

Light on Scriptural Prophecy

Daniel's Missing Week.

WHAT is meant by the expression "Daniel's Missing Week," and where is the passage found?

It is the 36th verse of the 9th chapter of Daniel. As many volumes have been written on the meaning of this verse it cannot be dealt with adequately here. In verses 20 to 27 in the same chapter Daniel describes a vision of 70 weeks he had received. This vision is divided into three periods. The first is a period of seven weeks, at the close of which the city of Jerusalem, which was then destroyed, would be rebuilt in troublous times. Sixty-two weeks later the Messiah (Christ) would be cut off. This makes 69 of the 70 weeks. The prophecy does not mention definitely the 70th week, and it has been called, therefore, the missing week.

Interpreters are agreed that the translation "70 weeks" is faulty, the correct translation is "70 sevens". These sevens might be weeks of days or weeks of years. According to both the "Futurist" and "Historical" system of interpretation it is shown that exactly seven sevens of years (49 years) after the decree was issued to rebuild Jerusalem, as described in the second chapter of Nehemiah, the city was rebuilt in troublous times as predicted. Sixty-two sevens later (434 years) Christ offered himself to the Jews as their Messiah in Jerusalem, as predicted, was rejected and a few days later was crucified. Verse 26 predicts another destruction of Jerusalem. This was fulfilled by the Romans under Titus in A.D. 70.

Daniel was concerned only with what should happen to his own people the Jews. Therefore, he did not see clearly that after the Jews rejected Christ there would be a long period during which the Gentiles would have an opportunity to accept Christ. (Note Luke 21:24, Acts 13:44-45, Acts 18:5-6, Romans 11:35). When the "Times of the Gentiles" are fulfilled it is held that the Jews will once more return to Jerusalem (Note Acts 15:13-17) in a state of unbelief. This will mark the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel's vision, (Daniel 9:27). This, it is believed, will be the time of Jacob's trouble. (Jer. 30:4-7). The Antichrist will arise, there will be a fearful persecution of the Jews and many of the events foretold by Christ in the 24th chapter of Matthew will take place. Many Bible students are expecting these events to take place soon.

The Rule of the Saints.

What is the meaning of 1 Corinthians 6:2?

It is believed by many that during this age God is calling out a people for His name, (Acts 15:14). Those who accept Christ now will rule with Him over the millennial earth during the millennium. (Note Daniel 7:13-14, Rev. 5:6-10, Rev. 20:4-6).

Making Preparations Early

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THE seedmen's catalogues are now coming along thick and fast, and they make us feel that spring will be here in the not very distant future, even though present weather conditions appear rather contradictory. Now is the time, however, to study these catalogues, and make a selection of the garden and flower seeds we will need. I know of some people who sent their orders at least three weeks ago. They are wise, too, for seed firms will be in a position to attend to these early orders to much

better advantage than later on when they are rushed.

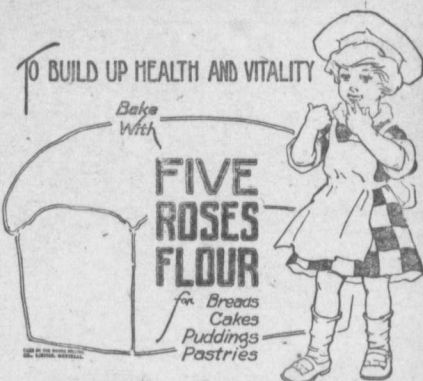
I am a firm believer in a good vegetable garden on the farm. It enables us to prepare meals of an appealing character, and leads variety to the ordinary routine meals of meat and potatoes. It is a well known fact also that lots of vegetables are much more healthy food in hot weather than meat.

Where to have the garden site is an important point. If the men-folk are in a position to look after the garden, I consider the root field a good place for it, as the ground receives the benefit of cultivation, and it is little trouble to cultivate the garden along with the roots. Of course a difficulty arises here of getting the vegetables from the garden at dinner time. If I think that I will not have time to go to the garden myself, however, one of the children makes the trip for me before going to school. I am quite in favor of having the garden plot near the house, if possible, providing the land is suitable, and it receives the attention it should.

Everyone likes to have vegetables as early as possible, and I am thinking of trying out some hotbeds this spring for growing lettuce, radishes, parsley, etc. I recently read of a fishbowl for making hotbeds without glass, and probably there are others like myself who would like to try it out. This is the way they are made:

Prepare the beds in the usual way. If you have not old ash of the proper size, make light wooden frames, and nail projecting strips upon all four sides to be fitted over hotbed frame in the order of a box lid. Then nail a few narrow slats across for support. Over this tack new unbleached muslin. Use plenty of tacks and stretch the muslin as tightly as possible. Then apply a coat of melted paraffine to the entire surface. The brush used for the purpose must be dipped in boiling water before the work begins. When there is a prospect of a heavy snowfall, an armful of fodder thrown over the mesh will prevent any danger of sagging of the muslin. These frames are cheaper and much lighter than glass ones, and can be stored in summer without danger of breakage.

I am a lover of a good flower garden also, and had intended saying something along this line, but my letter is already lengthy, so will save it for another time.



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