competition in the field of labor? Page 348, par. 2 to Page 349, par. 2

LABOR OUTLOOK IN ENGLAND

(48) What is the labor outlook in England? Page 349, par. 3, to Page 351, par. 2

(49) To what end is the Lord permitting these conditions to exist? Page 352, par. 1, 2

HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLIN'S PROPHETIC WORDS TO BRITISH WORKMEN

(50) What views have been expressed by one of the shrewdest of statesmen, Hon. Joseph Chamberlin? Page 352, par. 3; Page 353, par. 1

NATIONAL AGGRESSION AS RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS

(51) What is the relation of National aggression to Industrial interests? Pages 354 and 355

THE SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WAR IN GERMANY

(52) What opinion has been expressed by the leader of the Social Democratic party with respect to the industrial conditions in Germany? Page 356, par. 1, to Page 358, par. 2

(53) What three questions were recognized by this able man as those which are causing distress among all nations and dividing the people into two classes? Page 358, par. 2

(54) What remarkable resolution was passed at the Trades Union Congress in London, July 1896? Page 358, par. 3

HUMANITY ATTACKED FROM STILL ANOTHER QUARTER GIANTS IN THESE DAYS

(55) Describe another result of competition, known as "Trusts." Note the "List of 139 Combinations to Regulate Production, Fix Prices, Monopolize Trade and Rob the People

in Defiance of Law," published in the New York World, Sept. 2, 1896. What is the total amount of capital represented in these Trusts? Page 359 to 363

(56) Explain the operation of advanced prices in coal, with results to rich and poor, respectively. Page 363, par. 1, to Page 364, par. 2

(57) What was the "Cotton Tie Trust," formed in 1895, and how was it operated? Page 364, par. 3

(58) What popular proverb well fits the case of the Trusts and their dangerous attitude toward the masses? Page 364, par. 4

(59) Briefly note some of the operations and profits of the Trusts as published by the Pittsburgh Post and other newspapers in 1896. Page 364, par. 5, to Page 368, top

TRUSTS IN ENGLAND

(60) Have the Trusts confined themselves to America? Page 368, par. 1, 2

(61) What is the outlook for the immediate future with respect to the Trusts, and why are they likened to the Antediluvian "giants"? Page 368, par. 3, to Page 370, par. 1

BARBARIC SLAVERY VERSUS CIVILIZED BONDAGE

(62) What is the history of the abolition of slavery in Great Britain, France, and the United States? Why would slavery have died a natural death under the modern competitive system, backed by mechanical inventions and the growth of population? Page 370, par. 2, to Page 371, par. 1

(63) Since the present social system is based upon the principle of supply and demand, what is the inevitable outcome? Page 371, par. 2, to 372, par. 1

HUMANITY BETWEEN THE UPPER AND NETHER MILLSTONES

(64) What fact is becoming more and more manifest to the masses of the people? What are the nether and upper millstones, and what is the driving power? And what are some of the results of this grinding process? Page 372, par. 2, to Page 374, par. 1

(65) What is the "sweater" system of labor, and how does it operate? Page 374, par. 2, to Page 376, par. 2

(66) What are the relative conditions of rich and poor at present, and is it reasonable to expect that this situation would continue indefinitely? Page 376, par. 3, 4

(67) What is the proportion of unemployed in the large cities of this country, and what are some of the strange inconsistencies of the present labor situation? Page 377, par. 1, to Page 378, par. 3

(68) What warnings have been given the world through some of the thinking men of this country? Page 378, par. 4, to Page 380, par. 3

**THE CONDITIONS UNIVERSAL AND BEYOND HUMAN POWER TO
REGULATE**

(69) Are these terrible conditions among the poor confined to Europe and America? Page 381, par. 1, to Page 382, par. 3

(70) Why will not the more intelligent and highly favored of mankind take some steps to relieve the distress of their fellow men? And what is the only hope? Page 383, to Page 384

STUDY VIII

THE CRIES OF THE REAPERS

(1) In our study of the labor situation, have we not overlooked a large conservative element in society, namely, the farmers? Give four reasons why the farmer class has been called "the back-bone" of society. Page 385

(2) What remarkable changes in farm conditions have been witnessed during recent years, both in this country and in Europe? Page 386, par. 1 to Page 387, par. 1

(3) How have the changes along religious lines affected the farmers? Page 388, par. 1

(4) What mighty influence has been steadily undermining the prosperity of this conservative class in America and Europe? And how has it been accounted for by statesmen, philosophers and scientists? Page 388, par. 2, to Page 391, par. 1

(5) As a result of depression in prices of farm products, what is the condition of the farmers, both in Europe and in America? Page 391, par. 2

(6) Is there any Scriptural explanation for this situation? Page 392, par. 1 to 3

(7) Does this prophecy apply to farm laborers, or to farmers in general, the world's "reapers"? What world-wide legislation has affected farmers everywhere? Page 392, par. 4

(8) If silver were restored to its former monetary power, would it be a panacea for all present troubles? Page 393, par. 1

(9) Explain how the demonetization of silver has disadvantaged the farmer. Page 393, par. 2, to Page 394, last par.

