

BIBLE PROPHECIES NOT AS YET FULFILLED

Is the Bible prophecy of the Restoration of the Jews to Palestine about to be realized at last? Will the "Infidel Turk" be driven from the Holy Land, and will the civilized nations of Europe, after taking over a protectorate of the country, permit the fulfillment of the prophecy of the "Restoration," as the Jews have dreamed of it and strived for it these many centuries?

It is true that with the entrance of Turkey into the war, much of the Jewish colonizing that has been done within the last thirty years, or more, has been utterly destroyed. It is true that thousands have been forced out of the country, and that thousands more may have to go or starve to death. But if the ancient ideal is realized, it will be ample compensation to devout Hebrews and their many sympathizers all over the world.

Christianity is as much interested in this fulfillment of prophecy as Judaism can be, for it is all part of the Biblical prophecies which Jews and Christians alike revere. Until the Jews are restored to their own land, there can be no realization of Christian idealism based on this fulfillment of prophecy.

The prophet Joel, who lived in the eighth century B.C. declared in Chapter 2 verse 3: "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehosaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land." And in verse 28 of the same chapter he says: "But Judah shall dwell forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation."

The prophet Amos, who lived in the same century, says in Chapter 9, verse 9: "For I, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." Then in verse 11 he says: "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins and I will build it as in the days of old." This last verse is evidently a promise that after the dispersion of the Jews, the Temple shall be rebuilt in Jerusalem and the people be restored.

Scholars have studied the Bible carefully, and claim that there are 448 passages in the Bible, pointing to the coming of the Messiah, who is variously interpreted to be the Jewish Messiah, and the Christian Saviour. Of these passages, seventy-five are found in the Pentateuch or 5 Books of Moses, 243 in the Books of the Prophets, and 182 in the Haglographs of which the Psalms are the principal part. All through them the idea is that the Messiah the anointed one of the seed of David is to be re-established as King over Israel, in the Holy Land, and that this is but the beginning of the era of peace and good-will which is to last then for a thousand years—to be the real millennium.

Are Isaiah's Prophecies To Be Fulfilled?

Isaiah of Jerusalem, the great prophet, whose sermons are preserved in the first thirty-nine chapters of the book bearing his name, speaks frequently of the Messianic age, for he foresaw the downfall of Judah. He declared that after its exile to Babylon, the people would return and rebuild the Temple, and re-establish the government of Palestine. This prophecy was fulfilled, more or less, under Zerubbabel, who was of the Davidian stock, and a leader of the returning exiles; but as many of the prophecies were not fulfilled, and the Temple and country were destroyed by the Romans, in the year 70 A.D., both Jews and Christians reinterpreted his words of promise and made them apply to a new Restoration, which is still to come. His prophecy is again brought forward by present events, and now that the attacks of the Allies are being seen which they will turn to an invasion of Asia Minor, lying south of these straits, this prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 17, is pointed out as about to be fulfilled.

1. The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruin.

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one heap.
2. The cities of Aroer, are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the Lord of hosts.

The greatest prophet who lived at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, Jeremiah, who saw the desolation of the land, and lived to lead some of his people to Egypt, was most exact in his prophecy, as quoted on this page, in which he states that within seventy years the Temple will be rebuilt. But his words are, by many believers, interpreted as pointing to the day when the Jews will be restored to their own land. The verses printed under the heading, "The Restoration of the Jews," has certainly never yet been fulfilled, for the existence of the Second Temple and the second Jewish Commonwealth was never really secure, and never did "Israel dwell safely." The promise to save Israel from afar, and to make a "full end of all nations," seems today about to be realized.

It is impossible to present here all or even a small part of the passages in the Bible which point to a Restoration of the Jews, but this is the hope of all the orthodox Jews, who pray for it daily, and especially upon their holy days express the wish and hope that "Next year they will celebrate in Jerusalem." Christianity, too, looks to the realization of this hope as the necessary preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus.

The Second Coming Of The Saviour.

That Christ is to come again to earth is a universal belief among Christians. They have all felt, even from the earliest Christians, that the work of Jesus was incomplete and that it would be and could be completed only by his return to earth. Some sects, calling themselves Adventists, waiting coming of Christ on the spot where they expect Him to reappear, waiting until that time come.

