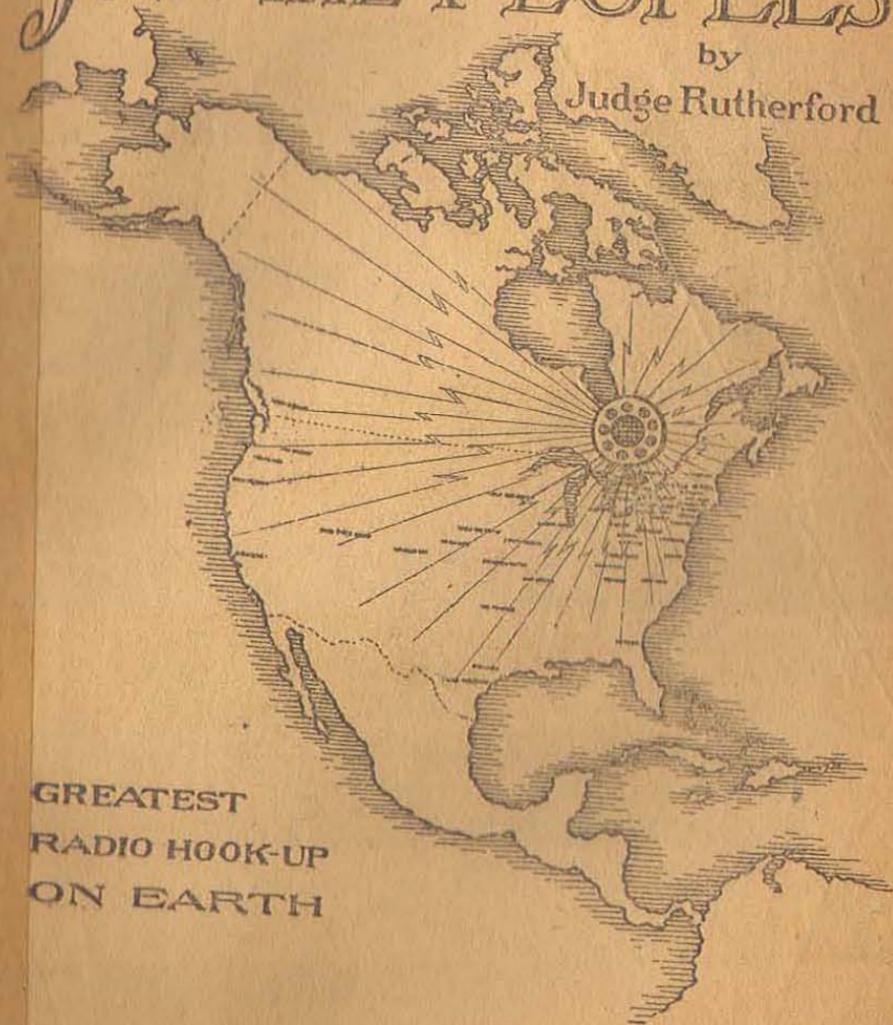


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FOREWORD

THE broadcasting of Judge Rutherford's lecture by the National Broadcasting Company was conceded even by our enemies to be the greatest hook-up of broadcasting on earth. The response by the people has been phenomenal. So great has been the demand for copies thereof that we have determined to issue it in the cheapest possible form so that the poor may have it. It voices a declaration of independence of the peoples of Christendom from that unholy alliance that has so long oppressed them.

We append hereto an introductory chapter setting forth some of the sufferings of the common people, also a concluding chapter showing the Scriptural reason for the passing away of the World Powers. Both were written by Judge Rutherford. You will read this booklet with great interest. You will want to keep it in your homes and read it to your children.

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CHAPTER 1

The Oppressed

THE common peoples of all nations have suffered great oppression. Their real defenders have been very few. By the common people are meant those of the rank and file who labor with their hands and thereby produce the wealth of the land. There was a time when America was said to be an asylum for the oppressed. That day has gone! To what country could the common people now flee and find protection, aid, peace, freedom of speech and freedom of action? There is none under the sun!

The World War has furnished the common people of Christendom with much food for thought, and they are thinking as they have not heretofore thought. They are beginning to realize that they must think and act for themselves. They have been deceived for a long time by those upon whom they relied. They cannot be deceived always. They were told by those who represented selfish interests that the Great War would make the world safe for democracy. The result has been the very opposite. With the ending of the World War practically all the liberties of the common people have been taken away. Big Business and professional politicians, aided and supported by faithless clergy, have fastened the shackles upon the wrists of the common people. They continue to suffer and they are seeking the way of relief and freedom. As an illustration of some of the things suffered the following is here related.

In June, 1914, in one of the northwest states of "free" America, lived Jacob Christmann with his wife Martha, Elsie his only daughter, and two sons, William and John Christmann, twins. That was a happy family. Their

acreage was small but rich, and yielding to their hard labor produced a sufficiency for them. Because of the manipulation of the markets they found it difficult to sell their produce at much profit; yet they were able to get on, and they had the love and sweet companionship of each other, and hence they were content.

Jacob Christmann was born in Germany and emigrated to "free" America when a mere lad. His older brother, Henry Christmann, remained in Germany, married there and reared several sons and daughters. Martha MacDonald was born in Scotland and came to America with her parents. She became the wife of Jacob Christmann and the mother of the above named Christmann children. Gilbert MacDonald, a brother of Martha, resided in Scotland his native land and there reared a family of sons and daughters, among them Gilbert Jr.

The three Christmann children in America from time to time exchanged letters with their cousins in Germany and in Scotland. For some time prior to 1914 the war lords of Germany made it so burdensome for the Christmann boys that often they wrote their American cousins of their purpose to come to "free" America to live and thus escape the war and the burden of the war machine. The American cousins spoke often with their parents about their kinsmen across the sea, and of course there was a great desire for personal acquaintance.

In August, 1914, the World War began, and the Christmann boys of Germany were hurried to the front and, of course, that precluded their visit to America. At the same time the British entered the war and among those sent out to fight Germany was Gilbert MacDonald, Jr., the young Scotsman. It was therefore blood relation sent out to fight blood relation in a deadly combat and that without the desire or consent of either one to fight the other.

After much agitation by subsidized American newspapers and hired preachers America entered the war in 1917. At the instance of Big Business a conscription law was quickly enacted by the American Congress. Thereafter young Americans were not asked if they wanted to fight but were told they must fight or take the consequences, which consequences usually were imprisonment and cruel and unusual treatment at the hands of the prison keepers. Among those drafted early in the war by America were the Christmann twins, William and John. A pall of blackness fell over the modest and once happy home of the Christmann family. The two boys were torn away from their parents and their only sister. They were sent to war together and they tried to stay together throughout the war. Upon the battlefields of France they saw much real military service.

For more than forty hours the great battle between the Germans on one side and the British and their allies on the other had been raging furiously. A fresh American division was sent to the front to relieve the remaining men in the shattered lines of the allies, and in that American division which went forward were the two privates, William and John Christmann. A charge was ordered; and the Christmann boys, together with thousands of others, obeyed the command. William came suddenly upon a German soldier lying upon the ground and drew his bayonet to strike him through; but seeing that the German was already mortally wounded William did not strike. The dying man looked with pleading into the face of William Christmann, who moved with sympathy gave the German water from his own canteen. The drink revived him. The wounded man then addressing William said: "I am dying. Why have we fought? I had nothing against the French or English and surely not against the Americans. I have some dear cousins in America that I love much." Then William inquired: "Who are your American cousins?" The

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German replying in broken speech conveyed the message to William by which the two men learned that they were cousins, who had often communicated with each other by letter. William's brother John was near by, and seeing his brother with a German rushed to his side and learned the real cause. At that moment a ball pierced William. The two cousins, knowing that they had but a few moments to live, affectionately embraced each other and died in each other's arms.

Later the official report came to America which merely read: William Christmann, killed in action. The sad information was conveyed to his mother. She died from a broken heart. It was afterwards learned that in that same engagement Gilbert MacDonald, Jr., the Scottish cousin, was also killed.

The Christmann homestead in America was mortgaged. The family had depended upon the two sons to pay the interest. The mortgage was held by a loan company, financed by a few multimillionaires who produced nothing but required much of the produce of the farm to pay their usury. The mortgage became due; and no one of the Christmann family being able to pay the interest or principal, it was foreclosed. Jacob Christmann and his daughter Elsie were compelled to leave their home. No information had yet come as to the fate of John Christmann, the other twin son. The war ended and broken regiments of soldiers began to return. But John was not with them.

Jacob Christman was a member of the Lutheran church. The minister of that church denomination where his membership was held had been among those who preached the boys into the war and aided and abetted in the enforced draft. It was difficult for Elsie to understand how he could be a minister and consistently take that course. Elsie and her father had now found a modest little house for their temporary residence. They anxiously awaited some information as to John, hoping

that he had survived the terrible war. Many hours of sad reflection were passed by her and her father. She came upon him on one occasion and found him reading the Bible. She plied him with a number of questions amongst which were these: "Does not America claim to be a Christian nation? Is not Great Britain also one that lays claim to being a Christian nation? Have we not always understood that Germany claims to be a Christian nation? Do not all these nations claim to serve and follow Christ, the Prince of Peace? How can these nations and the preachers in their churches claim to be Christians and yet advocate war and compel the people to go to war and fight and kill each other and to kill their own blood relatives and that against their own wish and consent?"