(10) What classes have been greatly advantaged by the demonetization of silver? Page 395, par. 1

(11) When the farmers had discovered the cause of their trouble, why did not the people of the United States restore silver to its former value as money? Page 395, par. 2, 3

(12) How did the demonetization of silver come about? When did Great Britain demonetize silver, and for what purpose? Why did she not fully succeed in attaining her objects? What was the premium of silver above gold in 1872? Page 396, par. 1, to Page 397, par. 1

(13) When British financiers realized that by themselves they could not control gold or manufactures, what was their next step, and with what objects in view? Page 398, par. 1, to Page 399, par. 1

(14) What is the relation between "supply and demand," so far as wheat is concerned? What are the facts with respect to the constantly decreasing price of wheat compared with other products, excepting cotton and silver? Page 399, par. 2, to Page 400, par. 1

(15) Is it not possible that the demonetization of silver may have been forced upon Christendom by the law of "supply and demand"? What is the estimated total amount of gold in the world, and how is this sum related to the world's business demands? Page 400, par. 2, 3

(16) Is it conceivable that the representatives of all the nations of Christendom deliberately entered into a conspiracy against the heathen nations and against their own farmers? What statements have been made by prominent statesmen as to the facts re the demonetization of silver? Page 401, par. 1, to Page 407, par. 3

(17) What evidence is there that the farmers' cry, that reward for toil is kept back by fraud, is general to all gold-standard countries? Page 408, par. 1, to Page 409, first half

(18) Give two reasons why the present extreme depression of silver and of all commodities sold on a silver basis came about very gradually. Page 409, last par.

(19) In resume, then, what are the indisputable facts with respect to the "reapers," and the social and financial outlook? Page 410

(20) Show the remarkable corroboration of the foregoing facts with the prophecy of James 5:1-9. Page 411

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THE CONFLICT IRREPRESSIBLE THE TESTIMONY OF THE WORLDLY WISE

(1) What is the consensus of opinion among the wise men of the world with respect to the great social crisis? What are some of their arguments regarding the cause and ultimate outcome of present critical conditions? Page 413

(2) But what new element in the conflict, never before encountered, have they failed to note? Page 414, par. 1

(3) What is Senator Ingalls' moderate statement of the case and its remedy? Page 414, par. 2, to Page 421

(4) What is Dr. Lyman Abbott's opinion regarding present conditions, from the standpoint of a political economist? Page 421, par. 1, to Page 422, par. 1

(5) What is the nature of the peculiar and ineffectual remedy hinted at by Dr. Abbott? What is the true situation regarding "labor as a commodity"? And what is the only form of government that will be able to remedy existing evils? Page 423, par. 1, to Page 424, par. 1

(6) What position is taken by Bishop Newman of the Methodist Episcopal Church regarding the relations between capital and labor? Page 425, par. 1, to Page 427, par. 1

(7) Why is his position untenable, and why is his suggested remedy impossible? Page 327, par. 2, to Page 428, par. 3

(8) What views have been expressed by a prominent jurist of the United States in an address to graduates of a law class in one of our foremost colleges? Page 429, par. 1, to Page 432, par. 1

(9) Why does this able jurist offer no remedy? What was the nature of his counsel, and why? Page 432, par. 2, 3

(10) How has Col. Ingersoll expressed himself respecting existing conditions? Page 433, par. 1, to Page 435, par. 2

(11) What is the nature of his argument, and what remedy does he suggest? Would his suggestion, if put into practice, bring the desired results? Page 436, par. 1, to Page 437, par. 1

(12) How does Hon. J. L. Thomas, U. S. Asst. Attorney General, refute the claim so frequently made, that labor has been discriminated against by litigation favoring the rich? And what is his conclusion with respect to the future? Page 437, par. 2, to Page 440, last par.

(13) By what expressions did Wendell Phillips manifest his inability to solve the problem? Page 441, par. 1 to 3

(14) What prediction was made by the great English historian Macaulay, with respect to the United States, and why would it now be applicable to all Christendom? Page 441, par. 4, to Page 442, par. 3

(15) What hopes have been expressed by Hon. Chauncey M. Depew? Page 443, par. 1, to Page 448, par. 2

(16) How is Mr. Depew's suggestion of education as a remedy contradicted by the list of millionaires who never received a college education? Page 448, par. 3, to Page 449, par. 2

(17) Why is education not the remedy for existing conditions? Page 449, last par.

