

ARMAGEDDON OF THE SCRIPTURES Starting Presentation of Coming Events. PASTOR RUSSELL'S VIEWS. Churches of All Denominations and the Civil Powers of Earth Are About to Unite In Common Cause-Powerful Influence Preparing For the Battle of Armageddon-A Reign of Anarchy en them with eternal torture. They have the same right to their views that Will Be the Result of the Warfare Until The Me-iah Takes Control.

Brooklyn, N. Y Nov. 3. - The Brooklyn Academy of Music wa crowded to the lim it today to hear Pastor Russell' discourse on the "Battle of Arma His text doctrines or teachings, we may be geddon." was: "He gathered sure the true application will fit well. them together unto a placed called in It swells itself up in an apparent en the Hebrew tongue PASTOR RUSSELL) Armageddon." (Revelation xvi, 16.) The speaker said: Armageddou in the Hebrew signifies the "Hill of Megiddo," or Mount of De

struction. It was famous as a battle field in Old Testament times. The Lord has seen fit to associate the name Armageddon, with the great con troversy between Truth and Error right and wrong, God and Mammor with which this Age will close, perish. and the New Age of Messiah's glory be ushered in. He has purposely used highly symbolical figures of speech in the last book of the Bible, evidently with a view to hiding certain important troths until the due time for their revealment. But even in the due time. the Bible assures us, "None of the wicked shall understand" (Daniel xii, 9, 10) none who are out of heart harmony with God-but only the wise of His people-the "wise virgin" class of the Muster's parable. I have long avoided presentation of my understanding of our text and its context. I take it up now by request and because I believe it is due time to be understood. I disclaim any special inspiration. In some particulars my

views agree with those of other Bible students, and in other respects they disagree Each hearer must use his own judgment, do his own Bible study. and reach his own conclusions. Kindly remember that I am not responsible for the figures of speech used by the Lord My interpretations do indeed constitute a terrible arraignment of institutions which we have all rever enced and which embrace good people of good words and good works. God's

saintly people in these various institutions, being comparatively few, are ignored when systems as a whole are dealt with in prophecy. The Dragon, Beast, False Prophet. Our context tells us that three im pure spirits (teachings) will go forth from the mouths of the Dragon, the

Beast and the False Prophet, and these three will be in accord, and symbolical ly the doctrines are represented by "frogs." These three doctrines are to have a mighty influence throughout the | the Scriptures, these combined forces civilized earth They are to gather of Armageddon will triumph. Free he kings and their armies to the great Battle of Armageddon. The ecclesinstical kings and princes, and their retinues of clergy and faithful adherents, will be gathered in solid phalaus - Protestant and Catholic. The of the Church, etc. All will seem to be kings and captains of industry, and as serene, until the great social explosion many as can be influenced by them, will be gathered to the same side. The Earthquake." An "earthquake," in political kings and princes, with all symbolic language, signifies social their henchmen and retainers, will fol revolution, and the declaration of the low in the on the same side The financial kings and merchant princes. and all whom they can influence by the 19.1 Jesus described it as a time of most gigantic power ever yet exercised in the world, will join the same side, according to this prophecy. These "doctrines of demons," represented by the "frogs," will lead many noble people in this great army to assume an attitude onite contrary to their preference. For a time the

wheels of liberty and progress will be turned backward and medieval re-straints will be considered necessary will bide the Lord's time and wait pafor self-preservation-for the mainte- tiently for it; they will be of good nance of the present order of things. courage, knowing the outcome outlined In giving this interpretation, it is necessary for us to indicate what is symbolized by the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. Bible students of nearly all denominations agree with Peter 1, 19 The masses will be restless of their us that the "Dragon" of Revelation represents the purely Civil Power restraints, but will be conscious of

Protestant interpreters generally agree their own weakness as compared to the that the "Beast like a leopard" (Reve kings and princes, financial, religious lation xill. 2) represents the Papacy and political, which will then hold But fewer still, we fear, will be ready sway. Besides, the masses have no to support our view that Protestantism sympathy with anarchy. They realize is the "Image of the Beast" (Revelation | truly that the worst form of govern xill, 15) in our context given another name, "the False Prophet." We urge ment is better than none. The mass will sock relief through the ballot and one to accept our interpretation peaceful re-adjustment of earth's af or shall we think hard of any who fairs for the elimination of evil, for refuse it. We will neither slander not the placing of monopolles and utilities otherwise injure them now, nor threat

"Unclean Spirits Like Frogs."

