

Scriptural Prophecies Explained

"Despite not prophesying."

1 Thes. 5: 26.

Thousands of earnest Christians believe that God is speaking to the nations through the great war in Europe. They are searching the Scriptures to see if prophecy has foretold a time such as this. This foretold has been started in Farm and Dairy for the benefit. From week to week, questions on prophetic subjects are well-willingly answered. We do not desire our readers to look on these answers as final. There are so many schools of thought—even Evangelical denominations—that no one answer will satisfy all. Our object is to lead our readers to do as did the servants of old (Acts 17: 11)—search the Scriptures daily to see whether the things are so. We do not undertake to answer all questions, but will endeavor to at least answer all the most commonly asked. Our answers will be brief and often they will be helpful and suggestive of lines for further search. Books are referred to books for additional information. Books may be obtained through the Book Department of Farm and Dairy. As the information furnished may have to be gathered from different sources and authorities, and as the same questions may be asked by many, neither the questions nor the answers will be long.

WHAT IS ARMAGEDDON?

Do you believe the present war in Europe is the battle of Armageddon or the beginning of it? If not, what is the Armageddon?

In our orthodox Protestant denominations there is a great division of thought, the Post-Millennialists and the Pre-Millennialists. The Post-Millennialists believe that the world's great war will serve to purify the nations and mankind from their sins and prove but the dawn of better things. Those who hold this view are not long for the battle of Armageddon. The Pre-Millennialists believe that mankind at large is not growing morally better, but that the good and the bad, the sinner and the wheat (Matt. 13: 24, 30), are developing side by side. In support of this view they point to such passages as St. Luke 17: 26 to 35, 2 Timothy 3: 1 to 5, 2 Peter 3: 1 to 4, and many others. Those who hold this belief claim that Christ is going to return to the earth suddenly (2 Thes. 2: 1 to 4, Matt. 24: 13). Shortly before His return, there is to be a great time of trouble on earth (Daniel 12: 1; Matt. 24: 21 and 22), preceded by great wars (Matt. 24: 6 and 7). The Pre-Millennialists believe that the present war in Europe is but the beginning of the time of trouble; that, while we may have short periods of peace, conditions are going to grow worse rather than better as a result of this war the Jews are to return to Jerusalem in a state of unbelief and resume their temple worship; that an antichrist will arise among them and ultimately persecute them; that many nations will unite and go up to Jerusalem to make war upon the Jews (Zech. 14: 23, Rev. 16: 16). While the armies are besieging Jerusalem, it is expected that Christ will appear suddenly (Matt. 24: 30) and fight on behalf of the people of Israel (Zech. 12: 8 to 10, and 14: 12 to 16). This, it is believed, will be the battle of Armageddon. It is to be followed by the millennium. Only a few out of many passages of Scripture have been quoted. This view of the Scriptures is held by leading theologians, including such well-known evangelists as the late Dwight L. Moody, Dr. R. A. Torrey, Wilbur Chapman, Dean Archibald of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, John R.

Mott, the missionary leader, L. W. Mumhall, Chas. G. Trumbull (of the Sunday School Times), and many others.

Some Early "Fly Talk"

With the Household Editor.

IT may seem rather early in the season to indulge in "fly talk," but really, when you come to think of it, this subject is of great importance; we can well afford to discuss it at any time of the year. Probably the real inspiration of this article, however, was aroused by hearing a familiar buzzing sound around a south window one sunny day not long ago. There was one of last season's flies, stretching his legs in the sunshine and apparently enjoying it quite as much as ourselves.

To our mind, the fly is one of the greatest pests around the farm home. Just so surely as summer comes around flies are equally sure of having flies in the house. Whether these flies are in evidence in countless numbers or just an occasional one, depends largely on our efforts to keep them from that we see in some homes.

It is really amazing where the flies come from that we see in some homes. We can call to mind at the present moment, homes in which we have been visiting, where the food on the dining table would be actually black with flies—in the milk pail in the gravel and on every article of food that was to be eaten. But not much wonder! Screen doors and windows were conspicuous by their absence, especially around the kitchen, where most needed.