(18) What is Bishop Worthington's view regarding the cause of the present social commotion? Page 450, par. 1, to Page 451, par. 2

(19) How has Hon. W. J. Bryan replied to the Bishop's suggestion? Page 451, par. 3, to Page 452, par. 3

(20) On what two points are the greatest thinkers agreed, as set forth in an English journal, "The Rock"? Page 452, par. 4, to Page 453, par. 1

(21) What is Edward Bellamy's statement of the situation? Page 453, par. 2, to Page 457, par. 1

(22) What is Dr. Edward McGlynn's view of Labor Reform and Single Tax theories? Page 457, par. 2, to Page 460, par. L

(23) Wherein lies the weakness of his argument? Page 460, par. 2

(24) Explain Prof. W. Graham's outlook, as expressed from the standpoint of "Collectivism." Page 461, par. 1, to Page 462, last par.

(25) What has already been accomplished by Collectivism throughout the civilized world? Page 463, par. 1, 2

(26) How is the situation viewed by Justice Henry B. Brown, and what, in his opinion, are the three most prominent perils which threaten the United States in the immediate future? Page 463, par. 3, to Page 466, par. 2

(27) What is the "chief problem of civilization," as set forth by M. Clemenceau in his book, "Le Melee Sociale"? Page 466, par. 3, to Page 468, last par.

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PROPOSED REMEDIES SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL

(1) What should be our attitude toward the various proposed remedies for the relief of the groaning creation, ineffectual though they be? Page 469

(2) Why are these two proposed remedies usually compounded? And why will they never become effective as "cure-alls"? Page 470, par. 1, to Page 471, par. 1

THE FREE SILVER AND PROTECTIVE TARIFF REMEDIES

(3) Wherein is it evident that Free Silver and Protective Tariff would simply put off the evil day a little longer, not prevent it? Page 471, par. 2, to Page 473, par. 2

COMMUNISM AS A REMEDY

(4) What does Communism propose? How has it been defined by Rev. Joseph Cook? Why is it thoroughly impracticable in the present condition of men's hearts? What reply should be made to those who claim that Communism is taught in the Bible? What has been the history of communistic colonies that have been established in various localities? Was Communism tried by the early Christian Church, and with what results? Why were the Apostle's teachings and our Lord's example and teachings plainly contrary to communistic practices? In brief, why is communism opposed to the purpose and methods of the Gospel Age? Page 473, par. 3, to Page 481, par. 1

ANARCHY AS A REMEDY

(5) What is Anarchy, and how is it the exact opposite of Communism? Why will it fail as a remedy? Page 481, par. 2, Page 482, par. 3

SOCIALISM OR COLLECTIVISM AS A REMEDY

(6) What is Socialism, and how does it differ from Nationalism and Communism, respectively? What are its good features? Nevertheless, why will it fail to bring peace and prosperity? Page 482, par. 4, to Page 487, par. 1

(7) What are Herbert Spencer's views regarding Socialism? Page 487, par. 2, 3

(8) Describe the experiences of two notable socialistic communities. Page 487, par. 4, to Page 489, par. 3

NATIONALISM AS A REMEDY

(9) To what other remedy is Nationalism closely related, and what are its claims? What has been the history of its theories put into practice? Page 490, par. 1, to Page 491, last par.

GENERAL EDUCATION OF MECHANICS A REMEDY

(10) Explain the proposition of the General Education of Mechanics, and its futility as a remedy. Page 492, par. 1, to Page 494, par. 1

THE SINGLE TAX REMEDY

(11) What remedy is suggested in Henry George's Single Tax Theory? Page 494, par. 2, to Page 512, par. 1

(12) What advantages has this theory of free land (except for taxes thereon), and what are its disadvantages? What country has proven the inability of this system to produce desired results? Page 512, par. 2, to Page 514, par. 3

OTHER HOPES AND FEARS

(13) What is a popular theory upon which the hope of Nominal Christianity is based? Why is this hope vain? What advantages has the Nominal Church possessed, and how has she used them? Page 515, par. 1, to Page 516, par. 2

THE ONLY HOPE--"THAT BLESSED HOPE"

(14) What is the true cause of all the trouble? If all the wealth of the world were distributed pro rata, what would be the condition in a few years? What is the only hope, the only remedy for the poor world? Page 517, par. 1, 2

(15) What will be the two-fold effect of the Great Time of Trouble? Page 518, par. 1

