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As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

In the year 607 B. C., the king of Babylon conquered Judeah, looted the capital and temple and carried back to Babylon a large number of Hebrew captives, in which was Daniel the prophet.

Shortly after this the king had a dream which greatly disturbed him and Daniel was called in to explain it to the king. You may read the dream in Daniel 2:31-35. We will give the interpretation only here.

Daniel 2:37-45: "Thou, O King, art a king of kings; for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of Gold. And after these shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of iron, part of brass, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet 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, the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And where as thou sawest the 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. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom that shall not be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces, and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof is sure."

Twenty-five hundred years of world history condense, and told in eight verses of Holy Writ. Four world empires, and only four: Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece, Rome. Next a divided Rome represented by the two legs of the image, followed by the ten subdivisions, designated by the feet and toes of iron and clay, which the Word declares would never be made to "Cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay," verse 43; until the God of Heaven sets up a kingdom which shall not be destroyed nor left to other people.

Passing by the centuries of hate, war and change in the broken powers of Western Europe, we come to the present time. Micah 4:1-3 relates what the nations will be saying in the last days. "But in the last days it shall come to pass—and many nations shall come and say, come and let us go up to the house of the Lord—and he shall judge among many people, and rebuke the strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

It is worthy of notice that this is what the nations will be saying. The following is what the Lord declares: Joel 2:9-10: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong." Is this not the exact statement of what is going on among the nations today? Talking peace and making colossal preparations for war. The talk of nations and their works are not in agreement, and declare to every sober minded person a sad lack of confidence and faith in what is being attempted.

Now for the results as the Bible has it: "Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear all of ye in far countries: gird yourselves and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught, speak the word and it shall not stand; for God is with us."

Say ye not a confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say a confederacy, neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." Isa. 2:9, 19, 12, 13.

"Behold their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly." Isa. 33:7. Bitter and heartbreaking disappointments are waiting just around the corner for the nations of earth. The Word of God has spoken concerning this time and its problems. Which will stand, that Word, or the sayings and doings of the nations?

Many fear that the earth and

its civilization are about to be destroyed by man-made forces that are to be unleashed upon them. While these titanic forces will, without doubt, create great havoc and destruction of life and the works of men upon the earth, they will never completely destroy all things. That is in God's power and time, and He will accomplish the final things we, so many of us, fear, man will do.

Malachi 4:1, 2: "For, behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall

Federal Tariff Commiss. Turns Down Request of Lily Bulb Growers

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commission on such a vital matter as tariff for (or against) American Easter lily growers.

Please be assured, Senator Cordon, that if there were only five to seven million American Easter lily bulbs produced that we most certainly would not now be bothering you to champion our cause. We could readily find a market for that many bulbs. But the thing we are concerned about is these foreign lily bulbs coming in by the millions practically duty free (\$6.00 a thousand as Chairman Ryder states in his letter. We concede he is correct on this matter). Two million bulbs came in last year, mostly from Mexico, 21,000 from Japan. Right here at home, in the Brookings-Harbor area, we had 600,000 unsold lily bulbs. We reduced our prices 50 per cent from 1945 yet we were unable to move all of our crop. Now, what is going to happen this fall? We have made a local survey and find that our crop will be almost twice as large as it was last year.

The American grower simply cannot compete against foreign imports. We have to pay our help \$1.00 an hour. In 1945 we received 65c and up for a commercial lily bulb. Last year we received 30c-40c per bulb. This year we will have to still lower our prices in a desperate effort to move our crop. But we can only go so far. We cannot go beyond the irreducible minimum, 20c-25c per bulb. Mexican and other foreign bulbs sell for less than half of what we get for ours. Unless there can be a tariff high enough to afford us adequate protection against this ruinous foreign competition thousands of American growers will face bankruptcy. We know of many Oregon growers who have invested their life-time savings to buy land and planting stock to raise Easter lilies and many, many of these good people, have told us, quite bluntly and frankly, that if they are unable to sell their crop this fall, they will be destitute.

We do not wish to ask for "special privileges or favors," Mr. Cordon, but we do sincerely hope that through your good and noble efforts some means may be found to remedy and alleviate these deplorable conditions we have so humbly alluded to. H. T. James, secretary, Croft Lily Growers Association.

Letter To State Department
Dear Mr. Cole: We have just received a letter from U. S. Senator Guy Cordon enclosing a letter he received from the chairman of the U. S. Tariff Commission concerning tariff on Easter lily bulbs in which we are vitally interested.

In this letter the tariff commission states that the Easter

lily production in the United States is "now estimated at from five to seven million."

We have written Senator Cordon in which we quote your figures as contained in the last news letter, to-wit: an estimated 65 million in the U. S. We also enclosed our copy of the news letter to Senator Cordon. Would you please send us another copy for our files.

You would be rendering a public service if you would blue pencil a copy of the news letter of Jan. 14, and send it to Oscar B. Ryder, chairman, U. S. Tariff Commission, Washington, D. C. It would seem that any public body exercising such power as it, should at least have some authentic up-to-date figures on matters of so vital a nature. H. T. James, secretary, Croft Lily Growers Association.

Grange Officers Visit Lake Earl

SMITH RIVER — California state Grange Deputy Edwin Koster, accompanied by State H. E. Club Chairman, Mrs. Mabel E. Glenn were guests of Pomona and subordinate Granges in Del Norte county, several days during the past week, when Deputy Koster installed officers of the Granges at Lake Earl. Assisting Koster on Wednesday evening when new Pomona officers were stated, were Bernice White, Hazel Stapleton, Sadie Mant and Millie Barker.

Following installation the Pomona drill team of 16 ladies put on a drill, under direction of the captain, Mrs. Maude Pidgeon. A social time and refreshments concluded the evening.

Womans Club Met

The January meeting of the Smith River Womans Club will be a social time and card party for members and friends, to be held at the club rooms, Friday evening. A pot luck supper will be served at 6:30, followed by vis-

iting and games.

Smith River Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Milton and daughter of Honolulu have been spending a week at the home of his parents and Mrs. Alf Goodlin and relatives, left Sunday for Francisco where they will Friday on Steamship Ma for their home in the islands is employed by the U. S. engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarn Christ have returned to their home Lafayette, Ore., after several weeks visiting Mrs. Christ's son, and family, Mrs. Mrs. R. D. Rowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ferris of Vida, Oregon, are enjoying their vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Frances rill, who has been confined Seaside hospital. Mrs. Ferris now home with her sister Emma Coope, Crescent City soon will return to her home Smith River.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter East are the parents of a nine 13 ounce son, born at Se hospital, Monday, January 2 young man has been named iel Everett.

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