

ARMAGEDDON OF SCRIPTURES

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kings and princes, financial, religious and political, which will then hold sway. Besides, the masses have no sympathy with anarchy. They realize truly that the worst form of government is better than none. The masses will seek relief through the ballot and peaceful re-adjustment of earth's affairs for the elimination of evil, for the placing of monopolies and trusts, and the supplies of nature in the hands of the people for the public good. The crisis will be reached when the hitherto upholders of law shall become violators of the law and resters of the will of the majority as expressed by the ballot. Fear for the future will lead the well-meaning masses to desperation; and anarchy will result when Socialism fails.

The Cloud's Silver Lining.

Horrible would be this outlook for the future did we not have the infallible Word of God assuring us of a glorious outcome. Divine Wisdom has withheld until our day the great knowledge and skill which is at the same time breeding millionaires and discontents. Had God lifted the veil a thousand years sooner, the world would have lined up for its Armageddon a thousand years sooner. But that would have been too soon for the Divine purpose, because Messiah's Kingdom is to be the great Thousand-Year-Sabbath of the world's history. God in kindness veiled our eyes until the time when the gathering to Armageddon would immediately precede Messiah's taking to Himself His great power, and beginning His reign.—Revelation xi, 17, 18.

"Send Them Strong Delusions."

St. Paul wrote prophetically of our time, that it would be one of serious trial and testing to many professing to be Christians. The reason for this he states—they received not the Truth in the love of it. (II Thessalonians ii, 10, 11.) They preferred their own erroneous theories, the Apostle explains, and therefore God will give them over to a "strong delusion," and let them believe the lie which they preferred, and let them suffer for missing the Truth which they did not love. Thus they will be in the condemned host, "fighting against God," because of their lack of love for the Truth.

It is sad to say that we as Christians have been laboring under a thorough delusion respecting God's Plan. We have claimed that Christ set up His Church in Kingdom power, and that the Church has been reigning on the earth as His representative. On the strength of this delusion, Jews and heretics have been persecuted to death as opponents to Christ's Kingdom. All the while we thoughtlessly repeated the Lord's prayer: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as in Heaven." We knew that the Redeemer said that He would come again to make us His Bride and joint-heirs; but we ignored the Scriptures. We were drunk, as the Scriptures symbolically say, "all nations were drunk" with the false doctrine. It is this false doctrine that will constitute the "frog" spirit

which soon will begin to croak and to prepare for Armageddon. The Bible presentation is that the world is a section of the universe in rebellion against Divine authority, under the captivity of Satan and his associated fallen angels. By Divine grace Jesus has already "noted death for every man," and the merit of that sacrifice must, eventually, grant Adam and his posterity a full, fair opportunity for the attainment of everlasting life. All who thus seek the Divine program and are walking in the light may know something at least respecting the "times and seasons." These brethren "are not in darkness, that that day [and that battle of Armageddon] should overtake" them "as a thief"—unawares.

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 public confidence. Dynamite plots, charged by turns on employees and on employers, have further shaken confidence and tended to make each distrustful 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, according to prophecy.

Gentle 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 a mere mechanism to a living force. Protestant Federation realizes that its organization will still be futile unless it receive vitalization—unless its energy directly or indirectly shall be recognized as possessed of apostolic ordination and authority to teach. This the prophecy indicates will come from the two horned beast, which, we believe, symbolically represents the Church of England. High-handed activities of Protestantism and Catholicism, operating in conjunction for the suppression of human liberties, await this vivifying of the Image. This may come soon, but Armageddon 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 Palestine, gradually obtaining control of the land of Canaan, and although reports say that already nineteen millionaires are there, nevertheless prophecy requires an evidently larger number of wealthy Hebrews to be there before the Armageddon crisis be reached. Indeed we understand that "Jacob's trouble" in the Holy Land will come at the very close of Armageddon. Then Messiah's Kingdom will begin to be manifested. Thenceforth Israel in the land of promise will gradually rise from the ashes of the past to the grandeur of prophecy. Through its Divinely appointed prince Messiah's Kingdom, all-powerful but invisible, will begin to roll away the curse and to lift up mankind.

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You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgement or his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered. If made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the post office to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

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C. W. MOORE, Register.
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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Crook.

H. J. Overturn, plaintiff, vs. E. B. Summy and Helen B. Summy, defendants.

To E. B. Summy and Helen B. Summy, defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

For the foreclosure according to law of that certain mortgage bearing date the 21st day of October, 1911, executed by you to secure plaintiff in the payment of the sum of \$2250 with interest at 6 per cent per annum from the 1st day of October, 1911, and that the premises described in said mortgage be sold according to the law and practice of this Court, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of said sum, and \$225 attorney's fees, together with the costs and disbursements of suit, and that the plaintiff have judgment against you and each of you for the sum of \$2250 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 1st day of October, 1911, for \$225 attorney's fees and for the costs and disbursements of this action, and such other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication by authority of an order of the Hon. H. C. Ellis, Judge of the County Court of Crook County, State of Oregon, said order is dated the 30th day of October, 1912, and is duly recorded and entered in said suit.

Date of first publication, October 30th, 1912.

VERNON A. FORBES, 34-40 Attorney for plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Crook.

First National Bank of Bend, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Earl B. Houston, May Houston and J. D. Rogers, defendants.

To J. D. Rogers, one of the above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

For the cancellation and setting aside of that certain conveyance and transfer made by the defendants, Earl B. Houston and May Houston, conveying to you the N. Half of the N. E. Quarter and the N. E. Quarter of N. W. Quarter of Section 15 and the S. E. Quarter of the S. W. Quarter of Section 30, Township 17, South of Range 12, E. W. M. in Crook County, Oregon, as fraudulent and void against this plaintiff. That you account under the direction of this Court for all the property so received by you by conveyance from said Earl B. Houston and May Houston, and that you and each of said defendants be restrained from transferring or encumbering said property, and that said property be sold and the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment and satisfaction of plaintiff's judgment as secured against the defendants, May Houston and Earl Houston on the 16th day of February, 1912 in the Circuit Court of Crook County, Oregon, for the sum of \$965.25 and \$10 costs and \$105 attorney fees.

This summons is served upon you by publication by authority of an order of the Hon. H. C. Ellis, Judge of the County Court of Crook County, Oregon. Said order is dated the 29th day of October, 1912, and is duly recorded and entered in said suit.

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