(16) How can the Kingdom of Heaven be established among men, when all other plans have failed? If its methods are explained in God's Word, why cannot they now be put into operation by mankind? Page 518, par. 2, to Page 519, par. 1

(17) In addition to the establishing and continuing of the Kingdom by force, what present influences will be restrained during the Millennial Age? Page 519, par. 2

(18) Will the reign of Christ be one of force alone? How will the judges of that day exercise judgment? What law and rule will be enforced during the Millennial reign of Christ? Page 519, par. 3, to Page 520, par. 3

THE PROPER ATTITUDE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(19) How must we, who see things in their true light, conduct ourselves under present conditions? Page 521, par. 1. to Page 525, par. 1

(20) Which of two alternatives is inevitable under the present social law, as shown in Scripture? What lesson will be taught both rich and poor in the great struggle with which this Age will end? Page 525, par. 2; Page 526

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THE BATTLE OF THE GREAT DAY

- (1) Why are so many symbols used in Scripture to describe the great conflict of the Day of Vengeance? Page 527
- (2) Where is it referred to as a Battle? Page 528, par. 1
- (3) Where is this great time of trouble likened to an earthquake? Page 528, par. 2
- (4) What is the significance of the symbol fire, in this connection, and where is it used in Scripture? Page 528, par. 3
- (5) Where is the time of trouble described as a "whirlwind," a "tempest of hail," and a "destroying storm"? Page 528, par. 4, 5
- (6) How do we know that these statements are not to be interpreted literally? Page 529, par. 1

TWO REMARKABLE TYPES OF THE IMPENDING CATASTROPHE

- (7) Though words of passion and fierce argument will be used as weapons in this great battle, do we understand that it will end with these? Describe the great catastrophe in the end of the Jewish Age, which typified the great Time of Trouble in the end of the Gospel Age. Page 529, par. 2, to Page 530, par. 1
- (8) Have times so changed as to make such atrocities an impossibility in our day? Page 530, par. 2, 3
- (9) What was the "great earthquake" referred to in Revelation, and what conditions led up to this terrible outburst of a nation's wrath? Page 531, par. 1, to Page 533, par. 3
- (10) Do we see any conditions in the world today similar to those which culminated in the French Revolution? Page 533, par. 4; Page 534, par. 1
- (11) What were the peculiar characteristics of the French Revolution, as respects knowledge and liberty? Page 534, par. 2, 3
- (12) While we see similar causes operating today, what must be our conviction as to the ultimate results predicted in prophecy? How trivial a circumstance is liable to set on fire the present social structure, as illustrated in the French Revolution? Page 534, par. 4, to Page 535, par. 1

(13) What was the attitude of the aristocracy at the time of the revolutionary outbreak? And are conditions similar today among the higher classes of society? Page 535, par. 2, to Page 536, par. 3

(14) What Divine Law was most marked in the great tribulation upon Israel and in the French Revolution, and will be more terribly manifested in the trouble coming upon Christendom? Page 536, par. 4, to Page 539, par. 3

(15) While there is no hope that this trouble can be averted, what directions are given in the Scriptures to such individuals as would hide from the coming storm? Page 540, par. 1 to 3

(16) Why will the Battle of the Great Day be the greatest Revolution the world has ever seen? Page 541, par. 1

(17) What are the different progressive stages of development in the Battle of the Great Day, and what is its general character? Page 541, par. 2

THE LORD'S GREAT ARMY

(18) Is it probable that the "Lord's Great Army" refers to the saints, the "soldiers of the cross"? Page 542, par. 1, to Page 543, par. 1

(19) Where is the prophetic description of this Great Army given in the Scriptures? Page 543, par. 2, 3

(20) Where can there be found such a mighty host, which will dare to set itself in battle array against the conservative forces of Christendom? Page 544, par. 1, to Page 546, par. 1

(21) What are the indications that soon the "voice" of command will be given to this Great Army? But what event must precede this great catastrophe? Page 546, par. 2, to Page 548, par. 1

(22) What is the Apostle's illustration with respect to the manner in which the New Order will be born? Page 548, par. 2

(23) Why will this Time of Trouble appear all the more "strange" and peculiar to those who do not understand the change of Dispensations? Page 548, par. 3, to Page 539, par. 2

(24) What is the intimation in Scripture that there may be others outside the revolting hosts of Christendom, who will form a part of the Lord's Great Army? Page 549, par. 3, to Page 550, par. 3

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS BATTLE UNPRECEDENTED

(25) In what Psalm are the unprecedented conditions of this great Battle graphically described? Page 551, par. 1

(26) Why will it be impossible to re-establish the present Social Order? Page 551, par. 2, to Page 552, par. 1

"THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE"

(27) While this distress will come upon all nations, upon what people will be the final blast of the great tempest, as indicated by the Prophets? Page 552, par. 2, to Page 554, par. 3

(28) In the midst of Jacob's trouble, how will Jehovah reveal Himself as Israel's Defender and Deliverer? Page 555, par. 1, to Page 558, par. 2

"CROWN, OR PEOPLE?"

