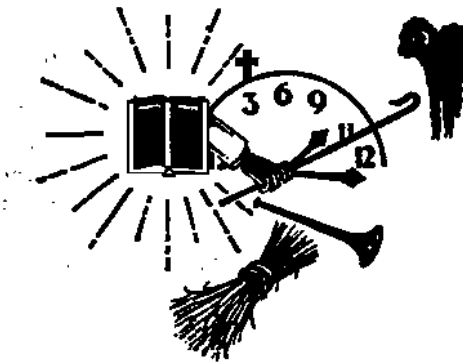


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### THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPHECY OF THE 42 MONTHS OF REVELATION 11

In the Symbolic Code for March-April, 1958 (Vol. 13, Nos. 5, 6, p. 55) there appeared an article of caution against setting the date for the beginning and ending of the 42-month period of Revelation 11. Since the Office, however, has subsequently received a few letters from some individuals expressing their opinion that the 42 months ended in August or September and that now the Two Witnesses have been "slain," we shall devote some space in this issue of the Code to set forth our position.

The 42 months of Revelation 11 have not ended, because the Bible says that when the Two Witnesses have finished their testimony (at the end of the 42 months) the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit (Christendom) will make war with them. Also, the Gentiles are to tread the holy city underfoot for 42 months only. Since the beast has not yet begun to make war on the Two Witnesses, and since the Gentiles are still in possession of the Holy Land, it is not possible that the 42 months have ended.

Furthermore, how can anyone declare that the 42 months have ended when the Code has never set any definite date for the beginning of this prophetic period? There is no authority

for beginning the 42 months at the death of Brother Houteff. According to Revelation 11, it is the Two Witnesses that had power to shut up heaven that it rain not.

In fact, the Code has never taught any date at all--it merely warns that when this period, which we do believe we are now in, is over, the beast will make war with the Two Witnesses, and that God's people must strengthen their souls now so that they might be able to withstand the terrible persecution that will result.

Quoting now from The Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 3, 4:

"(The question has frequently come to Mt. Carmel since the subject of the 'forty-two months' was explained in The Symbolic Code, asking why the Code has never said when the forty-two months started and when the 'great earthquake' of Revelation 11 is to take place. Therefore, to help clarify these questions and to emphasize the fact that God has given us sufficient information to know the 'seasons,' the study of 'Jonah and the People of God' which Brother Houteff delivered June 10, 1944 has been selected for this month's issue of The Symbolic Code.

"It is true that just as 'the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming' (Jer. 8:7), God has mercifully

made available to His people the knowledge of 'the judgment of the Lord' for this age, if they are willing to know it. He has not, however, seen fit at this time to make known the day and hour. He has told His people enough that they certainly need not be caught unawares as one being surprised by an unexpected thief. God has revealed the forty-two-month prophecy to us for no other purpose than that we be made to realize that we individually have no time to lose in cleaning ourselves up with the provisions He has given us, no time to lose in getting our divinely-appointed work done in the church, and no time to lose in setting our own houses in order. When God's people need more information for their own good the Lord will not withhold it from them.)"

Since the Code leaves the matter there, we must not add our own ideas, and thus place ourselves in the dangerous position of running ahead of the Lord.

Most importantly, the prophecy of the 42 months was not revealed for the purpose of setting time. The Lord wanted us to know about this that we might prepare ourselves to stand, and that we might have a guide post along the way to the Kingdom, knowing that time is very short.

"It is a masterpiece of Satan's deceptions to keep the minds of men searching and con-

jecturing in regard to that which God has not made known, and which He does not intend that we shall understand. It was thus that Lucifer lost his place in heaven. He became dissatisfied because all the secrets of God's purposes were not confided to him, and he entirely disregarded that which was revealed concerning his own work in the lofty position assigned him. By arousing the same discontent in the angels under his command, he caused their fall. Now he seeks to imbue the minds of men with the same spirit, and to lead them also to disregard the direct commands of God."--Great Controversy, p. 523, par. 1.

"God has given in His word sufficient evidence of its divine character. The great truths which concern our redemption are clearly presented. By the aid of the Holy Spirit, which is promised to all who seek it in sincerity, every man may understand these truths for himself. God has granted to men a strong foundation upon which to rest their faith.

"Yet the finite minds of men are inadequate fully to comprehend the plans and purposes of the Infinite One. We can never by searching find out God. We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty. The apostle exclaims, 'How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!' We can so far comprehend His dealings with us, and the motives by

which He is actuated, that we may discern boundless love and mercy united to infinite power. Our Father in heaven orders everything in wisdom and righteousness, and we are not to be dissatisfied and distrustful, but to how in reverent submission. He will reveal to us as much of His purposes as it is for our good to know, and beyond that we must trust the Hand that is omnipotent, the Heart that is full of love.

"While God has given ample evidence for faith, He will never remove all excuse for unbelief. All who look for hooks to hang their doubts upon, will find them. And those who refuse to accept and obey God's word until every objection has been removed, and there is no longer an opportunity for doubt, will never come to the light.

"Distrust of God is the natural outgrowth of the unrenewed heart, which is at enmity with Him. But faith is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it will flourish only as it is cherished. No man can become strong in faith without a determined effort. Unbelief strengthens as it is encouraged; and if men, instead of dwelling upon the evidences which God has given to sustain their faith, permit themselves to question and cavil, they will find their doubts constantly becoming more confirmed.

"There is but one course for those to pursue who honestly desire to be freed from doubts. Instead of questioning and caviling concerning that which they do not understand, let them give heed to the light which already shines upon them, and they will receive greater light. Let them do every duty which has been made plain to their understanding, and they will be enabled to understand and perform those of which they are now in doubt.

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"The followers of Christ know little of the plots which Satan and his hosts are forming against them. But He who sitteth in the heavens will overrule all these devices for the accomplishment of His deep designs. The Lord permits His people to be subjected to the fiery ordeal of temptation, not because He takes pleasure in their distress and affliction, but because this process is essential to their final victory. He could not, consistently with His own glory, shield them from temptation; for the very object of the trial is to prepare them to resist all the allurements of evil."--Great Controversy, pp. 526, 528.

"The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger, --a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that

time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God--how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, how few cling with unyielding faith to the promises of God.

"Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test, they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The lessons of faith which they have neglected, they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement.

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"The 'time of trouble such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and

which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. 'Though Noah, Daniel, and Job' were in the land, 'as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.' "Great Controversy, pp. 621, 622, 623.

"Nineveh, you remember, repented and proclaimed a fast. And even the cattle were aware that Nineveh had repented, but Jonah did not know it. Jonah must have been proud and more concerned with bringing his prophecy to pass, than he was with the salvation of the city, for he mourned over the withering of the gourd which is just a plant rather than rejoicing over the repentance of Nineveh!

"This should be a great object lesson to us. In carrying our message of Elijah we should not be anxious for the execution of Ezekiel 9 in the church, but rather we should be anxious for the souls of the people. Likewise in bearing our message of Jonah we should not be anxious for Assyria's fall, but rather for her repentance and salvation." "The Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 11, 12.

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