

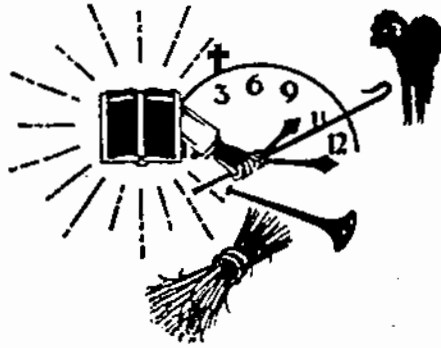
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shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness."

SUPPLEMENTARY READING

For the readers' convenience and because of the great importance of the subject just concluded the Code next presents a reprint of Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 41, pp. 18-23 for correlative study on the subject of the confederacy of Isaiah 8.

"Let me now remind you of what Inspiration has to say of the association of nations and peoples according to current events. For light on the subject we turn to the eighth chapter of Isaiah's prophecy. Time will not permit me to re-study with you the whole chapter, and I do not think it is necessary, for we studied it not long ago. You remember that the chapter unveils a confederacy which ancient Israel, the ten-tribe kingdom (the church), made with ancient Syria, a sovereign power of the world, to war against Judah, a sister kingdom (church). Inspiration makes a type of that church and state confederacy, and by it definitely points out the trend which the nominal churches and the sovereign powers of the world are to take now in the antitype. It makes known, moreover, that they will not prosper in it.

"I shall now read to you what God Himself thinks of it:

"Isa. 8:8-10--And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

"According to St. Matthew, chapter 1, verse 23, the name Immanuel belongs to Christ, and by interpretation it means 'God with us.' Plainly, then, the exclamation 'O Immanuel,' shows that Inspiration is speaking to Christ. And since He could not be thus addressed before He was born of a woman and received the name Immanuel, it is obvious that this association of peoples is to be found in the Christian era, in the era in which Immanuel lives.

"Now the statement 'Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us,' plainly says what I tried to tell you--that the nations, including the churches, have left Immanuel, 'God with us,' out of their plans, that what they are trying to do they are doing on their own

initiative, and resources for the words 'God is with us' coming from one who is not with the assemblies of the people, clearly implies that Immanuel is not with them, and that therefore their work shall come to naught.

"From these scriptures it is seen that the current events brought about by the two opposing blocks, the east and the west, are not going to work out according to human planning, that the plans made by the confederation of nations and peoples are to come to naught except they consult God and take Him into partnership.

"Let us now hear what the Lord would have us do, the stand He would have His people take

"Verses 11, 12--For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

"The fear which the people fear is not to be our fear; neither are their plans to be our plans. Our duty is to--

"Verse 13--Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

"To sanctify the Lord is to be all for Him.

have no one else in His stead, to put your entire trust in Him, not making flesh your arm, for He alone is able to see you through. And though you should be the only one in all the world to take such a stand, He will not fail you. If such be your case, you will then become Heaven's greatest hero.

"Verse 14--And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

"This truth, you note, will now, just as has any Divinely-revealed truth at any time in the past, become a rock of offense and a snare to many--yes, as Christ Himself became such to the Jews--because rather than taking their stand firmly for Divine truth, they are becoming as hostile against it as were the Jews in Christ's day. Since the prophecy continues through the ninth chapter, we shall read--

Isa. 9:20, 21--And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm; Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

"Such will be the results of rejecting God

and His counsel. All who take their stand with the multitude against God's people will find themselves in the same predicament as the Midianites found themselves in Gideon's time-- as the light breaks out they will kill one another, but the faithful will be delivered. This, however, is not all:

"Isa. 8:15--And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

"According to this scripture many of them will find 'the rapture' not to their liking and not according to their teaching of it. The Lord's command is:

"Verse 16--Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples.

"A 'disciple' is one who follows Christ on and on in Divinely-revealed Truth which he accepts not because others do, or do not, but because the Father which is in Heaven has through His Spirit personally convinced him of it (Matt. 16:17)--because independent of what others do or say he is personally persuaded by the Spirit. And the 'testimony' is His living Word passed on by His chosen and Spirit-filled messengers--'the Spirit of Prophecy' at work (Rev. 19:10). Hence to bind up the testimony among His disciples is to confirm 'the Spirit of Prophecy' among them and them only. And

to seal the law among them is to have the law authorized and fortified by Truth, to have them see the necessity of keeping it, and to have them calmly say--

"Verse 17--And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him.

"Verse 18--Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion.

"Soon it will be seen that those who take a firm stand on the side of Truth will be for signs and wonders.

"Verse 19--And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

"Here the world is shown to give greater attention to Spiritualism than to a 'thus saith the Lord.'

"Verse 20--To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.

"God's people will know that those who take

a stand other than the one which Truth here sets forth, are so doing because the Spirit of Truth is not dwelling in their hearts. And let us remember that to make flesh your arm, to consult man when God should be consulted, is every bit as bad as to consult the spirits of Darkness.

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil." Joel 2:12, 13. -- Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 41, pp. 18-23.

NO PEACE

There can be no peace in this age
of bloodshed,
Of strife and hatred and
deep distrust;
The bow and the spear shall
not be broken,
The sword in the scabbard
shall never rust.