The oppression upon this poor soul and the bitterness that she had suffered caused her to propound these questions to her father. She further said to him: "Father, who is responsible for this terrible war and for the dreadful sorrow that has been brought upon us? Can you support a church which claims to follow Christ and which participates in bringing upon us such burdens of sorrow?" The father of course was unable to answer the question. He, too, was suffering great bitterness of heart and was seeking consolation in the Word of God. He had not found it in the church. The burdens of oppression and sorrow became too great for him; and shortly thereafter Jacob Christmann died; and Elsie, alone, with no one to care for her, drifted away.

The terrible fate that befell the once happy family of Jacob Christmann has befallen thousands of other homes. And what became of John Christmann? When the hospitals began to give up their inmates, as the grave some day will give up the dead, John was brought forth. He was blind, one arm gone, and his feet so mangled that he moves about only with the aid of crutches. He is a helpless cripple so far as there is ability of man to

aid him. Millions of other young men in Christendom are in this same condition. They have suffered and continue to suffer, daily dying. Added to their bodily pain is the mental anguish that this condition was forced upon them.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR

Did the common peoples of the nations of earth vote on the question as to whether or not they should go to war? No, not one of them! Did any one explain to the common people the necessity for the great World War of Christendom? No one! Who then is responsible for the war? A few selfish and ambitious men desiring to increase their power were willing to hurry millions of human beings into death in order to accomplish their purposes. A petty excuse was seized upon for declaration of war, and the war began. Big Business constructed the machinery for the war and furnished the initial money necessary to do so, knowing that they would reap a thousand percent in return. The professional politicians enacted conscription laws to make the war machine work. The dishonest and faithless preachers of various religious denominations, while claiming to follow Christ, urged the people into war and acted as war agents. Hypocritically they preached war from their pulpits. In many instances they were paid for so doing by the big financiers who desired the war for private gain. The common people were forced by them to bare their breasts to shot and shell and to have their property and their lives taken away in order to satisfy the wicked and selfish ambition of men. The people are beginning to see these things more clearly. There is reason now for the common people to think.

RESULT

What is the result of that World War? Everybody knows that it has resulted in the destruction of the

democracy of the land and the taking away of the freedom of the people; and that it has resulted in a new crop of millionaires in whose thoughts God finds no place. It has also resulted in great corruption in the high political offices and has proven that the clergy have denied the name of God and Christ and that they are forsaken by the Lord. It made it possible for selfish men, high financiers, bootleggers, and preachers to fasten upon the people a hypocritical and cruel prohibition law which both the clergy and "Big Business" insist on enforcing against the common people while the "High ups" openly violate it themselves. Men in high places make and dispense illicitly intoxicating liquors. If one of the common people is found in possession of a small quantity he is severely punished. The unholy alliance maintains customs officers at the border principally in the United States to browbeat and insult innocent men and women and to ruthlessly destroy their property, abuse and humiliate them without even the semblance of a cause or excuse. The war was seized upon as an opportunity by the Devil and his unholy agencies to fasten the shackles tighter and tighter upon the arms of the people and take away their liberty.

Democracy means a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. No such government now exists in what is called "Christendom". On the contrary in the land fraudulently called "Christendom" the government of the peoples is by the unholy alliance of "Big Business" and big politicians supported by big preachers, and in the interest of the unholy alliance and against the interests of the common people. The oppression does not stop there.

Millions of money raised by oppressive taxation from the common people are being expended in further preparation for war. The common people of no nation on earth desire to fight the common people of another nation; but the selfish ambitious men, few in number com-

pared with the multitudes, are the ones who prepare for war, compel the common people to bear the burden thereof by unjust taxation and the further burden, oppression and suffering by laying down their lives upon the battle-field. Is it any wonder then that the common people now are beginning to ask themselves: What good has Christendom brought to us? Can we ever hope or expect to have any relief from our burdens brought to us by or through Christendom? They are seeing and seeing plainly that Christendom so-called is a fraudulent name used to deceive the common people and hold them in subjection.

Is it possible then for the common people to ever have relief and freedom from any source? Yes; there is one absolutely certain way and about that way the people must now know. The time is at hand for the great God of the universe to hear the cries of the common people and to act in their behalf. It is plain from his Word and from the facts before us that his due time for the people's relief has arrived. It is therefore the time for him to first give the people some knowledge of his purpose.

RADIO

No man has ever been able to explain what radio is. It is an unseen power by which the human voice is carried through the air and a message given to others in the far distance; but what it is man cannot say. Certain it is that God provided the radio because he foretells it in his Word written by the prophet centuries ago. (Job 38: 35) The due time must come, in the unfolding of his plan, for the use of the radio. That time has come, and God will use it for the benefit of mankind. God has repeatedly used human agencies to carry out some of his purposes. It should be expected therefore that God would use some human agencies to proclaim to the people at this time his purposes concerning them and that he would use the radio in connection therewith.

Those men and women who are wholly and entirely devoted to the Lord naturally would be the ones whom the Lord would use as the witnesses. In his Word it is written concerning such: "Ye are my witnesses, that I am God." (Isaiah 43:10, 12) The truth that is proclaimed is not man's truth but it belongs to God. "Thy Word is truth." (John 17:17) The Lord has made it clear that he will not always turn a deaf ear to the cries of the common people. It seems certain that his due time is here to give ear to their cry.

ARRANGEMENTS TO BROADCAST

The International Bible Students Association is not a religious organization. A religious organization is composed of men and women who observe certain forms and ceremonies in the acknowledgment of a supreme power. The International Bible Students Association is made up of a body of men and women who are Christians, fully consecrated to do the Lord's will. Of course there are some amongst them who are not wholly devoted to the Lord, while many of them are completely devoted to God and his cause. These Christians have come out from denominational systems because they love the Lord and want to serve him. They have no selfish purpose to accomplish. Knowing that the relief of the people and their blessings must come from Jehovah God these Christians are anxious to tell their fellow men about God's gracious provision for such blessings. A real Christian is one who follows Christ. The purpose of Christ on earth is expressed in his own words: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." (John 18:37) All true followers of Christ therefore must likewise be witnesses to the truth. They must tell the truth in the love of the truth and for the love of their fellow man. This being God's due time to have the witness of the truth given all loyal Christians desire to have a

part in giving that witness. They want to please God and they know that to please him they must do his will. (Matthew 7:21) It is the will of God now that all nations of Christendom be told about God's kingdom. (Matthew 24:14) True Christians are faithfully endeavoring to obey this command of the Lord.

The International Bible Students Association held its annual convention for 1927 at Toronto, Canada, from July 18th to the 25th. Christians came from many countries to attend this convention and to participate in giving the witness to Jehovah's name. A short time prior thereto at a hearing before the Federal Radio Commission at Washington, D. C., a condition arose which led to the completion of an arrangement to broadcast an address by the president of the International Bible Students Association from the Coliseum at Toronto. It came about in this manner: During a hearing before the Commission the president of the National Broadcasting Company, Mr. Aylesworth, was on the witness stand testifying in behalf of that corporation, which operates three chains of radio stations in the United States. He was being cross-examined by the president of the International Bible Students Association. A question was propounded to Mr. Aylesworth as follows: "Your purpose is to give to the people by radio the message of the greatest financiers, the most prominent statesmen, and the most renowned clergymen of the world?" To this Mr. Aylesworth answered in the affirmative. Another question was propounded to him: "If you were convinced that the great God of the universe will shortly put in operation his plan for the blessing of all the nations and families of the earth with peace, prosperity, life and happiness, and that the great Creator desired that this message be broadcast would you arrange to broadcast it?" The answer was in the affirmative and led to an offer by the president of the National Broadcasting Company to broadcast the address

of the president of the International Bible Students Association. The arrangement was made to broadcast from Toronto, as above stated.

The attending facts and circumstances show conclusively that the Lord made it possible for such a broadcast. No association nor any man could have arranged it. It was the Lord who did it for his own glory. By means of telephone wires fifty-three radio broadcasting stations were tied together. The address was delivered at the Coliseum at Toronto, transmitted by wire to radio station WEAJ, New York City, and relayed to other stations to the number of fifty-three, reaching from Maine to California, and from Canada to Mexico, and including two super-power stations which easily reach Europe, South Africa and Australia. In the language of one of the New York dailies it was "the greatest hook-up in radio history". It was the means adopted to quickly give a witness to Christendom of facts which they know to be true when they hear them.

On that occasion the president of the Association presented to the convention a resolution which is really a message to the peoples of Christendom. His address was in support of the resolution. He emphasized the following points, to wit: That Jehovah is the only true God; that Christ Jesus his Son is the Redeemer and Savior of man and the rightful King of earth; that there is a true Christianity composed of those men and women who faithfully represent God and Christ; that there is a false, deceptive and fraudulent organization called "organized Christianity" or "Christendom" which misrepresents God and in fact represents the Devil; that God created all men of one blood to dwell upon the earth and that there is no just cause or excuse for them to engage in war; that the ruling factors of "Christendom" which in fact constitute "Christendom" are, to wit, high financiers, professional politicians, aided and supported by faithless clergy; that this unholy alliance

produces nothing but lives upon the honest labors of the common people and the common people have long been oppressed by carrying such a burden; that the ruling element provokes war between nations for selfish reasons and compels the common people to go to war and fight and kill each other without any cause or excuse; that the people have long been oppressed and have suffered untold misery at the hands of the rulers in Christendom and that without the support of the common people Christendom could not stand; that the time has come when the common people must forsake and forever abandon the fraudulent system of Christendom and give allegiance to God and to Christ; that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that through God's kingdom the people will receive their heart's desire, namely, peace, prosperity, life, liberty and happiness; and that through his kingdom the burdens of sorrow will be lifted from the people, and they will be given joy and health, strength and life.