The very exact number given in the Book of Revelation, has led to much calculation. It was taken for granted that the statement "a thousand two hundred and threescore days" (Chapter 11, 3) meant that Jesus would come for a second time very soon after his death and resurrection. Taken literally this 1,260 days would have been less than four years, and certainly many of the first Christians did think that the Saviour would return as soon as that.

When, however, this was not realized, they endeavored to interpret the figures, and finding a statement in the Psalms that a year is as a day in God's sight, they asked, "Why is not the reverse true, cannot a day be a year?" So they believed the second coming would be in the year 1260. When it did not occur then they added thirty years, the time that the Saviour had lived, but even then it did not occur. Then the Adventists began to figure over again, and they said that each day meant a week of years from the Creation, and in this way they figured down to 1914. But Jesus has not reappeared. They corrected this error and said one more year should have been added, and that the year 1915 would surely see His coming. Again the prophecy was unfulfilled.

The great majority of Christians do not, however, accept these views of the Adventists, and do not admit that they can figure out when Jesus is to reappear. They look through the New Testament, and they find many references to His Second Coming, but most of them are very indefinite as to time.

The Millennium And The End Of The World.

In Matthew, Chapter 24, they read that when the disciples asked Jesus, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?" He answered them warning them not to let any one deceive them saying: Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." After telling them of the many evils, that would befall mankind, He declared that then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and glory."

Upon his statement, and others like it in the Apocalypse or Book of Revelation, that Jesus will some day appear, general belief

TWO LONG YEARS HE SUFFERED

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day return to establish peace on earth, and that He will reign for a thousand years before the end of the world comes. This is the ideal called the Millennium, and it is not to be confused with the end of the world, which is to follow thereupon, after another thousand years have passed. "When the German drank to 'The Day' they thought of the day of their triumph in war against the nations. They did not, perhaps, remember that 'The Day' was one of the earliest of prophetic terms used by the prophets of the Old Testament, and that it was pointed to just as clearly by the writers of the New Testament. The world wonders whether this 'Day of Wrath' has now dawned.

It was Jeremiah who saw the destruction of the first Temple at Jerusalem, and said: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise up unto David a righteous Branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." (23, 5.)

It was the prophet Joel, who proclaimed the day of terror, such as Europe is now experiencing. If you read the second chapter of Joel, as printed on this page you cannot fail to be impressed with the power of the prediction, and the depth of conviction with which the words are uttered.

This prophecy of Joel, reads almost like one of the modern descriptions of the devastation of Belgium and Northern France, for it was all an "Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness." The rest of the picture is as near to the facts of the present warfare in Europe, as any inspired seer could have set them down twenty-five centuries or more ago.

Evidence That This War Was Prophesied

To those who searched the scriptures for prophecies of this great calamity, the Book of Daniel was always a fruitful source of inspiration. It is the great apocalyptic, or revealing book of the Old Testament, and while held by some to have been written as early as 600 B.C., it is now believed to have been written in the second century B.C. In the second chapter of that remarkable book Daniel explains to the King of Babylon the latter's vision of the great image, whose head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly, and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel interprets the dream pointing to the great kingdoms around him. Babylon was said to be the golden kingdom because of its enormous wealth. Persia was the silver kingdom, for it used this metal quite freely. When Alexander, ruled Greece the brass shields of his soldiers, Roman nation was always spoken of as the iron race on account of its sturdiness.

Modern interpreters of Scripture, see a forecast here of the steel-and-iron Germans, the gold represents the wealth of England, the silver the artistic achievements of France and brass stands for Russia, with all her armies.

One of the most impressive chapters in all Daniel, is the seventh, in which he says: "And four great beasts

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came up from the sea, diverse from quivers find there a hint of the remarkable fact, that the present struggle seems destined to be settled at sea. The most striking feature of this war is the action of the submarines, and no one yet knows how much they are destined to accomplish.

