

# PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



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## God's Message of Comfort To the Jews

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins."—Isaiah xl, 1, 2.

London, October 23.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle today addressed an immense audience in the world's greatest Auditorium, the Royal Albert Hall. Many of his audience were Jews, attracted by the liberal extracts from Pastor Russell's sermons which have been appearing in the Jewish papers all over the world. The discourse was full of comforting assurances to Jew and Gentile of the glorious outcome to the Divine Plan, as respects our world and its inhabitants. We report the address only in part, as follows:—

There can be no doubt that the words of our text apply, not to Spiritual Israel and the heavenly Jerusalem, but to the Seed of Jacob, for many centuries travelling in pain—a nation without a land, people possessing most wonderful promises, yet enjoying none of them—a people scattered amongst all other peoples; yet, in harmony with the Divine promise made at the beginning of their organization, they have been preserved separate and distinct from all other nations! The Jews are a miracle in themselves. They witness to the civilized world God's promises and the power thereof in the human mind. As foretold in the Scriptures for long centuries they have had no Prophet, no Priest, no Ephod, no vision from God, no revelation. The people to whom at one time belonged the honor of being the only people to whom the Divine purposes were revealed have for more than eighteen centuries been left destitute of any evidence of Divine favor, except in this one fact, that their solidarity as a people is preserved.

We are not of those who rail against the Jew; who cry out, "Christ-killers, the vengeance of God is upon you, and what you have sown, you shall reap; more awful sufferings for all eternity!" Thank God, No! We have no such evil sentiment in our heart. We have nothing for the Jew but sympathy, even while in him, as in others of Adam's children, we may see much to reprobate; nevertheless, we also see his commendable qualities. Among others, we see the quality which God so greatly appreciated in Abraham; namely, faith in his God and in the Divine promises. Such a faith has inspired "God's Chosen People" to wait for his promised Messianic Kingdom, to these many centuries—through all kinds of discouragements, disappointments and persecutions.

The long-promised time of Israel's exaltation as the channel of Messianic blessing to mankind is near—it hatheth greatly. What though there shall be another and great spasm of tribulation in conjunction with the birth of the New Order of things! Beyond the sighing and the crying, the morning dawns—the glorious day in which the Sun of Righteousness shall chase from the world all the shadows of death and despair, which sin and its penalty have brought upon mankind! What though the Scriptures tell us that Israel is yet to have "The time of Jacob's trouble" in connection with the world's great time of trouble impending. None of these things shall hinder us from rejoicing in the New Heavens and the New Earth, which God declares he is about to create and put into control of our world—"Be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create" (Isaiah lxxv, 18).

The New Heavens and the New Earth are but symbolical terms for the consideration of that New Era, in which there will be a new social order, as well as a new ecclesiastical system, eternal in the heavens.

The time has come when our text is having its fulfillment. The shining of the lamp of Truth upon the prophetic page shows us that the great clock of the Universe is marking the hour when he whose right it is shall take to himself his great power and reign. Ah, yes! We remember that it is written that then the nations shall be angry, and God's wrath shall be manifest, and then the time shall come for the judgment of the dead and the reward of all, both small and great. But we are glad, nevertheless, that the "times of the Gentiles" are nearly at an end and the time of Messiah's theocratic government is at hand—For he must reign until he shall have put down all unrighteousness and insubordination, until he shall have caused every knee to bow and every tongue to confess to the glory of God the Father.

First in order of the Kingdom work will be the binding of Satan—the work of a heavenly, and not of an earthly king. Gradually, in the judgments, decrees, rewards, punishments of mankind and the banishing of sin and death will the great King of Glory reveal his own gracious character and the Father's righteousness to the children of men. Gradually all will have the eyes of their understanding opened to see, not only the Father of all in his true character, but also the Son in his glorious majesty—the Conqueror, "who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame," and hence is at the right hand of Divine majesty and entrusted with the pouring out of the Divine blessing upon Israel, and, through Is-

Attell to Meet Kilbane. KANSAS CITY, Oct. 24.—Abe Attell and Tommy Kilbane will meet in a 16-round contest before the Grand Athletic club here tonight. While the match carries with it the title to the featherweight championship, it is attracting only ordinary interest, as the reports regard it as another bit of soft money for Attell. The men weigh in at 122 pounds.

rael, extending that blessing to every nation.

One King, but Two Kingdoms. It has escaped Christendom in general until now that the Divine promise to Abraham is to be fulfilled through two Seeds—one a heavenly class, the other an earthly class, with Messiah the Head over all. For eighteen centuries God favored the Seed of Abraham, the nation of Israel. Chastisements they had, reproofs in righteousness; yet in all that time they had also Divine favor, as represented in their Law and in the Prophecies and in the privileges which came to them under the Law Covenant, in that they had an annual Atonement Day, which continued to them Divine favor. That period of favor, explain it how we may, began to wane about the time of Jesus' death. It was completely removed from them in the desolation of their land by the Roman army A. D. 70. Now a parallel time has been reached, as stated in our text. Hence it is time for the return of God's favor, as herein mentioned. The favor already is returning.