So convincing and heart-cheering was the address in support of the resolution that the great audience amidst tremendous enthusiasm arose and unanimously adopted the resolution, which resolution, together with the address in support thereof, is set forth in the next chapter.

Since the adoption of the resolution and the delivery of that address thousands of letters and telegrams have been received from every quarter of the American continent, requesting copies thereof. This booklet is adopted as a means to get it to the people.

CHAPTER II

The Appeal

MR. ROBT. J. MARTIN of New York City presided at the meeting. In introducing Judge Rutherford he said:

After hearing Judge Rutherford, you will desire to have a copy of his lecture, that you may carefully consider it at home.

I am authorized to say, that any person in this, or in the unseen radio audience, who will address a letter or card to Judge Rutherford, Brooklyn, New York, requesting a copy of the lecture, will be mailed a copy, free of charge.

Among people in every walk of life, throughout the civilized world, a profound interest in the stirring events of the present day has been aroused by Judge Rutherford's latest book, entitled *Deliverance*. For the benefit of those who are in the audience here in Toronto, arrangements have been made to provide a copy of *Deliverance* at the conclusion of this lecture. See the ushers on your way out.

The thirty million volumes of Judge Rutherford's books which are in the *homes* of the people everywhere, constitute a sufficient introduction for him, both to this audience and to the far-flung invisible audience.

It is now my pleasure to ask Judge Rutherford to proceed with his address.

The speaker said: Mr. Chairman, my audience seen and unseen: What I shall say here is in the interest of the common peoples of earth, and especially in behalf of those of Christendom. First, I offer the following resolution and then I shall speak in support of that resolution. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

TO THE PEOPLES OF CHRISTENDOM:

The International Bible Students in general convention assembled send greetings:

As Christians and witnesses to the name of Jehovah God we deem it our privilege and duty to call your attention to the following vital facts:

FIRST. That God made of one blood all peoples and nations of men to dwell on the earth, and granted to all peoples equal rights. There is therefore no just cause or excuse for one nation to make war against another nation.

SECOND. That the foremost nations of the earth claim to be Christian nations and, taken collectively, they constitute "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called; that the men chiefly responsible for the claim that these are Christian nations are the clergymen of the various religious denominations, who call themselves by the name of Christ but who in fact have denied him; that their purpose of claiming that these nations are Christian is to induce the peoples to believe that said nations, although military and cruel, are the representatives of God and his Christ on earth; that such claim is fraudulent and false and has turned the minds of millions of honest people away from the true God and from his Christ; that the invisible ruler of the nations of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called, is Satan the Devil, who has fathered the scheme of forming "organized Christianity" to deceive the people and to keep them in subjection to himself and his agencies.

That the masses of the peoples of the nations are entitled to self-government exercised by the people for the general welfare of all; but instead of enjoying such rights a small minority rules; that the money power of the world has been concentrated into the hands of a few men called high financiers, and these in turn have corrupted the men who make and execute the laws of the

nations, and the faithless clergy have voluntarily joined forces with the high financiers and professional politicians, and that said unholy alliance constitutes the governing powers that rule the peoples; that the masses of the peoples acting under a misapprehension of the true facts have borne up, carried, supported and maintained organized Christianity; and that without the support of the common people the unholy alliance constituting organized Christianity could not long exist.

THIRD. That for centuries the privileges enjoyed by men have been wholly unequal and unfair. The multitudes have produced the wealth of the world, but have been unjustly deprived of the fruits of their labors. That the leaders of Christendom instead of teaching the children of men the doctrines of Christ, whom they claim to follow, teach them to murder their fellow creatures; and that now the rulers are amalgamating the common people with the military, in order to make all the peoples a part of and subject to their great war machine; that by unjust laws the common people, contrary to their own wishes, have been compelled to go to war against each other, resulting in great sorrow and suffering, multitudes of broken hearts and millions of untimely graves; that "organized Christianity" has turned a deaf ear to the petitions and entreaties of the people for relief, and now the cries of the oppressed people have entered into the ears of Jehovah God, and his time is at hand to give the peoples deliverance and freedom.

FOURTH. That Jehovah is the only true God, the Friend and Benefactor of the peoples. He has now set his beloved Son Christ Jesus upon his throne, and bids all the peoples of earth to hear and to obey him who is earth's rightful King.

FIFTH. That the kings and rulers of the earth, to wit: those constituting the said unholy alliance have been duly notified that God has set his King upon his throne and that his kingdom is at hand; but they refuse

to understand or to take heed, and they walk on in darkness. Therefore God has decreed and declared that there shall come upon the world a time of tribulation such as never was known; and that during that trouble "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called, and all of Satan's organization shall be destroyed; and that Christ Jesus, the righteous King, will assume complete authority and control and will bless the peoples of the earth.

SIXTH. That it must be now apparent to all thoughtful peoples that relief, comfort and blessings so much desired by them can never come from the unrighteous system of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", and that there is no reason to give further support to that hypocritical and oppressive system. In this hour of perplexity Jehovah God bids the peoples to abandon and for ever forsake "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" and to turn completely away from it, because it is the Devil's organization, and to give it no support whatsoever; and that the peoples give their heart's devotion and allegiance wholly to Jehovah God and to his King and kingdom, and receive full freedom and the blessings God has in store for them.

SEVENTH. For four thousand years the cherished desire of Jews has been God's Messianic kingdom. For nineteen centuries that kingdom has been the hope of real Christians. It is now at hand. True to his promise God by and through the reign of Christ will lift the burdens of the peoples, free them from war, fraud and oppression, from sickness, suffering and death, and give to them a righteous government and the blessings of everlasting peace, prosperity, life, and happiness.

Upon the reading of the Resolution the following speech was made in support thereof, which was heard by 15,000 in the Coliseum and broadcast throughout the country. The speaker said:

Freedom for the Peoples

GOD made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the earth and gave to them equal rights. Foreknowing the evil influence that would be exercised over all governments of men God foretold that a small minority would rule and oppress the great majority; that during that period of oppression and suffering the peoples would desire freedom and a righteous government administered for the general welfare of all; that they would be disappointed and suffer; that the cries of the peoples would ascend unto God and in his due time he would hear them; that he would deliver the peoples from the oppressor into full freedom and give to them a government of righteousness under which they shall enjoy peace, prosperity, and the blessings of life. Therefore he caused his prophets to write concerning the present time these words: that "the Lord . . . hath prepared his throne for judgment; and he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm 9: 7-9); and "a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment".—Isaiah 32: 1.

Only by the Lord's arrangement can freedom come to the peoples. God's due time has now come when the peoples of earth must know the truth concerning the cause of suffering and the remedy for relief. All true Christians are doing their part to tell these facts to the peoples that God's name might be glorified and that the peoples might know that their freedom is near.

"CHRISTENDOM"

The foremost nations of the world jointly call themselves "Christendom". The rulers by this term claim that they are Christians, having and exercising faith in God and in Christ, and that their combined govern-

ments constitute "organized Christianity". The claim is not only untrue, but it is fraudulent and hypocritical. By such false and hypocritical claim the multitudes of peoples have long been held in bondage and have been deprived of their just rights and privileges. God's due time has come for "organized Christianity", so-called, to be placed before the people in the proper light.

There is a true Christianity composed of faithful men and women who unselfishly follow in the footsteps of Christ. There is an organized system called "Christianity" or "Christendom", which is false and is the instrument of oppression wielded by the hand of the Devil. Jehovah through Christ established true Christianity on the earth, and in the days of the apostles it progressed. A few ambitious men, influenced and directed by Satan, defiled true Christianity; and their fraudulent course has made Christianity, as it is generally understood, a stench in the nostrils of honest men. This exact condition God foretold through his prophet Jeremiah (2: 20) who wrote concerning professed Christianity: "Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?"—Jeremiah 2: 21.

"Organized Christianity" or "Christendom" today is Satan's organization fraudulently parading under the name of Christ. Early in the history of man the Devil caused men to call themselves by the name of the Lord and to thereby bring reproach upon God. That same Devil has caused ambitious and selfish men to organize and carry on what is now called "organized Christianity". The purpose is to deceive the peoples, turn them away from the true God, and to keep them in subjection to a selfish and unrighteous system of government, of which Satan is the invisible overlord. (2 Corinthians 4: 3, 4) A government that oppresses the multitudes of the common people and shows special favors to the wealthy, is an unrighteous government and therefore an ungodly

nation. Such could not in truth be called Christ's kingdom or Christendom. It is therefore apparent that when the name of Christ is given to an unrighteous and oppressive government that name is fraudulently so used and for a wrongful purpose.