One of the most recent interpreters to write on the subject of prophecy, is Mr. G. H. Gudebrod, of Brooklyn, who finds that Ezekiel was prophesying against Russia in chapters 38 and 39. He argues that the names Meshek and Tubal, correspond to the Moscow, and Tobolsk. He also asserts that the eleventh chapter of Daniel refers to Russia.

PTE. P. SMITH WAS WELCOMED

Parade of Seventy Dollars Presented to Point Anne Soldier.

At Point Anne, Tuesday evening, a hearty welcome was extended to Private "Pet" Smith, a former employee of the Canada Cement Co. who has returned from the front with a bullet wound in his shoulder. The young man's arm was paralyzed for a time but he is on the way to complete recovery.

The school house at the Point was crowded to the doors by the villagers, who desired to pay tribute to the returned warrior. Mr. William Hutchings occupied the chair and made a capital speech, referring to the excellent character which Mr. Smith bore when a resident of the village, and pointing out the joy the villagers had in welcoming him home to his family.

That Point Anne is loyal was evinced by the large purse which had been collected from the men by Mr. George Lane. Seventy dollars was presented to the surprised soldier. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. C. G. Smith, Mr. J. Elliott, Capt. Carman, Capt. McCorkell, Capt. Sanderson, and Mr. King. The accompaniment was played by Mrs. Bennett, to whose energy is largely due the success of the meeting. Votes of thanks were tendered to Mrs. Bennett, and to Mr. Lane.

A collection was taken up for the Point Anne, Red Cross, ten dollars being realized. With this sum the Point Anne workers will purchase yarn for socks for the soldiers.

The school had been beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting.

OFFICERS FOR HEAVY BATTERY

There is a vacancy at the Royal School of Artillery, about to commence at Quebec, for an officer desiring to qualify in connection with the Cobourg Heavy Battery as a Provisional Lieutenant. This certificate is good for all branches of the Artillery Service. An allowance of \$2 per day is made to Officers during qualification.

Application should be made to Major McKim in command of Battery or to Lieut. H. H. Ponton at Cobourg. The Seventh Overseas Darts is filling fast with the most desirable class of men, good soldiers and good comrades.

NO OFFICER OR SOLDIER IS ALLOWED TO Attend Political Meetings in Uniform.

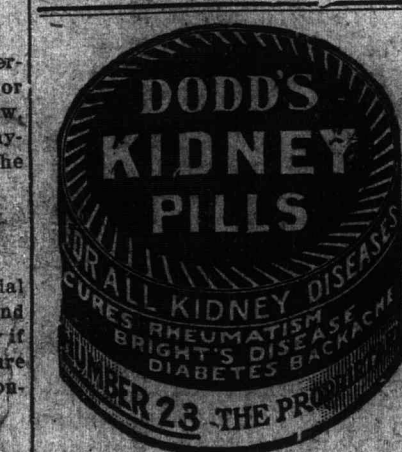
The following is an extract from King's regulations and orders, paragraph No. 451:

"An officer or soldier is forbidden to institute or take part in any meetings, demonstrations or processions for party or political purposes in barracks, quarters, camps or their vicinity. Under no circumstance whatever will he attend such meetings, wherever held, in uniform."

It may say that these are the King's regulations, but the regulations are not carried out.

DR. TENNENT IS MEDICAL OFFICER.

Capt. (Dr.) Tennent has been appointed M.O. of the 254th temporarily. He with Major MacColl and Lieut. Lloyd will form the permanent medical board here to pass on all recruits in Belleville and this district.



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PROMOTED TO AVIATION CORPS

Lieut. Ted Yeomans Receives His Commission in the Flying Department of the British Army

"Ted" Yeomans is now Lieut. Frederick L. Yeomans of the Aviation Corps of the British Army. A cable received by his father, Dr. H. A. Yeomans conveyed in brief form the notice of Ted's advancement and promotion. He will be for some time training in England.

Ted's promotions have not come by pull or holding sinecures away from the firing-line but have been bestowed for actual service on the field. The D.S.O. that he won some weeks ago is a further recognition of this fact.

The Ontario joins with a host of Ted's old friends in Belleville to extend congratulations.