The Jew has not been so comfortable, nor so favorably fixed as he is today, in more than eighteen centuries. But his blessing is only beginning. Shortly Divine favor, in God's due time, will accomplish for his Chosen People all the precious promises of the Law and of the Prophets. Already the Jew is awakening to a realization of this great Truth. Zionism, which started as a political movement, is about to bud and blossom into a religious movement and the blessing of Divine Providence will so order their affairs. The words of the Book, the words of Divine promise, so long read ignorantly and blindly, are about to become luminous and constitute the light which will direct them in the ways of the Lord—leading on to the rehabilitation of Jerusalem and to the attainment of loftier ideals amongst the Jewish people. A voice is sounding from the wilderness, and the Jews everywhere are hearkening to it. It does not call them to become Christians, but to remain Jews and to realize, as Jews, the ideals set before them by the Lord in the Law and by the Prophets. To all those exercised thereby a great blessing is near, which will more than compensate for the sorrows of the past. Neither by sword, nor guns, nor dreadnaughts, neither by flying air-ships, nor torpedoes will Israel's great victory be won, neither by money power and worshipping of the golden calf of finance, nor by trusting in the arm of flesh, but by looking to the Lord, from whom will come their help.

Messiah's Spiritual Empire, about to be established, will bind Satan, restrain every evil and lift up a standard for the people, blessing Israel and establishing with them the New (Law) Covenant instead of the Old Law Covenant—under the better Mediator, still more capable than the great Moses; under the greater King, still more wise than Solomon and still more beloved of God than David. This great Celestial Empire will be established with great authority in the world by a time of trouble, a time of earthly distress, which the prophecies picture as terrible—a short reign of anarchy. Jews and Gentiles will be responsible, rich and poor, for the bringing to pass of this awful trouble, by reason of the selfishness which at present is governing the world and which will be used of the Lord to wreck our present grand civilization—grand at least on its surface and in its aspirations and pretensions. A Socialistic artillery of words and ecclesiastical bonds of similar nature will only aggravate the strife. Financial weights and levers will have much to do with the great crash of the forces of civilization in this near-approaching cataclysm of trouble, in which the reign of sin, iniquity, injustice, selfishness, shall forever fall, to rise no more; and the present religious systems also shall be found wanting and pass away. For these old systems, symbolically the heavens and earth of the present time, will be substituted the New Heavens and the New Earth—the Church glorified beyond the veil as the Bride of the great Messiah, and Society on earth reorganized, will constitute the New Earth, wherein will dwell righteousness. The transition will be but a momentary ordeal, as compared with the glorious eternity of blessing under Messiah's righteous supervision. "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth."

### YELLOW FEVER VICTIM IS FOUND IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Arrangements are being made at the local quarantine station to receive what is said to be the first case of yellow fever that has ever entered San Francisco harbor. The victim is the chief engineer of the tramp steamer Henley, which was ordered out of San Pedro for this port yesterday because there are no quarantine facilities at San Pedro.

The Henley is a British ship sailing from Salina Cruz to Victoria. It is believed that the engineer contracted the disease in Mexico.

### STEAMER ASHORE NEAR COLUMBIA'S MOUTH

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 24.—Word reached here this forenoon that the steamer George Elder, plying between Portland and San Francisco,

went ashore on the Oregon side of the Columbia river directly opposite Fort Stevens last night. Life savers were notified and went direct to the scene. Their assistance was not needed, however.

# MEN OF OREGON!

## Do You Know

That during only a few weeks' circulation, 40,000 of your fellow-citizens signed a written protest against statewide prohibition?

That had it been necessary to go further, fully four-fifths of the voters would have signed it?

That this list of signers includes farmers, ministers, physicians, ranchers, lawyers, workingmen, and almost without exception, the leading bankers and business men of the State?

That it includes the names of many men who vote "dry" in their own community?

## Why? Because

Statewide prohibition absolutely kills local option, and the people of Oregon want local option. They want a voice in the settlement of this question in their own community. It is their right.

Statewide prohibition robs you of that right.

It robs you of the right to have cider, beer, or liquor, in your own home! It makes it a crime to give your friend or neighbor a glass of cider.

It permits any officer, special or regular, to break open your door at midnight and search your wife's or mother's room for liquor! Do you want that kind of law in Oregon?

Maine, on September 12, 1910, repudiated its prohibition law of 57 years' standing by electing, for the first time in 30 years, a Democratic governor upon his pledge to re-submit the constitutional prohibition law. It was not political insurgency that turned the tide, but insurgency against statewide, obnoxious, ineffective prohibition, so-called. Will Oregon profit by Maine's error of threescore years?

Nothing is settled until it is settled right.

## Let us settle it now and settle it right.

The Home Rule bill (No. 328 on the ballot) permits cities to vote on prohibition within their own limits. It permits any precinct or number of precincts within a city, or any precinct or number of precincts or the whole county outside the cities, to vote for or against prohibition, as they choose. Under this bill every city in every county, and every county in the State, may vote "dry" if they so desire.

## But

If you want to preserve your rights;

If you want local option—which means Home Rule;

If you want your glass of beer, cider or liquor at home—even tho' you are opposed to the saloon—

You MUST vote these numbers (cut them out and put them in your pocket as a reminder):

328 x Yes. For Home Rule.

343 x No. Against Prohibition Amendment.

345 x No. Against Prohibition Search Law.

Think it over!

Respectfully,

**GREATER OREGON HOME RULE ASSOCIATION.**

Prohibition attempts to override an individual and inherent right. That's why failure invariably follows enactment of the law. It takes the liquor traffic from licensed dealers who are subject to regulation and gives it to lawbreakers who are willing to sell to minors, drunkards—anybody for gain.

P. S.—Ask your Prohibitionist friend to answer this question: If, as they claim, 38 million people are now living in "dry" territory, why is it that the U. S. Internal Revenue Department shows that more whiskey and more beer is consumed than ever before?

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