WHO RULES

The kings and presidents of the nations are not in fact the rulers. They are ordinary men filling their respective places and are mere symbols of rulership. The ruling power behind the seat of authority that shapes the course of the nations of "Christendom" is Satan the Devil. He is the opponent of God and the enemy and oppressor of men. Satan's visible instruments are those selfish men who combine and form a system of government which rules and controls the peoples. The three classes of men that make up these ruling powers are, to wit, high financiers, called "big business"; professional politicians, called "statesmen"; and the orthodox clergy, called "religious leaders", who manufacture and dispense religion. These three classes in combination constitute the small minority that rules. Disregarding the obligations laid upon them the selfish men composing the ruling minority have lived wantonly and recklessly for their own pleasure and at the expense of the multitudes. For a long time the peoples have borne them up and supported them and thereby endured great suffering and sorrow. And now I submit the testimony of their own witness which proves beyond a doubt that "organized Christianity", so-called, is a fraud and deception, a great system of oppression, and a menace to the general welfare of the peoples.

HIGH FINANCE

The multitudes, in the sweat of their faces, produce the wealth of the world. High financiers are few in number but great in power. They produce no wealth

but obtain it through fraud and deceit practised upon the peoples, and then use it for their own wicked pleasure and to oppress the multitudes and to keep them under control. High finance fixes the price at which the producer must sell his products to the distributor, and also fixes an exorbitant price which the consumer must pay to the distributor. High finance has established chain stores all over Christendom, and the producer must sell to these stores at a ridiculously low price or not sell at all, and the stores in turn sell to the consumer at exorbitantly high prices, which the consumer must pay or starve. The producer gets but little, the consumer pays much, and the high financiers that produce nothing reap enormous and unreasonable profits. The result is that the small merchant is pushed to the wall, and the chain stores do the business, and the peoples pay the bills.

The financial record in the United States Treasury's office discloses that in one year (1919) seventeen woolen mills made a clear profit of 100 percent on their capital stock; that corporations operating canning factories that can the fruit and vegetables produced by the hard labor of others in one year made a profit of 2932 percent; that clothing stores made a profit in one year of 9826 percent; that the aluminum trust with a capital of only \$20,000.00 in one year (1923) made a profit of 1000 percent.

The wealth of America is constantly on the increase, but today in that land there are 524 banks less in number than there were six years ago. The large ones are swallowing up the smaller ones. Big Finance is taking possession of all. Kirby Page is authority for the statement that 20,000 men control practically every bank, trust company, and business enterprise in America. From Samuel Untermyer, the distinguished American lawyer who for a long while represented Big Business, I quote:

There has been greater concentration of the Money Power in the past five or ten years . . . than in the preceding fifty years. The process of absorption is likely to continue until a few groups absolutely dominate the financial situation of the country. . . . It has come to pass that less than a dozen men in the City of New York are for all practical purposes in control of the direction of at least seventy-five percent of the deposits of the leading trust companies and banks in the city and of allied institutions in various parts of the country.

The Federal Trades Commission in America in 1922 reported that six corporations controlled then one-third of the American water power; eight corporations controlled more than three-fourths of the anthracite coal fields; and two corporations controlled the great portion of the iron-ore reserve.

These heartless corporations profit in the lives of human beings. To them the life of man is nothing except to be used for their selfish purpose. Recently it was disclosed that forty percent of the milk sold in New York City is adulterated and that with the connivance of the Public Board of Health. It is then sold at a large profit to the poor, and the babes and the sick and the afflicted suffer by reason thereof.

These facts and figures I am giving as they relate to America. Other nations of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" are equally as bad, and many of them much worse. In every nation of "Christendom" the minority is favored and the great majority are oppressed and suffer.

STATESMEN

The so-called statesmen of the nations are those who hold the offices and feed at the public trough upon the fat of the land, and of course produce nothing. Their jobs depend upon obedience to high finance. In fact high finance is the bulwark of "organized Christianity", so-called, and its power and influence have corrupted the politicians of every nation. The politicians are the men that make and enforce the laws.

Before the last American Congress a bill was pending to build a great dam at Boulder Canyon, in the Colorado River, for the purpose of reclaiming millions of acres of arid lands and to produce electric power for the benefit of the public. Josiah T. Newcomb, solicitor for Big Business that opposed the bill, declared:

I represent an investment of nine billion dollars and we do not propose to let the government enter into the power business at Boulder. The bill has no chance to pass. It will not pass as it is.

It did not pass. More than 120 million Americans cannot reclaim the arid lands of the desert and produce electric power for their own use without the consent of a few heartless men who are known as "Big Business". This gang of highwaymen is a part of "organized Christianity", so-called.

The corrupting hand of Big Business has been laid upon men in high political positions and corrupted every department of every government of "Christendom". Senator Reed, of the United States Senate, recently declared in a public address: "The time has come when the people should rise up and drive out the leprosy of corruption which has spread through the nation's capital."

The peoples go through a form of election supposedly to select their public servants. But most of these political statesmen are elected and controlled by the defiling influence of "Big Business". From Mr. Justice Ford, long in public life and who speaks with authority, I quote:

In my experience I have found the public service corporations, the street railroad, the telephone, the lighting companies in particular, to be the most prolific source of political corruption in the state. They are more directly dependent upon governmental favors than any others, and indeed the profits of their business flow from the special privileges which they procure and hold from the govern-

ment, both state and municipal. In my day at Albany these corporations plied their nefarious business of corrupting the people's representatives so openly that a blind deaf-mute could learn what was going on. Not that legal evidence could be found against them. They were too shrewd for that. But every public man there was morally certain as to what was going on, and in private conversation it was freely talked about. These public service corporations pollute the very fountains of public virtue; they debauch our public servants; they subsidize party organizations for their own purposes. All the powers of government are subverted to their base ends; and government of the people, by the people, for the people, is made a mockery.

Even the courts are corrupted by Big Business. When Big Business is pitted against the common people the people have no show in the courts. The words of Mr. Untermyer are pertinent on this point:

Nowhere in our social fabric is the discrimination between the rich and the poor so emphasized to the average citizen as at the bar of justice. Nowhere should it be less. . . . Money secures the ablest and most adroit counsel. . . . Evidence can be gathered from every source. The poor must be content to forego all these advantages.

When "Big Business" desires to increase its holdings, and war seems to be advantageous to its selfish interests, it does not hesitate to provoke war between the peoples of different nations. At the bidding of "Big Finance" the politicians enact the necessary conscription laws which compel the common people from all parts of "Christendom" to kill each other while the representatives of "Big Business" and their allies hide in their holes. When the war is over, millions of the common people sleep in the dust of the earth; and within the brief period of blood and carnage there has been born another crop of millionaires, and then there follows greater lawlessness amongst the politicians than ever before. Upon this point a member of the United States Senate, Mr. Norris, is quoted:

The millions of our youth who went into that orgy of murder were promised a new and better order of things. Here, ten years later, they can see special privilege and the power of money more securely enthroned than ever in the seats of the mighty. For the thousands of our young men killed, for our billions spent, for the countless millions of heartaches, we have what? We have political corruption such as was never dreamed of before.

These conscienceless politicians defiled by Big Business and the oppressors of the people constitute a part of "organized Christianity" or "Christendom", so-called, that rule and control the peoples.

THE CLERGY

Who are the responsible ones for naming the harsh, cruel and paternalistic governments "Christendom" or "organized Christianity"? I answer: The clergy of the various denominations. Ambitious for the approval and plaudits of men and with a desire to live in ease and comfort they have joined affinity with Big Business and professional politicians. The clergy pose before the peoples as representatives of God and of his Christ and hypocritically induce the peoples to believe that they are Christians, and at the same time go exactly contrary to the Word of God. Jesus declared that Satan the Devil is the prince or ruler of this world and that he is the opponent of God. (John 14:30) Again in 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4 it is written that Satan is the god of this evil world.

The world means organized forms of government under the supervision of the invisible overlord, Satan the Devil. In God's Word it is written (James 4:4) that he who is a friend of the world is the enemy of God. The clergy have voluntarily become a part of the world and friends thereof and therefore the enemies of God and of Christ and the enemies and oppressors of the common peoples. They call themselves and their

allies, "Big Business" and professional politicians, "organized Christianity" or "Christendom," and have the effrontery to claim that these rule by divine right.

In God's Word true religion is defined in these words: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Contrary to this plain statement of the Word of God the clergy not only fail to comfort the widows and orphans but they advocate war, preach men into the trenches to die, and thereby make millions of widows and more millions fatherless children. Instead of keeping themselves unspotted from the world they are literally spotted all over by the world because they are a part of it. In the recent World War their church edifices were recruiting stations, and almost every clergyman advocated the shedding of human blood. For this reason God, through his prophet, says of and concerning them now: "For in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these." (Jeremiah 2:34) What class of men wear skirts except the preachers or clergy? They are the guilty ones.

Upon this point I submit the following indisputable facts: Admiral Fiske during the World War said: "The Christian religion is at this moment being made to exert a powerful influence, not toward peace but toward war." Secretary of War Lane said: "The War could not have been won without the churches."

Christ, whose name these clergymen have fraudulently assumed and by which they have named their "organized Christianity", said: "Thou shalt not kill." But the clergymen are the most ardent advocates of war and the most vehement and vindictive in their expressions against their fellow men. Before America entered the World War an election for mayor in the city of New York was being held. One candidate was opposed to America entering the war. The distinguished clergy-

man, Dr. Van Dyke, on that occasion said: "I'd hang everyone, whether or not he be a candidate for mayor, who lifts his voice against America entering the war." And this is a sample of the dispensers of religion from "organized Christianity".

Rev. Chas. Ganster from his American pulpit "advocated the organization of an association to murder those persons who do not stand up when the Star Spangled Banner is played".