(29) What are some of the statements of the public press with respect to what the armies of Europe may be asked to choose between in the near future? And how is this in accord with our views of the "Lord's Great Army"? Page 559, par. 1, to Page 561, par. 1

STUDY XII

OUR LORD'S GREAT PROPHECY

(1) Where is found in Scripture one of the most remarkable prophecies respecting the "Time of the End," one which was uttered by our Lord Jesus Himself? What was the evident object of this prophecy? How were all of our Lord's previous references to His death and the apparent failure of His cause received by His Apostles? And how did this attitude on the part of His disciples lead up to the three points not yet clear in their minds? Page 563, to Page 564, par. 2

THE THREE QUESTIONS

(2) What were the three questions asked by the disciples, and for whom were our Lord's replies undoubtedly intended? Page 564, par. 3; Page 565, par. 1

BEWARE OF FALSE CHRISTS

(3) What was the Master's first warning to His disciples, as expressed in Matt. 24:4, 5? Was this suggestion important, as proven by subsequent history? Page 565, par. 2, 3

THE HISTORY OF EIGHTEEN CENTURIES BRIEFLY FORETOLD

(4) How do verses 6 to 8 in Matt. 24 apply? In which verses is the history of the Church separated from that of the world? Page 566, par. 1, to Page 567, par. 1

THE GOSPEL WITNESS, WORLD-WIDE

(5) Explain verse 14. Does this statement imply that all nations will be converted by the Gospel before the end shall come? Page 567, par. 2, to Page 568, par. 1

(6) Has this prediction been fulfilled? In what manner? Page 568, par. 2

(7) Why did our Lord ignore the question respecting the stones of the Temple being overthrown? From this point onward, what is the peculiar character of the prophecy? Page 568, par. 3, 4

THE TROUBLE IN THE END OF THE JEWISH AGE

(8) Why do we now refer to St. Luke's prophecy? How do its statements differ from those of St. Matthew and St. Mark, and evidently for what reason? (Luke 21:20-24) Page 569, to Page 570, par. 1

THE TROUBLE IN THE END OF THE GOSPEL AGE

(9) How is the trouble at the end of the Gospel Age predicted by St. Matthew and St. Mark? What four points show that while there may have been a typical application to the Jewish Age, the more important application belongs to the closing years of the Gospel Age? (Matt. 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-20) Page 570, par. 2 to 4

(10) How was Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 9:27) fulfilled at the first advent? Page 571, par. 1, 2

(11) But what did the Prophet record respecting an abomination that maketh desolate in nominal Spiritual Israel? Page 571, par. 3

(12) How is this great Abomination of Desolation now being supplemented by other overspreading abominations? Wherein is the parallelism between this condition in the Harvest of the Gospel Age and that in the Harvest of the Jewish Age? Page 572, par. 1. 2

(13) Was the Mass recognized by Luther and the other reformers as the "Abomination of Desolation"? Page 572, par. 3

(14) What is the special significance of the Lord's words, "When, therefore, ye see the abomination of desolation having stood in the Holy Place," etc.? Is there a double application in the exhortation "Flee to the mountain"? Page 573, par. 1

(15) What is the special application of this expression to the Harvest of the Gospel Age? Page 573, par. 2, 3

"COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE!"

(16) In verses 17 and 18, what is the significance of "on the housetop," and "in the field"? And what are the exhortations to these two classes of persons? Page 574, par. 1, to Page 575, par. 1

DIFFICULTIES OF THE FLIGHT

(17) To what two classes in the nominal Church does Matt. 24:19 apply? And why will it be so difficult for these to flee out of Babylon? Page 575, par. 2, to Page 577, par. 2

FLEE BEFORE THE WINTER TIME

(18) In Matt. 24:20-22, what is the significance of "in the winter"? Why is it more advantageous to flee before the winter time of trouble? Will any be able to flee during the winter time? What is the significance of "on the sabbath day"? Pages 578, 579

FALSE MESSIAHS AND FALSE TEACHERS

(19) How have verses 23 to 25 been fulfilled as respects false Messiahs and false teachers? Page 580, par. 1 to 4

"THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL ARISE"

(20) Why does God permit such delusions? And what is the important work for each consecrated child of God? How has the claim, "Behold, He is in the secret chamber,"

been made by false teachers? How do we know that the Lord will not reveal Himself "in the secret chamber" nor "in a desert place"? (Matt. 24:26, 27) Page 581, par. 1, to Page 583, par. 1

THE DARKENING OF THE SUN AND MOON AS SIGNS

(21) What is the distinction between the tribulation "of those days" (Matt. 24:29), and the tribulations at the end of those days? What were these definitely described signs which would follow the tribulation "of those days"? How and when were these signs fulfilled? Page 583, par. 3, to Page 587, last par.