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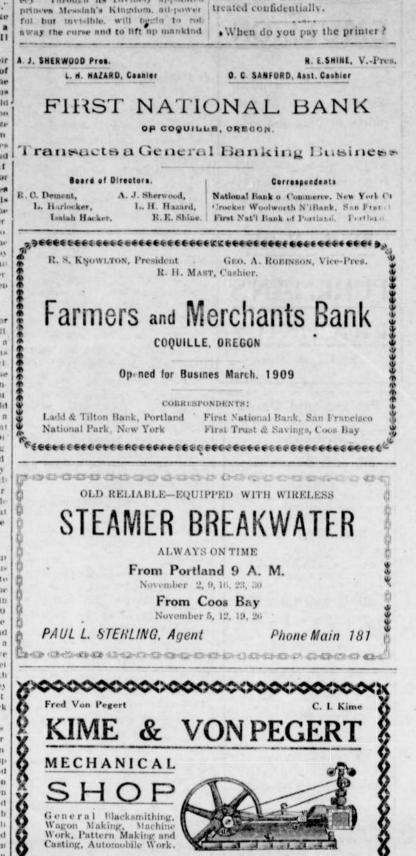
and the supplies of nature in the hands of the people for the public good. The crasis will be reached when the hither have, and the same right to make to upholders of law shall become vid them known to others. And I, for lators of the law and resisters of th one, will be very glad to consider any will of the majority as expressed by thing which opponents may set forth the ballot. Fear for the future will as their interpretations of our text. lead the well-meaning masses to desper ation; and anarchy will result whe The symbolisms of Scripture, right Socialism fails.

ly understood, are always forcefu The Cloud's Silver Lining. When the Holy Spirit used a "frog" Horrible would be this outlook for to symbolically represent certain the future did we not have the infaill ble Word of God assuring us of glorlous outcome! Divine Wisdom has withheld until our day the great knowl A frog has a sage look, a wise look edge and skill which is at the same its time breeding millionaires and discongreat mouth well represents its chief tents. Had God lifted the vell a thou sand years sooper, the world would have lined up for its Armageddon : Applying these symbols, we learn thousand years sooner. But that that an evil spirit, induence, teaching would have been too soon for the Di will come from the Protestant churches viue purpose, because Messiah's King federated, from the Church of Rome dom is to be the great Thousand and from the Civil authorities, all in Year-Sabhath of the world's history full agreement. The spirit of all will be boastful; an air of superior wisdom God in kindness velied our eyes until the time when the gathering to Ar and knowledge will be proudly assum mageddon would immediately precede ed-all will cronk in harmony. All will Messiah's taking to Himself His great tell of dire results that would follow power, and beginning His reign .- Reve involving the interests of both the lation xi, 17, 18,

present and the future life, if their "Send Them Strong Delusions." ounsel be not followed However cot St. Paul wrote prophetically of our time, that it would be one of serious flicting the creeds, the differences will be ignored in the general propositio trial and testing to many professing t that nothing ancient must be disturb be Christians. The reason for this he states-they received not the Truth in the love of it (11 Thessalonians II, 10 The Divine authority of the Church and the Divine right of kings, aside from the Church, will not be allowed 11.) They preferred their own errone to conflict. Any persons or teaching ous theories, the Apostle explains, and therefore God will give them over to a in conflict with these boastful and un 'strong delusion." and let them believe scriptural claims will be branded as the lie which they preferred, and let everything vile, at the mouths of these them suffer for missing the Truth "frogs" speaking from pulpits and platforms and through the religious which they did not love Thus the will be in the condemned host, "fight and secular press The nobler senti ing against God," because of their lack ments of some will be strangled by the of love for the Truth. philosophy of the same evil spirit

It is sad to say that we all as Chris-tians have been laboring under a thor the high priest, respecting Jesus. As Cala ough delusion respecting God's Plan phas declared it expedient to commi-We have claimed that Christ set u a crime in violation of justice, human His Church in Kingdom power, and and Divine, to be rid of Jesus and His that the Church has been reigning on teachings, so this "frog" spirit will approve of every violation of principle the earth as His representative. On the strength of this delusion. Jews and heretics have been persecuted to death The cronking of these "frog" spirits or doctrines will gather the kings and as opponents to Christ's Kingdom. All the while we thoughtlessly repeated financial, political, religious the Lord's prayer: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as in Heaven." We knew that the Redeemen and industrial into one great army The spirit of Tenr, inspired by the croakings of these "frogs," will scourge the passions of otherwise good and said that He would come again to make us His Bride and joint-heirs; but reasonable men to fury, desperation we ignored the Scriptures. We were In their blind following of these evil drunk, as the Scriptures symbolically spirits, evil doctrines, they will be ready to sacrifice life and everything say, "all nations were drunk" with the false doctrine. It is this false doctrine on the altar of what they mistakenly that will constitute the "frog" spirit suppose is justice, truth and righteous ness, under a Divine arrangement. which soon will begin to croak and to