The clergymen of Germany told the people that they represented the same God and the same Christ that the clergymen of England and America represented. Although Christ is the Prince of Peace, and declares against killing, the clergymen of Germany urged their people to kill in the most fiendish manner the common people of the allied armies of Britain. Likewise the clergymen of Britain and her allies urged the killing of the German people and their allies, and the clergymen of both sides tried to induce the people to believe that they are Christians. In proof that the clergymen are a part of the world and the allies of "Big Business" that makes war I read the testimony of the Rev. George Parkin Atwater, to wit:

The complete representative of the American Church in France is the United States Army overseas. Yes, an army, with its cannon and rifles and machine guns, and its instruments of destruction. The Church militant, sent, morally equipped, strengthened and encouraged, approved and blessed, by the Church at home. The army today is the Church in action, transforming the will of the Church into deeds, expressing the moral judgment of the Church in smashing blows. Its worship has its vigil in the trenches, and its fasts and feasts: its prayers are in acts, and its choir is the crash of cannon and the thrilling ripple of machine guns.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, was one of the most vehement advocates of

America entering the World War. Did he act upon the authority of Christ? No; not Hillis. The American Bankers Association commissioned him as a missionary to Europe. He did the bidding of that heartless and cruel financial association. He prepared the sermons which hundreds of thousands of other pastors throughout America delivered, advocating war, urging the young men into the trenches and the people to buy bonds.

Dr. Hillis was not content with urging men into the jaws of death by which he earned and drew his pay from the American Bankers Association, but went to the extreme in expressing his malice. When the war had ended, instead of visiting the widows and the fatherless and bringing them comfort, as Christ had commanded, Hillis still breathing vengeance of blood against an unfortunate and helpless people wrote:

Society has organized itself against the rattlesnake and the yellow fever. Shepherds have entered into a conspiracy to exterminate the wolves. The Boards of Health are planning to wipe out typhoid, cholera and the black plague. Not otherwise, lovers of their fellow man have finally become perfectly hopeless with reference to the German people. They have no more relation to the civilization of 1918 than an orang-outang, a gorilla, a Judas, a hyena, a thumbscrew, or a scalping knife in the hands of a savage. These brutes must be cast out of society. . . . There will shortly be held a meeting of surgeons in this country. A copy of the preliminary call lies before me. The plan to be discussed is based upon the Indiana State law. That law authorizes a State Board of Surgeons to use upon the person of confirmed criminals and hopeless idiots the new painless method of sterilizing the men. These surgeons are preparing to advocate the calling of a world conference to consider the sterilization of 10,000,000 German soldiers and the segregation of their women, that when this generation of Germans goes, civilized cities, states and faces may be rid of this awful cancer that must be cut clean out of the body of society.

No general, no man in the army, nor any war lord

ever gave utterance to such diabolical and wicked words as those written by Hillis. These clergymen are the ones who, with pious faces and sanctimonious words, tell the peoples that their organized system of oppression and murder represents Christ on earth and therefore constitutes "organized Christianity" or "Christendom". They have been defaming the name of God and of Christ.

A few ultra-selfish men constitute "Big Business", and they control the commerce of the world. They do it by the power of money unjustly wrung from the hands of the multitudes of toilers. They control the elections because the politicians elected to office enact and enforce such laws as they want. They own and control the public press and publish only what they desire the peoples to read. This lecture I am now giving will not be published by them because they do not want the peoples to hear it. The radio, which God has brought to light for the benefit of the peoples, the same selfish interest is now seeking to control. The same power controls the clergy and uses them for selfish purposes. In time of war they use the clergy as recruiting officers to hurry men into the jaws of death. This is the unholy alliance that hypocritically calls itself by the name of Christ and has induced the peoples to believe that it is the political expression of God's kingdom on earth. On the contrary the Scriptures declare this unholy alliance to be a part of Babylon and of the Devil's organization. All nations have been made blind drunk by its false representations and teachings.

Now the unholy alliance is pursuing a systematic campaign to amalgamate the common people of all Christendom into great military organizations. The false slogan of the World War was that it would "make the world safe for Democracy". Every sane man knows that it destroyed democracy. "Big Business" and its allies now hope to hold the common people in subjection by making them a part of the harsh and cruel war machine.

Succeeding in this the Devil, in his ghoulish glee, and to the reproach of God and Christ, would say: "This is Christendom or organized Christianity."

BURDEN BEARERS

The unholy alliance called "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" for its support and maintenance depends upon the multitudes of the common peoples. It holds up the peoples and robs them of their just rights and the fruits of their honest labors. Without the consent of the multitudes of peoples the poor are forced to fight and to kill their fellow man without a just cause or excuse. This "organized Christianity", fraudulently so-called, has caused the common peoples to bear great burdens of unjust taxation in order that the few might live wantonly and recklessly. It has caused the peoples to bear the burdens of war that a few might gratify their selfish desires. The multitudes of suffering ones, with bent bodies and broken hearts, have gone into untimely graves. Those not supporting the unholy alliance are told by the clergy that to them death is but the opening of the gates of a burning hell wherein their torture will never end.

HOPELESS

The great desire of the peoples is for peace and prosperity and life in a state of happiness. It is now apparent that there is no hope of the peoples' realizing their desires by anything that "organized Christianity" can give them. "Organized Christianity" or "Christendom", instead of being the friend and benefactor of the multitudes, is the enemy and oppressor of the common peoples. With great pomp and glory that unholy system rides upon the backs of the peoples. Without the support of the common peoples that wicked system called "Christendom" could not survive. When the peoples withdraw their support therefrom, "organized Christian-

ity", which is a part of Babylon or the Devil's organization, will fall like a great millstone into the sea.

GOD THE PEOPLES' FRIEND

There is one true and almighty God. Jehovah of Hosts is his name. He is the Friend and Benefactor of man. Through his Christ and his kingdom of righteousness he will grant to the honest peoples of earth their heart's desire.

God created the first man perfect. Because man violated God's law he was sentenced to death. Thereafter his children were born; hence they were born sinners and imperfect and without the right to life. (Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5) God in his loving kindness promised to produce a "seed" through which all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 22:18-22) Then he made it clear that Christ is that promised "seed" and that there is no other name whereby men can be saved.—Galatians 3:16-19; Acts 4:12.

God so loved the world of mankind that he sent his beloved Son to earth and permitted him to die that man might have an opportunity to live. (John 3:16) Jesus Christ died for all men and all men must know that fact in God's due time.—Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-6.

Christ means the Anointed One of God, the Messiah, the One appointed by Jehovah through whom the promised blessings must come to the people. For the purpose of deceiving the peoples and turning their minds away from God and his gracious provision for their blessing, Satan the Devil organized the false and wicked system made up of "Big Business", professional politicians, and faithless preachers, and calls it by the name of "organized Christianity" or "Christendom". That wicked system now controls and for a long time has controlled and oppressed the common peoples of the nations.

By his Word God discloses that he would not interfere with Satan's nefarious work until the end of the world,

at which time Christ Jesus, his beloved Son and earth's rightful King, should come into possession of the affairs of man and rule and bless the peoples of the earth. That world ended with 1914, and according to the Lord's prophecy was marked by the World War, famine, pestilence, revolutions, return of the Jews to Palestine, and by general distress and perplexity now existing on earth. (Matthew 24:3-22; Luke 21:10-26) A period of time elapses from the beginning of sorrows, which marks the end of the world, until the final end thereof, during which the message of the kingdom must be proclaimed to the peoples.—Matthew 24:14.

Now God has set his Son Christ upon his throne, as foretold by his prophet in the Second Psalm, and bids all the nations and peoples of earth to hear and obey him. The old world has ended and God's kingdom is at hand. The rulers of the earth were duly served with notice of this fact a year ago. The unholy alliance has received due notice thereof. But instead of heeding the message from the Word of God the rulers of the world, to wit, those constituting the *unholy alliance*, walk on in darkness and continue to oppress the peoples. The doom of "organized Christianity" or Babylon is sealed! The groans and cries of the peoples oppressed by that wicked system have ascended up to the God of heaven. To the oppressors composing that evil system the great Jehovah now says: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and

been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."—James 5: 1-6.

The day of God's vengeance is at hand; and he will punish that wicked system calling itself "organized Christianity", because it has oppressed the common peoples.

A city is a symbol of an organization. The unholy organization called "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" in the Scriptures is called a "city". To that wicked city God now says: "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations; he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind [of trouble] shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."—Jeremiah 25: 29, 31-35.

The World War stopped in 1918 in order that notice might be given to the peoples of earth concerning the name of Jehovah God and his purposes toward men. That witness has been in progress during the past eight years. Notice has been served upon the world powers,

and now notice is being served upon all the common peoples. Jesus declared that when this witness is done, and because the ruling powers will not heed the same, there shall come upon the world the greatest time of trouble ever known and it shall be the last.—Matthew 24: 14, 21, 22.

Millions of honest people who are now held in subjection to "organized Christianity", but who are meek and willing to be taught, are asking, What shall we do? To such Jehovah now says: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness; seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2: 3.

The Word of God and the physical facts prove that "organized Christianity" or "Christendom" is a failure. She is even worse than that. She is a menace to peace and prosperity. She is an instrument of Satan the Devil. Abandon her and flee from her as rats flee from a sinking ship. She is sinking into oblivion never again to rise. She is going down in a time of trouble such as never before was known. To the people the Lord now says therefore: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."—Revelation 18: 4.