THE FALLING STARS

(22) What was the next predicted sign in the heavens, and when did it find a fulfilment? Page 588, par. 1, to Page 590, par. 3

THE SYMBOLIC FULFILMENT

(23) While the literal fulfilment of these predicted signs in the sun, moon, and stars served the designed purpose of attracting attention to the Time of the End, have they had also a symbolic fulfilment? What is the symbolical significance of the sun, moon, and stars, respectively? Is the word star used respecting any of the faithful (aside from the Apostles) during this life? To what class is the term, "wandering stars," applicable? What is meant by the shaking of the symbolic "heavens," and in what manner are the ecclesiastical "stars" coming down to earth? Page 590, par. 4, to Page 596, par. 1

(24) What other co-incident signs of this time are added by Luke? And to what do they refer? (Luke 21:25, 26) Page 596, par. 2, to Page 597, par. 1

(25) Why did the disciples ask, "What shall be the sign of Thy presence," at the second advent? While our Lord replied, "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man," did He say anything about its character? Page 597, par. 2 to 4

(26) What is the original Greek word translated sign, and what is its significance? Page 598, par. 1 to 6

(27) Where was this sign or proof of the presence of the Son of Man to be given? What facts are recognized by some as signs of His Parousia? Page 598, last par.

(28) What parallel to the Jewish Harvest is shown in this recognition of the second presence of the Son of Man? Page 599, par. 1

(29) In Matt. 24:30, explain the statement, "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn." How will they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven? Page 599, par. 2, 3

(30) Explain verse 31 in detail. What other Scriptural expressions depict the same fact of the gathering of the elect "from the four winds"? Page 600, par. 1, to Page 601, par. 3

PROXIMITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(31) In verses 32 to 35, to what does the fig tree refer? Is there any evidence of this sign being fulfilled? What is meant by "this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled"? Page 602, par. 1, to Page 604, par. 2

(32) What is the popular interpretation of Matt. 24:36, and what is the proper explanation? Page 605, par. 1, to Page 606, par. 1

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, "THEY KNEW NOT"

(33) How is the real point of the illustration in Matt. 24: 37-39 overlooked by many Bible students? What was the point of comparison made? What further comparison is added in Luke 17:26-29? Page 606, par. 2 to 4

(34) What is the significance of the warning, "Remember Lot's Wife," recorded in Luke 17:30-33? Page 607, par. 1 to 4

ONE TAKEN AND ANOTHER LEFT

(35) In Luke 17:34, explain the significance of the "night" and the "bed." Page 608, par. 2, 3

(36) In Matt. 24:40, what is meant by the "field"? Page 609, par. 1, 2

(37) In Matt. 24:41 and Luke 17:35, what is the significance of "two grinding at the mill," and their respective experiences? Page 609, par. 3, 4

WHITHER GATHERED?--THE ATTRACTION

(38) What was the question of the disciples immediately following these statements of our Lord? What is the interpretation of Jesus' reply in Matt. 24:28 and Luke 17:37? Page 610, par. 1 to 4

WATCH, IF YE WOULD KNOW

(39) Explain Matt. 24:42, 43. Page 611, par. 1, to Page 612, par. 1

(40) In verse 44, what is the significance of the expression, "Ye also"? Page 612, par. 2, 3

DISPENSING FOOD TO THE HOUSEHOLD

(41) In Matt. 24:45-51, what is the predicted character of "that servant"? Do these verses teach that the servant would be the originator of the "meat in due season"? What would

be the experience of "that servant," should he become "wicked," and deny His Master's presence, etc.? Page 613, to Page 614, par. 2

(42) Explain in what particular our Lord's great Prophecy differs from those of Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Daniel, respectively. Page 614, par. 3 to 5

STUDY XIII
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM, AND HOW IT WILL MANIFEST ITSELF

(1) Having in our previous study reached the close of the Great Time of Trouble, what is the nature of our study in this chapter? And what is required of all Bible students in order to understand the presentation of the subject treated? Page 615 to Page 616, par. 3

(2) Give a brief resume of our previous studies of the Times of the Gentiles, as a preparation for our present study of the setting up of the Kingdom. Page 616, par. 4