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world is a section of the universe in speech, free mails, and other liberties rebellion against Divine authority, un der the captaincy of Satan and his as which have come to be the very breath of the masses in our day, will be ruth sociated failen angels. By Divine grace Jesus has already "tasted death for lessly shut off under the plea of neces every man," and the merit of that sac rifice must, eventually, grant Adam and his posterity a full, fair opportunity for the attainment of everinsting life All who thus see the Divine program and are walking in the light may know something at least respecting the "times and seasons." These brethren "are context is that none like unto it ever not in darkness, that that day [and before occurred. (Revelation xvi. 18. that battle of Armageddon] should overtake" them "as a thief" - un trouble such as never was since there was a pation.-Matthew xxiv, 21. awares

The Lord Will Gather Them.

The faise, frog-like teachings will gather together into one host the great. the rich, the wise, the learned and the kings of the earth, to battle. At this juncture Divine Power will step for vard, and our text tells us that IIE shall gather the marshaled bosts to Armageddon-to the Mountain of De struction. The very thing which they sought to avert by their union, federa on, etc., will be the very thing they hasten. Other Scriptures tell us hat God will be represented by the Great Messiah, and that He will be on he side of the masses. Thus we read in Daniel xii, 1; "At that time shall Michael [the Godlike One-Messiah] tand up"-assume authority. He will ake possession of His Kingdom in a according to prophecy. nanner little looked for by many of

hose who erroneously have been laiming that they were His Kingdom. and authorized by Him to reign in His ame and in His stend. Jesus declared, "His servants ye are unto whom ye render service." Some

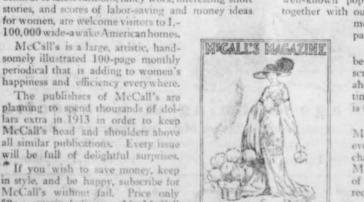
may be rendering service to Satan and to error, who claim to be rendering service to God and to righteousness; and some of these may be serving ig norantiy, as did Saul of Tarsus, who verily thought that he did God a serv ce" in persecuting the Church The same principle holds true reversely As an earthly king does not hold him self responsible for the moral character of each soldier who fights in his bat ties, so the Lord does not vouch for the moral character of all who will enlist and fight on His side of any question "His servants they are to whom they render service," whatever the motive or object prompting them.

The same principles will apply in the coming Battle of Armageddon. God's side of that battle will be the people's , and the very nondescript host, the people, will be pitted at the begining of the battle. Anarchists, Socialand bot-headed radicals of every hool of reason and unreason, will be the forefront of that battle. The jority of the poor and the middle class prefer peace at almost any price. Armageddon Then Messiah's King A comparatively small number, God's

Armageddon Not Yet but Soon. For forty years the Armageddon forces have been mustering for both sides of the conflict Strikes, lockouts and riots, great and small, have been merely incidental skirmishes as the belligerent parties crossed each other's paths. Court and Army scandals in Europe, Insurance, Trust and Court scandals in America, have shaken pub le confidence. Dynamite plots, charg ed by turns on employees and on em niovers, have further shaken confi dence and tended to make each dis trustful of the other. Bitter and angry feelings on both sides are more and more manifest. The lines of battle are daily becoming more distinctly marked Nevertheless Armageddon cannot yet be fought. Other matters intervene.

Gentile times have still two years to run The "Image of the Beast" of our context must yet receive life-power The Image must be transformed from mere mechanism to a living force Protestant Federation realizes that its organization will still be futile unless it receive vitalization-unless its clergy directly or indirectly shall be recog nized as possessed of apostolic ordina tion and authority to teach. This the prophecy indicates will come from the two borned benst, which, we believe. symbolically represents the Church of England. High-handed activities of Protestantism and Catholicism, operating in confunction for the suppression of human ilbertles, await this vivifying of the Image. This may come so but Arungeddon cannot precede it, but must follow -perhaps a year after it. according to our view of the Prophecy. Still another thing intervenes: Although the Jews are gradually flowing into Pulestine, gradually obtaining con trol of the land of Canaan, and al though reports say that already nive teen millionaires are there, neverthe less prophery requires an evidently arger number of wealthy Hebrews to be there before the Armageddon crisis reached Indeed we understand that "Jucob's trouble" in the Holy Land will come at the very close of





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