THE BLESSINGS

The ruins of Satan's false system cleared away, there shall arise a new heaven and new earth wherein dwells righteousness, according to God's promise. (2 Peter 3: 13) That righteous government shall rest upon the shoulder of Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace. His name shall be called by the people Wonderful Counsellor, because he will guide them in the right way; he shall be called the Everlasting Father because he will give life to the peoples. And of his peace and blessings there shall be no end.—Isaiah 9: 6, 7.

WARS TO CEASE

The curse that war has laid upon the peoples will then be lifted for ever. Never again shall there be war between the peoples of the nations. Under the reign of the righteous Messiah the peoples of the nations shall beat their instruments of war into farming implements and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2: 2-4.

A lion is a symbol of the Devil, and a ravenous beast is a symbol of the Devil's organization on earth, made up of the cruel "Big Business", big politicians, and big preachers. God, through his prophet, promises that in the kingdom of Messiah there shall be no lion nor ravenous beast there, because the Devil will not be permitted to operate. He will have no cruel financiers, nor professional politicians, nor any hypocritical preachers to do his bidding. The people shall dwell together in safety and follow that which is right.—Isaiah 35: 9, 10.

The poor will no longer be oppressed. In the courts they will have fair and equitable consideration, because it is written that "with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth".—Isaiah 11: 4.

Under the righteous reign of Messiah no cruel corporation can own the houses in which the people dwell, or compel them to pay exorbitant rents. The people shall build their own houses and live in them and plant their own vineyards and eat the fruit thereof, and no one shall make them afraid.—Micah 4: 4.

Now the poor cry for bread and the rulers give them a stone; they cry for a fish and the clergy give them a fiery serpent. Under the righteous reign of Messiah there shall be a great feast of fat things spread for all the people and they shall eat and rejoice. No hypocritical prohibition preachers will be permitted then to operate with bootleggers and take away from the people the

proper use of wine while they themselves use it unlawfully.—Isaiah 25: 6.

Under the righteous reign of Messiah clergymen will no more be permitted to frighten the people and keep them in ignorance of the truth. Then the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth as the waters now fill the sea, and every man will know the Lord and his righteous way from the least to the greatest, and that knowledge will be free.—Habakkuk 2: 14; Jeremiah 31: 34.

In that righteous government here on earth no more can men called doctors practise on the people and hide their mistakes in the graveyard, because then the Lord will lead the people in the right way and bring unto them peace and health and cure them of all their ailments until no more shall any man say, "I am sick."—Jeremiah 33: 6; Isaiah 33: 24.

It shall then be if a man who has been wicked shall turn away from his wickedness and do right and obey the Lord he shall live and shall never die. (Ezekiel 18: 27, 28) That is the time of which Jesus spoke when he said: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death" (John 8: 51); "Whosoever liveth, and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11: 26.

In that time old men shall return to the days of their youth, and their flesh shall become fresher than that of a child. (Job 33: 25) Then God will restore to perfection of body and mind all the obedient ones on the earth until the earth is filled with a happy, joyful and vigorous people.—Acts 3: 19-23.

Seeing that God has in store these marvelous blessings for the people through the kingdom of Christ it is easy to see why the Devil has organized a false system called "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", and by which system hypocritically he deceives the people and turns their minds away from God's provision for their blessing.

God's kingdom of righteousness is at hand. The evidence shows that the day of restitution has come in which the obedient ones of mankind shall be granted full freedom and be restored to the perfection of body enjoyed in Eden. Therefore with confidence it can now be stated that millions of people now on the earth will never die.

The people desire peace, freedom, prosperity, life and happiness. All thinking persons must now see these can come only from God's kingdom through Christ. They can never be realized by or through the false system called "organized Christianity". The hypocritical and evil course of "Christendom" is an insult to God and to Christ. It is the deceiver and oppressor of the people. It is completely under the control of Satan the Devil. It depends for its support and maintenance upon the multitudes of peoples, while at the same time it continues to defraud and oppress the people. Let the multitudes of peoples completely and entirely withdraw all support morally, financially and otherwise from "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called. Let them give their heart's devotion and allegiance entirely to God and to Christ, the Prince of Peace, who is now earth's rightful King. Let them dwell together in peace and do good to each other and be ready to receive the blessings which God has in reservation for those who love and obey him. The day of complete freedom is at hand!

The peoples should therefore for ever abandon and forsake "organized Christianity" called "Christendom" and turn their hearts and minds and their allegiance wholly to God and his Christ for the following reasons, to wit:

- (1) Because "Christendom" is the Devil's organization operated by him to keep the people in subjection.
- (2) Because it is an instrument of oppression which

has been used to make the burdens of men grievous to be borne.

(3) Because it is false, hypocritical, and wicked, and against the interests of the multitudes of the peoples.

(4) Because it holds out absolutely no hope for the betterment of the peoples.

(5) Because God's time has come when that evil and hypocritical system shall be destroyed in the greatest time of trouble the world has ever known.

(6) Because God commands all the peoples who love him to flee from that unrighteous system of so-called "organized Christianity" and thereby escape the dire calamities that shortly shall befall her.

(7) Because God has set his anointed King, Christ Jesus the Messiah, upon his throne, and bids all the peoples of earth to hear and obey him; and those who so do shall receive and for ever enjoy the blessings of complete freedom, everlasting peace, prosperity, life, liberty and happiness.

And now, Mr. Chairman, based upon these assigned reasons, I move the adoption of this resolution and I ask my audience, both seen and unseen, when the vote is taken that those who are in favor arise and express themselves by crying out, Aye. Before voting upon it I wish to say the message today, by God's grace, has gone out from Maine to California, from Canada to Mexico, and we hope to the uttermost parts of "Christendom". The Lord God has graciously used the National Broadcasting Company to carry this message to "Christendom". I take this occasion to express, upon behalf of the International Bible Students, my great appreciation of the cooperation of the National Broadcasting Company. May God bless the men thereof for their efforts. Those in favor of the adoption of the resolution arise and say, Aye.

The thunderous tones of that great multitude were heard throughout the land and hundreds of thousands and probably millions of other peoples who were listening in likewise voted Aye, as is noted by the many messages received.

“The Hook-up”

From *The Messenger*, published at Toronto, Monday July 25th, 1927, the following is quoted:

One of the greatest events of the age has passed into history. Judge Rutherford's address, at Toronto, marked the end of the old way and the coming in of the new.

Ten years ago the Bible Students anticipated that by the end of 1925 the gospel would be broadcast from some one station to all the rest of the world. They did not miss it by very much.

Ten weeks ago there were no signs that Judge Rutherford would have the whole world listening to him from the Coliseum platform, on July 24th. But events move rapidly now.

Nothing could more plainly demonstrate the hand of God than the wonderful way in which this seemingly impossible thing was brought about. All things are easy for God.

It is less than six weeks ago that Judge Rutherford and his colleagues were at Washington, setting forth to the Radio Commission their just rights to a high wave length.

Reasons were given why WBBR, Judge Rutherford's station on Staten Island, should have part of the time of WJZ. It seemed like a hopeless mission, but God saw otherwise.

WJZ is on the National Broadcasting Company's circuit. Its president was at the hearing. Naturally he wanted to retain all his time, but Judge Rutherford interested him.

President Merlin Hall Aylesworth, of the National Broadcasting Company, desired that Judge Rutherford should make use of his circuit; and a date was fixed, July 24th, yesterday.

So it came about that when Judge Rutherford stepped out on the platform yesterday he stepped out to speak from all the stations which go to make up the National Broadcasting circuit, in addition to his own chain of stations.

These include many of the most important stations in the United States, and with them the Red, Blue and Pacific networks, as they are called, reaching clear across the continent.

But he spoke from more than these, because many other of the most prominent broadcasting studios, including several in Canada, concluded also to send out the lecture.

So it came to pass that Judge Rutherford, standing in Toronto, talked from a line of stations reaching from Toronto, through Saskatoon and Edmonton to Vancouver on the Pacific coast.

Standing in Toronto he was broadcasting simultaneously from Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, Providence and other stations all over New England.

Standing in Toronto his voice went out from the greatest studios in New York, Schenectady, Buffalo, Rochester, Washington, Pittsburgh and others in the Middle Atlantic States.

Though here in Canada he broadcast from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Davenport, Batavia, Louisville, and many other stations in the Middle Western States.

Without leaving the Coliseum his voice rang out from stations in Charlotte, Memphis, Nashville, Jacksonville, Dallas, and from stations in many other cities all over the Southern States.

Though his voice went into but one microphone here yet it entered other microphones with equal power in Des Moines, Omaha, Denver, San Antonio, Oakland and Spokane.

Originally cast from Toronto, Judge Rutherford's voice went on and on until it was amplified millions of times and was rebroadcast from the great studios in England and Australia.

The vast audience at Toronto was as nothing. True, the great Coliseum was filled an hour ahead of time and thousands turned away; but all could hear, in or out.

All over the world the scene in Toronto was duplicated. Bible Students and their friends and the public were listening in halls, auditoriums and private homes, catching every word.

How many millions heard Judge Rutherford's wonderful discourse Sunday afternoon there will never be any way of finding out while we are on this side of the veil.

The Passing of the Powers

"Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

—Daniel 2:35.