(3) As having a practical bearing upon this subject, let us rehearse what we have learned respecting the royalty of this Kingdom and those who will constitute it:

1. Why is it called the Kingdom of God?
2. Why is it also the Kingdom of Christ?
3. Why will it be the Kingdom of the saints? Who will compose the Kingdom class proper?
4. Who will be the intermediaries between the Spiritual Kingdom, the glorified saints, and their earthly subjects? What will be their experience, position, and work? Page 617, par. 1, to Page 619, par. 4

(4) Explain Isaiah 2:3 in this connection. Page 620, par. 1

SETTING UP THE KINGDOM

(5) What has been the experience of the Kingdom Class during the past nineteen centuries? Page 620, par. 2

(6) Has this submission of the saints been due to lack of power on the part of their risen Lord? What purpose has been served by the evil influences and opposition of the world? Page 621, par. 1

(7) What is the first work of our Lord toward setting up His Kingdom, as shown in His parables and prophecy? At what date was the Kingdom set up? Page 621, par. 2

(8) How are the living members on this side the veil privileged to engage in Kingdom work without waiting for their change? Page 622, par. 1

(9) Show from Scripture why the Kingdom must first be set up before its influence and work can result in the complete destruction of the "kingdoms of this world." Page 622, par. 2 to 4

(10) Quote Scriptures showing that the Kingdom reign will have begun before Babylon "falls." Page 623, par. 1 to 4

(11) What Scriptures prove that the saints will be with Christ and share in the work of overthrowing Gentile governments? Page 624, par. 1, 2

(12) What is probably the three-fold work of the Lord and His glorified saints beyond the veil at the present time? Page 624, par. 3

SETTING UP THE EARTHLY GOVERNMENT

(13) When do we expect the earthly phase of the Kingdom to be set up? From which nation will its rulers be selected? What will be the first requirement of all who would become associated with this earthly phase of the Kingdom? Page 624, par. 4, to Page 625, par. 1

(14) Of what class only will the earthly phase of the Kingdom be composed in the beginning? Explain Psalm 45:16 in this connection. Page 625, par. 2

(15) In what five respects will the "Ancient Worthies" differ from the rest of mankind? When will these leaders appear, and how will their influence affect conditions at that critical time? Page 625, par. 3, to Page 626, par. 2

(16) What is the chief object of the Time of Trouble, and how will Isaiah 26:9 apply in this connection? Page 627, par. 1

(17) Meanwhile, what will have been the experiences of the faithful ones in fleshly Israel? How will the news of the resurrection of the Ancient Worthies probably be received by the Gentiles? Page 627, par. 2; Page 628, par. 1

(18) How will the change of affairs in Palestine subsequently affect other nations, as shown in Scripture? (Isa, 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-4) Page 628, par. 2, 3

THE INTIMACY BETWEEN THE KINGDOM AND ITS EARTHLY "PRINCES"

(19) What Scriptures teach the direct communication between the Spiritual Kingdom and its earthly representatives? (John 5:51; Gen. 28:10-12) Page 629, par. 1

(20) What is generally conceded by Bible students with respect to Moses as a type of Christ? What larger application of the type has not been recognized? Page 629, par. 2

(21) Of what was Moses a type at the institution of the Law Covenant? What is the parallel? Page 630, par. 1

(22) What was typified by Moses' going up into the Mount? What did Moses' veil typify? Page 630, par. 2

(23) What did the breaking of the first Tables of Stone represent? And what did the second Tables represent? At what time (in this connection) was Moses' face changed, so that he afterward wore a veil? Page 631, par. 1

(24) What will be the conditions under which the new Kingdom will be inaugurated? Page 631, par. 2

(25) What will be the respective attitudes of Israel and partial believers in Christ toward the Kingdom? Page 632, par. 1

MORAL AND SOCIAL REFORMS

(26) How will the new Kingdom operate toward what are recognized as the "crying evils" of the present time? Page 632, par. 2, 3

(27) What will be the effect upon the building of war vessels, the manufacture of munitions of war, and upon the standing armies of the world? Page 633, par. 1

(28) What will become of the banking and brokerage business, landlordism, etc.? Page 633, par. 2

(29) How does Isaiah prophetically describe the Great King and Judge of the New Dispensation? Page 633, par. 3; Page 634, par. 1

(30) Why will the new conditions of the Kingdom be especially severe upon the rich? But, eventually, how will both rich and poor be satisfied? Page 634, par. 2, 3

(31) In what manner probably will the hours of leisure be spent by mankind during the Millennium? Page 635, par. 1

(32) Why is there no need of apprehension in contemplating the establishment of the most Autocratic Government the world has ever known? Page 635, par. 2, to 636, par. 2

