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## As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

A few weeks ago this column discussed certain prophecies that reveal some of the things Russia will attempt, in the latter days, involving the land of Palestine, and some of the countries adjacent thereto. Any observer of current world events realizes that Palestine is the vortex of one of the most dangerous and explosive problems vexing a bewildered world at this time.

The threats and counter-threats of holy war, bloodshed and extermination, in the area of Palestine are not scare statements and bluff. They are uttered by desperate and determined people who mean what they say, and who, when the time comes, will desperately attempt to execute their purposes. An explosion in Palestine will set the world on fire; and events and spectacles, of which the human mind has not yet conceived, will take place.

During the forty year's wanderings in the wilderness, the Lord directed Moses in the completion of the most perfect civil code that was ever devised. One of its most wise provisions, was the following: "The land shall not be sold forever, for the land is mine, (the Lord's), for ye are strangers and sojourners with me." Leviticus 25:23. The high point in this statement is that the Lord holds title to the land of Palestine. While He gave the earth to the children of men, he retained Palestine as his own. Psalm 115:16.

As long as Israel remained faithful to their covenant with the Lord, they were promised peaceful and prosperous possession of their land. When they should repudiate their sacred covenant, reject the principles in which their possession rights

were vested, adopt practices and customs which were worse than those practised by the heathen about them, Israel would be dispossessed of its land, and the Lord would place a permanent curse upon it. When this should occur; "Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? What meaneth the heat of this great anger. Then men shall say, because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt. For they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given them. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book." Deuteronomy 29:24-27.

By the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, Israel, as a nation, severed its relationship with the Lord. Within a period of less than thirty years the beautiful temple was completely destroyed, Jerusalem was sacked and burned, Israel as a nation was no more, and the curse that had so long ago been pronounced and had been despised by Israel, fell upon the land and Palestine that was once the most fertile spot on earth, became a waste howling wilderness, inhabited by roving bands of aliens, and the wild denizens of the desert. Then were fulfilled the words spoken from Olivet, by Jesus as he wept over the accursed city.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children, together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not; Behold your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say,

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Matthew 23:37-39.

At long last God has permitted man to pick the lock of His treasure chest, and unlawfully take therefrom secrets that should have been left in the care of God alone. Devoid of respect for God's will and purpose, man has burned and chisled out monsters, that he cannot control, and that, even now are filling the world with fear, desperation and despair. There is a limit, beyond which God will not permit man to go. We are nearer that fateful mark than we are willing to believe. Palestine is dear to the heart of God. We will explain why next week. Those who seek to possess that land, covet it in defiance of a mighty curse. When this move is made, God declares that his "fury will come up in his face" and he will strike. When that occurs may God have mercy on this world, for it has refused to have mercy upon itself.

### Bulb Planting Delayed This Year

The planting of bulbs this year has been delayed much later than in years past, due primarily to the weather. Ordinarily, at this time of the year, all the fields have been planted, both lillies, iris, daffs and miscellaneous, but this year it has either been rainy or the fields have for the most part been too soggy to get to work. There were even some who figured to plant on the dark of the moon but when this time came the moon was entirely out of the picture because of the rain clouds.

Despite the fact that last year's lily market was decidedly off, plantings seem to be contemplated so the out-turn, in 1948 will be little if any less than

this year's. A few have dropped out but increases, here and there, probably bring the total to about the same.

There has been a notable diversion with some of the growers shifting to other flower plants, especially those which seem to be quite adaptable to the unique climate. Plantings of heaths and acacias are being started, for the cut-flower trade, and there are a number of other lily species being brought along. Some growers are exploring the seed market hoping to come up with something in the way of a crop and even some seed has already been sold. This specialized seed

crop calls for considerable in merchandising due to the tomers requiring strong assurance of their supply so they carry same in their cases. The preparation of which be done several months before the crop is harvested.

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