JEHOVAH through his Word reveals that Armageddon is "the battle of the great day of God Almighty". The inference to be drawn from the name used is that in that great day the Creator of heaven and earth will exercise almighty power in battle against his enemy. If then we are correct in the conclusion that the battle of Armageddon will be fought by Satan and his forces on the one side, and Jehovah of hosts on the other side, then it is of greatest interest and importance to the Christians now on earth to have a mental vision of both organizations. It will also be of great importance for the Christians to go forward in harmony with God's organization and to faithfully perform the duties God has laid upon them.

It seems quite certain that we are approaching the greatest crisis of all time and that in the conflict of Armageddon the powers of evil shall fall, never again to secure a solid footing on the earth. That fact alone should thrill the soul of every lover of righteousness. It will mean the vindication of God's holy name, the triumph of his Christ, the deliverance of the people from oppression, and the opening of the plain highway by which the people may fully return unto God. Truly we are entering into a grand and awful time. To be living now is sublime!

It is profitable at this time that we take a mental vision of the history of the nations or world powers found recorded in the Word of God, and such part of profane history relating thereto as is in full harmony with the Word of God. Undoubtedly God caused the record thereof to be made in

his Word for the benefit of the Christians on earth at this time. The understanding of the same in harmony with God's will is therefore meet in due season to strengthen all those who are striving to do the will of God.

DEFINITIONS

Power, as used herein, means a potentate or authority exercising jurisdiction and power over others.

World, as herein used, means mankind organized into forms of government acting under the supervision and influence or control of an invisible overlord, potentate or authority. There is both a visible and an invisible part of the world. The invisible part of the organization is termed "heaven". The visible part thereof is called "earth", and the authority of the visible part thereof is exercised by men. In the Scriptures the earthly part is symbolized by a beast, because a wild and ferocious beast fitly represents earthly governments or powers.

A world power therefore is defined as an organization on earth of men into forms of government, which government possesses and exercises supreme jurisdiction, power, and the controlling influence over various powers or nations, and which is under the supervision of the invisible overlord, Satan the Devil. World powers have been permitted by Jehovah in order to put men to the test and to teach them lessons which they could not otherwise learn. Many nations have arisen and quickly fallen again, but world powers have been limited in number and have existed until God's due time for such to fall.

God permitted man to follow his own devices in organizing governments. He placed before man righteousness and truth and then permitted him to choose good or to go in the way of evil and unrighteousness. Man changed the truth into lies, reproached God and worshiped the creature rather than the Creator. (Romans 1:25) Men were induced to take this wrongful course by reason of the evil influence exercised over them by Satan the enemy. By fraud and deceit Satan turned the mind of man away from God. The Devil induced some to worship him, and others he induced to worship any object except Jehovah. By this means Satan

became the god or invisible ruler over men and has influenced and controlled men's organization of governments or powers.

The Devil's organization therefore consists of himself and the evil angels that he drew away from the paths of rectitude, and of men under his influence organized into earthly systems and governments. The majority of men have not cared to retain God in their knowledge and therefore God permitted them to go in the way of evil and to do those things which are unrighteous. As the knowledge of men increased they have turned that knowledge into selfish and wrongful channels. Satan, seizing upon the opportunity, has builded a mighty organization on earth. In the latter days, due to the great goodness of God, knowledge has increased; but this knowledge has been used among men under the influence of Satan to strengthen his organization. The commerce of the earth, the political machinery of earth, and the organized religion of earth, are all under the control of Satan. He has united these into one mighty organization, which organization is cruel and oppressive. He stands opposed to God and everything that represents God.

Throughout the ages only those who have been faithful to God have stood aloof from the Devil's organization and refused to yield thereto. Many of these have suffered martyrdom, and over them Satan's organization apparently has triumphed. Many others for a time have stood in opposition to Satan's organization, but under his subtle influence have fallen into his snares. Today upon earth there is but a remnant that is true and faithful to God. Against these Satan and his organization now make desperate assault with the determination of destroying them because they keep the commandments of God and have the witness that they are the Lord's.

GOD'S ORGANIZATION

God's organization is unknown to all except a few. It consists of Jesus Christ, his beloved Son and great High Priest, and a host of true and holy angels, and the members of the body of Christ in glory, and of those anointed ones on earth who are yet faithful and true to the Lord.

Over all of these is the great eternal Jehovah God. The fact that one of his names is Jehovah of hosts means that he has a mighty army of holy angels that delight to render complete obedience unto him. These not only carry out his purposes in general, but under his direction furnish protection for the faithful ones on earth. God's representatives on earth are small in number and meager in power. In themselves they have no strength. These faithful ones have entered into the secret place of the Most High; and dwelling there in the shadow of the Almighty God, they are safe while the battle rages. With confidence and with a complete sense of security they can perform and do perform their duties.

DIVINE RULES

It appears that God has fixed rules of procedure concerning world powers: (1) He manifests toward such his own goodness that the people thereof, and particularly the rulers, may see evidences of his righteousness in contrast with the wickedness of the evil one; (2) he serves notice upon them of his purposes to punish their evil course; (3) he magnifies his own name by a manifestation of his supreme power that all may know that there is no Almighty God besides him and from him alone proceed all things that are good and righteous.

It also appears that another fixed rule of God is that where there is greater knowledge, or opportunity to obtain the same, there is greater responsibility resting upon those who do know or who might know. Having in mind these fixed rules will enable us to more fully appreciate what are the present duties of the remnant and what Armageddon may mean.

BEGINNING OF WORLD POWERS

Nebuchadnezzar succeeded his father upon the throne of Babylon, a nation that had existed for many years. In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar he had a dream. Daniel the Hebrew was brought before the king and gave the interpretation of his dream. In that interpretation Daniel the prophet of God specified four kingdoms or world

powers. (Daniel 2:36-40) From the description given, however, and from other facts that appear in the sacred record it is manifest that these four are not all the world powers revealed by the Scriptures and that Babylon was not the beginning of world powers.

The Gentile Times began under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. When Daniel stood before that potentate to give interpretation of his dream he said: "God . . . maketh known what shall be in the latter days." Those words would indicate that God would reveal to his people in the latter days a better understanding of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and of its interpretation, which was in fact a prophecy. God's purpose in making the dream and its interpretation appear so prominently in the Bible must be of greater significance merely than to record an historical fact to be thereafter remembered by the people. It now appears that the primary purpose of the record concerning that world power was and is that God thereby serves notice on the ruling factors of the world that he is the only true God, that his name shall be magnified notwithstanding the enemy, and in his own due time he will demonstrate this to all creation.

EGYPT

It is an indisputable fact that long prior to the existence of Babylon as a world power there were two other great world powers. The first was Egypt. God permitted Joseph to be sold into Egypt, and then to be elevated to a position of great power and authority in that government. There was a divine purpose in this. It was through Joseph that God gave Egypt evidence of his own goodness. That nation was the predominant world power then. That nation received many blessings from God, ministered to it and its people through the hand of Joseph, the servant of God. (Genesis 41) The rulers of Egypt learned of God and his goodness. Joseph died; and another king arose who was against God and forgot the favors that the empire had received from Jehovah. (Exodus 1:8) God's chosen people were then domiciled in Egypt. They were being persecuted and oppressed by the rulers. Their cries came up before

Jehovah. God then went to Egypt to make for himself a name. (2 Samuel 7: 23) He did this by sending his servants, Moses and Aaron, into Egypt. He told Moses in advance what he intended to do. (Exodus 3: 20) Through Moses God served notice on Pharaoh that he is the Almighty God and of his purpose to deliver his people. After full and fair warning God slew all the firstborn of Egypt, delivered his own people, and then destroyed the army of that great world power. Thus he gave a demonstration of his power that he is God, that his name might not be forgotten for the good of men.

Egypt was the first world power, and what came to pass concerning it foreshadowed what shall happen to the last of Satan's world powers. Moses, who served as deliverer, foreshadowed Christ, the great Deliverer. The overthrow of Egypt foreshadowed the time when God through Christ would dash to pieces Satan's organization in the latter days. From that time forward Egypt as a world power became typical of other world powers that should follow. Students of Scripture have long recognized Egypt as a type and its king as the representative of the Devil and a part of the Devil's organization.

ASSYRIA

Later and next in order Assyria arose as a dominant world power. That nation was the dominating organization of Satan on earth. God recognized Assyria as a world power and specifically showed his goodness to that nation by sending Jonah his prophet to them to give them warning. And that world power recognized Jehovah as their God and acknowledged him as such. (Jonah 3: 6-9) Because of their knowledge of God the rulers of Assyria were responsible. Not only did the rulers of Assyria forget God and worship Satan and his angels, but openly defied the Almighty and brought reproach upon his name. (2 Kings 18: 22; 19: 10-13) Then God manifested his power against the empire of Assyria and demonstrated that he is the Almighty God. Assyria fell and ceased to be a world power.

BABYLON

The next world power that appeared on the scene was Babylon. It existed as a nation long prior thereto. Early in the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Babylon became a world power or dominant national organization of Satan. Because of the unfaithfulness of the nation of Israel, which formed the typical kingdom of God, that nation was overthrown and God even permitted Nebuchadnezzar to become "a king of kings" or dominant world power to be used for his own purposes. By the dream of Nebuchadnezzar and the interpretation thereof by Daniel God brought *notice* to that ruler that Jehovah is the only true God; and Nebuchadnezzar recognized that fact when he said to Daniel: "Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings." (Daniel 2:47) Later Nebuchadnezzar was forced to undergo certain ordeals by which he was compelled to acknowledge the supremacy of Jehovah. (Daniel 4:25-37) The goodness of God was made manifest to Babylon. Later that nation forgot God and persecuted his people and fell.