THE RULE OF THE IRON ROD

(33) How will the nations be ruled by the new King? Will the rod and the power cease with the close of the Day of Vengeance? What three-fold office will be exercised by the Servant of the Covenant (Head and Body)? Page 636, par. 3

(34) How are the character and work of the new King described in Proverbs? Page 637, par. 1

ISRAEL AN ILLUSTRATION

(35) Quote Scriptures which apparently teach that the world will be given an opportunity of witnessing the operation of Divine Government in contrast with the then prevalent anarchy in other parts of the world. Page 638, par. 1 to 4

(36) How is this great Day of Salvation prophetically described by King David? Page 639, par. 1

(37) How will the educational reforms and instructions of that Day begin-with the heads, or the hearts of men? Page 639, par. 2

(38) Will there be any limitations to the power and blessing of the Kingdom? Page 639, last par.

ALL IN THE GRAVES SHALL COME FORTH

(39) Will the grand work of Restitution, begun with the living nations, end with their restoration? Page 640, par. 1

(40) In what manner is it reasonable to expect that the resurrection of the dead will take place? What will be the probable order of their resurrection? Page 640, par. 2, to Page 641, par. 1

(41) Why do the glorious prospects of the New Dispensation seem almost too good to believe? Page 642, par. 1, 2

THE INCREASE OF HIS KINGDOM

(42) Illustrate the manner in which the Kingdom of God will finally "fill the whole earth." Page 642, par. 3, 4

(43) What will be the status of the vice royal Kingdom of God at the end of the Millennium? Page 643, par. 1

(44) But is this condition of enforced peace Jehovah's ideal of government? What is the Divine standard for each individual? Page 643, par. 2

(45) When and under what conditions will this standard be set up, and with what results? Page 644, par. 1 to 3

(46) Will God's will cease to be done in earth as in Heaven, when Christ's Millennial Kingdom terminates? Page 645, par. 2, 3

(47) When all are perfect, in God's image, will there still be need of order? What will be the character of the Post-Millennial Kingdom of God? Page 646, par. 1, 2

STUDY XIV
JEHOVAH'S FOOTSTOOL MADE GLORIOUS

- (1) What is "God's footstool"? And what has been its condition during the past six thousand years? Page 647, par. 1
- (2) Why do we believe that abundant provision has been made for the lifting of the curse from God's footstool? Page 647, par. 2; Page 648, par. 1
- (3) Why will the entire Millennium be required for ordering and making glorious Jehovah's footstool? Page 648, par. 2
- (4) But what will be the richest jewel of God's glorified footstool at the end of the Millennial Age? Page 648, par. 3
- (5) When will the glorifying of God's footstool be completed? Page 649, par. 1
- (6) How is the period of the reign of Sin and Death Scripturally represented in connection with Jehovah's footstool? By which of the Prophets is the restoration of Divine favor to His footstool set forth? Page 649, par. 2

JEHOVAH'S FEET ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

- (7) How is the prophecy of Jeremiah 14:4, 5, generally misunderstood and applied? Page 649, par. 3
- (8) What is the correct understanding of this prophecy? Page 649, par. 4, to Page 650, par. 1
- (9) If it be conceded that the placing of Jehovah's "feet" is symbolic, how should the other features connected in this prophecy be interpreted? Page 650, par. 2
- (10) Of what is the olive symbolic? What is therefore the significance of the Mount of Olives in this prophecy? Page 650, par. 3; Page 651, par. 1
- (11) How does this interpretation agree with St. Paul's statements in Romans 11:17, 24? Page 651, par. 2
- (12) How has all the "light of the world" proceeded from these two Kingdoms, even during the darkness of the past? What other symbols correspond with this interpretation? Page 651, par. 3

(13) What, therefore, do the two halves of the Mount of Olives, in our text, represent?
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(14) How is the "Valley of Blessings" described in the Psalms? Page 652, par. 2, to Page 653, par. 1

(15) What is the special significance in the removal of one part of the mountain toward the north, and the other toward the south? Page 653, par. 2

(16) How would such a valley be related to the sun, both literally and symbolically?
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(17) Will this Valley of Blessings be reserved for the Jews only? What is the meaning of the word Israel, and how will it be applied when the Kingdom is established? Page 654, par. 1

(18) Explain Zechariah 14:5. Page 654, par. 2

(19) What "day" is referred to in Zech. 14:6, 7? And why will it be only partially bright?
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(20) What is the significance of the "rivers of living waters" flowing from Jerusalem?
(Zech. 14:8) And is this symbol found elsewhere in Scripture? Page 655, par. 4

(21) What shall be the grand consummation at the end of the Millennial Day? Page 656, par. 1, 2