\$90 A TON FOR CABBAGE

Cobourg, Feb. 15.—Cabbages are selling here at unheard of figures, and yet the demand far exceeds the supply. A small head retails for 10c, and if the cabbage is at all a fair size 15c and 20c is the price. They are being quoted at \$4.50 and \$5.00 a barrel, which roughly estimated is \$90 to \$100 per ton, certainly a record price.

Potatoes have advanced the past week or two and sell from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bag.

DEATH OF MRS. NEWSON

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. Arthur Newson, 304 Albert Street, whose wife died on Wednesday afternoon, leaving him with four little daughters, the eldest of whom is six years.

Mrs. Newson, whose maiden name was Miss Essie Louise Ashley, of Oshawa, was in her thirty-fourth year. She was stricken with pneumonia about eight days ago. She was a member of the Tabernacle church. Besides her husband and four young daughters, she leaves a widowed mother living in Oshawa, two brothers enlisted in the C.E.F., one in France and the other in Brantford. The remains will be sent to Oshawa for interment.

MRS. CHISHOLM'S DEATH

Mrs. Lillian Chisholm, wife of Mr. W. A. Chisholm, 32 Parker street, died early this morning. She was born in Sidney in the year 1841, the daughter of the late Reuben Jones. She had been in ill health for several years and was taken seriously a few days ago. She was a member of the Methodist church. In addition to the husband there survive two daughters, Emma and Lillie at home, and three sons, Fraser of the 155th battalion, George and Lawrence at home.



COMING BACK TO DEVASTATED HOMES.

This picture shows graphically what faces the Belgian refugees when the Germans have swept over their towns. This aged couple after wandering homeless and penniless for months have returned to pick up the shreds of their lives. Where there was a prosperous town they find only ruins and desolation.

What is left for them to do? It seems hopeless yet thousands of them have faced their reconstruction period long before it was safe to do so, with the same fortitude that the Belgian nation displayed in resisting the invasion.

But these courageous people must have help, until they can get on their feet again and find means to keep themselves alive they must receive aid from their friends abroad, at least food must be supplied them.

This is the work the Belgian Relief Committee undertook to do and has done with a thoroughness that has astonished the world. It has tirelessly labored to give these people the chance they have so well earned to reestablish themselves.

In this work it has been aided by the people of Canada most freely and it is depending on the Canadians still with their brothers in Great Britain and the United States to continue their work as long as the Germans remain on Belgian soil. Subscriptions should be either sent to the Central Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal, or to the local branches.

WILL HAVE NEW Y.M. SECRETARY

Successor to Mr. Allison Likely to be Mr. Brockel of Toronto.

As was stated in The Ontario some days ago, Mr. W. W. Allison, who has for the past six months very capably discharged the duties of general secretary of the local Y.M.C.A., tendered his resignation which was duly accepted.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the board of directors Mr. V. W. Allin, the boys' work secretary, also tendered his resignation and this was also accepted. Both young men have enlisted for service in the Y.M.C.A. work overseas where the need for helpers is pressing.

As successor to Mr. Allison, the board on Tuesday night decided to offer the position to Mr. P. F. Brockel of Toronto. Mr. Brockel visited our city last Saturday and Sunday, and those who met him were so favorably impressed that they fully believed him the right man to take up and continue the work at Belleville. The prospect is that he will accept the offer that has been made. Mr. Brockel has had a varied experience and comes highly recommended. He is at present engaged in the military branch of the Y.M.C.A. work in Toronto. He has had previous experience in the general work of the organization in Edmonton, Montreal, and Owen Sound, as well as in Toronto. He is still a young man, is married and has one child. If he accepts he will probably come to Belleville next week.

Mr. Allison and Mr. Allin will be leaving about that time to prepare for their journey overseas, and will sail from New York.

FARMER BURNED OUT.

Omemee, Feb. 15.—The home of Andrew Faulker, whose farm is five miles east of here, burned Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Faulker and their five children had retired and had to break out of an unused door when one of the boys discovered the fire, clad only in their night robes. It was bitterly cold, it being several degrees below zero, and the family had to take refuge in the stable till morning. The house and contents were a total loss, but Mr. Faulker and his family consider themselves fortunate to have escaped with their lives. One boy had his feet frozen and was slightly burned in assisting the other to escape.