By the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream which God gave to him through the Prophet Daniel Jehovah was *servicing notice* upon Babylon, *and upon* all the nations that followed, that he is the great and only true God and that in his due time he will destroy all powers that oppose him even as he had destroyed Egypt; and that he will do so through his righteous kingdom; and that his kingdom shall stand for ever for the blessing of mankind.

The facts therefore show that Babylon was the *third world* power in the order in which they actually came into existence. The Lord through Daniel did not say that Nebuchadnezzar was the head of the first world power. He described an image, which Nebuchadnezzar saw, the head of which was gold; and then said to the king: "Thou art this head of gold." He then stated that after Babylon there should follow a second, third, and fourth kingdom or world power. It clearly therefore appears that such in the order named were numbered from Nebuchadnezzar forward. The second was the Medo-Persian kingdom, the third Greece, and Rome is recognized as the fourth. Counting Egypt as

the first world power, which indeed it was, then Rome was the sixth from Egypt but the fourth from Nebuchadnezzar. The four world powers mentioned by Daniel covered the time or interregnum between the overthrow of the typical kingdom of God and the coming of the real kingdom, to wit, Christ Jesus, who came and declared, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." He is the one "whose right it is" to reign. (Ezekiel 21:24-27) He was crucified during the time that Rome was the dominant power of earth, the fourth in the order named by Daniel. Daniel the prophet did not then disclose the world powers that preceded Nebuchadnezzar, nor those that should follow Rome and that should exist until the establishment of God's kingdom under Christ.

OTHER WORLD POWERS

While Daniel specifically named only four world powers yet his prophetic description shows there were to be more. The image which he described to Nebuchadnezzar had legs of iron which represented the fourth world power or kingdom named by Daniel and which is recognized by all as Rome. Iron represents a cruel military power that breaks to pieces and subdues all others. The military history of Rome fully meets this description.

The image had feet and toes, which are no part of the legs any more than the thighs are parts of the legs. The two feet had ten toes; and while the toes grow out of the feet, yet they are separate from the feet and are described separately. The description therefore shows that the feet represent a great world power to follow Rome, and then later another would arise which is represented by the toes growing out from the feet and forming a part thereof. The prophet's description is: "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of the potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to

another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."—Daniel 2: 41-43.

Then in the forty-fourth verse follows the prophet's statement that God will set up his kingdom and will completely destroy all these world powers and that then God's kingdom shall stand for ever.

The time of the fulfilment of this prophecy, which is the time of the complete fall and destruction of world powers, is indicated by the words of the prophet: "They shall mingle themselves with the seed of men." Otherwise stated, at that time there shall be an effort to ally the two things represented by the iron and the clay. Iron symbolizes military power, while clay symbolically represents the democracy or common peoples of the earth; and the mingling of the two represents an effort to unite all the peoples and nations, including the democracy or rank and file, into one great military camp or war machine, and therefore corresponds with the statement concerning Satan's gathering together all his forces for the great battle of Armageddon.

In 1799 Rome fell and ceased to be a world power. At that time Napoleon was desperately attempting to establish a universal world power which would completely ignore Jehovah God and push him out of the minds of men. He was following Voltaire's theory of evolution, which is another evidence he was acting under the direction of the Devil. It is manifest that the Lord God interfered to prevent him in establishing such a universal power. At the great naval battle of Trafalgar and in the land engagement of Waterloo the forces of Napoleon were defeated and his power broken.

That marked the beginning of the ascendancy of the British Empire, which is the seventh and without doubt the greatest world power that has ever existed. Peculiar to that world power is this, that the chief part of its political body is the House of Lords, consisting of the lords spiritual and the lords temporal. The Archbishop of Canterbury is first peer of the realm and therefore next to the king. The bishops and other ecclesiastics are large owners of the lands and mines. The empire claims to represent Christ on earth, and at the same time it is the greatest military power that the world has ever produced. It fully meets

the description of the two horned beast that has the appearance of a lamb because it is diplomatic, pious in appearance, sanctimonious, and that speaks like the Devil. (Revelation 13:11) Its dominion encircles the earth.

America is really a part of the British Empire because both countries are controlled by the same money power, and that is the power that is responsible for the military and the political machinery. The British Empire or world power, together with her colonies and allies, is represented by the feet in the image described by Daniel. The iron represents her great military strength, while at the same time the clay represents the democracy or common people of the empire, all of which she counts as a part of her great military system. The battle cry during the War of Britain and her allies was: "Let us use the military to make the world safe for Democracy." Such is a mixing of iron with miry clay. It was and is a subtle attempt to amalgamate the military with the common people. The scheme will deceive the people for a time but not for long, because God through his prophet so states.

The ten toes of Daniel's image symbolically represent all the rulers of "Christendom". These have united to form a League of Nations which is the eighth beast and which comes from nowhere and goes into perdition. It is the final desperate attempt of Satan to make all the peoples of "Christendom" stand together as a great and warlike body preparatory for the great battle of God Almighty, and which the enemy expects to launch against the Lord God and against his Anointed. The British Empire is therefore the seventh world power; and the League of Nations, which is combined "Christendom", including of course the British Empire, which is the real life-giver to the League, is the eighth; and both the seventh and the eighth function at one and the same time, and both seem destined for the same fate.

The British Empire is the strongest and most powerful nation on the earth. She is the greatest world power that has ever existed. Her dominion extends from east to west and north to south, and reaches almost every part of the earth. Because of her strength she is weak. It is her numerous colonies that make her strong as an empire; and

as long as those colonies remain entirely loyal her strength continues. If a break should start with one it might easily extend to all others, and the empire would quickly go down.

The British Empire claims to be the most liberal on earth with regard to freedom of speech. That claim is probably true. The English have learned that it is a good policy to let the people vent their feelings by giving expression in words. At the same time she is the strongest military power on earth. Her effort is to draw the common people into her military organization. Her financial power works the political and ecclesiastical elements for all they are worth, and these in turn impress upon the people the great necessity of the military strength of the nation. There is a constant burden of taxation laid upon the people to further the preparations for war. While America is separate and independent from Britain, yet she is more dependent than many of her citizens think. The commerce of the British and American nations is closely allied, and therein lie the strength and power of each. Should Britain fall America could not long continue her commercial enterprises. Her markets in Europe would fall. She would also be greatly menaced by Japan and China. Commerce therefore holds the two great nations of Britain and America in close alliance.

America is likewise pursuing the same policy concerning war preparations. This is induced by the commercial element or Big Finance. When one of America's sons, little known, flew across the Atlantic that marvelous feat accomplished by him was seized upon by "Big Business" to boost war preparations. Great sums of money were spent apparently to honor this young man. That was not done because the spenders had any love for the young man. They love no one but self. Millions were spent to enthuse the common people concerning war and to draw them into the war arrangement.

Other nations are doing the same thing. All "Christendom", which really forms the League of Nations, is talking about disarmament but at the same time increasing that armament. There are more armed men in Europe today than there were in 1914. Every possible effort is being put forth to make soldiers of the common people. What is now

flow. Likewise he demonstrated his power against the other world powers, including Rome, and for the same purpose. Now in the time of the enlightenment of the nations of earth so-called "Christendom" has disregarded the name of the Lord God and has pushed it aside and hypocritically used his name as no other power ever did. "Christendom" is the very zenith of the Devil's organization. God declares his purpose that such organization shall fall amidst the greatest time of trouble ever known, and that such will be the last.—Matthew 24: 21, 22.

SERVING NOTICE

In keeping with the fixed divine rule, before dashing "Christendom" to pieces Jehovah will have it duly served with notice of his purpose. Acting under his fixed rule he sent Moses and Aaron to serve notice upon Egypt. He sent Jonah to serve notice upon Assyria. Through his prophets he served notice on Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece. He served notice upon Rome through Jesus and his apostles. Now shall God perform his great and terrible act in a corner without due notice being given to the world power of "Christendom"? No; he declares that notice must be served upon her.

WITNESSES

Who then will God have to serve notice upon Christendom? Keep in mind that the issue now is, Who is God? To the faithful anointed ones who delight to follow in the footsteps of Jesus at this time God says, "Ye are my witnesses, that I am God." (Isaiah 43: 10, 12) God commands his people to go and give this witness, and says to give it until the battle is on and until Satan's organization shall fall never to rise again. If you are one of the anointed ones and love the Lord, you will delight to have a part in obeying his commandments and will participate in giving the witness. Others will not.

The events that have come to pass since 1914 have been brought sharply to the attention of Christians. These events constitute the good news to the faithful and to all who love

righteousness. The Lord tells the faithful who love him to go and give this witness to the peoples and nations of earth. Undoubtedly the World War ceased that the witness might be given; and when it is given, it may be expected that the battle of Armageddon will follow.

Last year there was sent to the ruling powers of the world due notice that God had set his King upon his throne and that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. As was expected, they have ignored and spurned that notice, and gnawed their tongues. Now notice must be given to the people that go to make up Christendom. Those who love the Lord God and who have opportunity to give this witness will regard such as the greatest privilege that has ever come to them. With joy and with boldness let each and every one who is anointed prove his love for God by availing himself of every opportunity to testify that Jehovah is God, that Christ is King, and that the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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