Another aggravating feature around these homes was, that one was continually finding dead flies all over the house—on the floor, on the window ledges, the pantry shelves, the tables and so forth, (for we will give these people credit for trying to kill the flies after the fly in the house). Poison fly pads were used and they do this work very well, as can be testified by the number of flies one can creep out of a room in a day after trying this method of destruction.

While the use of poison fly pads is quite common, we would like to emphasize most strongly the danger in using these poison fly killers. Last year we published some statistics, gathered by the Child Betterment Bureau of the United States, in regard to this danger, and we consider of our folk's their startling conditions. From July to October, 1914, there were 46 cases of arsenical poisoning of children reported in the United States. Of 37 of these cases the children had drunk poison water. From May to October, 1915, 26 cases were reported, a decrease of 40 per cent. This is attributed to the arduous campaign which was carried on by the Child Betterment League. The similarity of the symptoms of arsenical poisoning to those of cholera infantum, make it quite certain, however, that there were a great many more cases than reported.

We trust that all of our women folk will recall the coming spring foot, to do away with the flies as possible around the home by having screens on all doors and windows and by keeping everything as clean as possible, both outside and inside of the house, so that flies may not be attracted. Let us abolish poison fly pads for all time to come and instead, use sticky fly paper, such as Tangle-foot, to do away with the flies that find their way into the house. There are a number of things to remember this fly paper—it eliminates the sweeping up of dead flies all over the house; when a number of flies are

trapped, the paper may be put in the stove and burned,—but the greatest blessing of all is, that it does away with any danger of poisoning the little child who toddles around and is not old enough to realize the danger contained in these poison fly pads that may be within their reach.

The Upward Look

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"HE hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land."—Deut. 28: 3.

Long before I attended the Panama Exposition, several people told me our own Canadian exhibit was the best of those of other countries, or states. As my informants were Canadians, naturally I smiled a little to myself and thought, "I am prejudiced. But when I reached the States, without exception, everyone I met there that had been to the Fair, told me the same thing. I began to be convinced of the truth of these opinions.

As soon as I could, with much curiosity, interest and eagerness, I made my way to the much-talked-of building. One enthusiastic American even said it was the best he had seen, but outside, as well. As soon as I saw it and entered I agreed. Externally the building was stately, and with that, combined beauty, gracefulness and dignity.

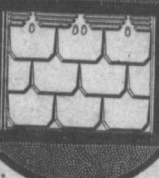
Within, a great panoramic view extended completely around the building illustrating the vast industries and productions of our wonderful land. There were forests in blossom and in fruit; there were vast prairies, with tall elevators, and rapidly moving trains; many were the fly-bearing animals, even to five-beavers. There were also many artists, depicting the resources of our land, so artistic and finished, that it was difficult to realize they were not done with paint and brush.

That was a proud day. All that exhibit promised much for the future material greatness of this great country, our country. But material greatness will avail our nation but little, unless with it comes cleanliness, purity, sobriety and godliness. To also our high ideals for our land needs the time, thought, gifts, money, prayers of our citizens earnestly and honestly seeking to make right the wrong wherever it exists and under whatever form.

One of the greatest blots on countries is the social evil, from which our own fair Canada is not exempt. There is a very wrong idea that such matters must not receive publicity. But this terrible evil must be preached against and written about to the innocent may we warned, the ignorant enlightened, the guilty shown the awful consequences of their sin.

One medical expert maintains in cholera infantum the diseases resulting from this social evil overshadow all other infectious ones. It is a conservative estimate to say that fully one-eighth of all human suffering comes from this source. In New York City, one out of every five is probably afflicted to more or less degree. The saddest part of all is that the innocent ones may be contaminated. This disease should be feared like a plague. It leaves in its wake sterility, insanity, paralysis, the blinded eyes of babies, the twisted limbs of deformed children, physical degradation and mental decay.

This is one of the terrible evils that each must do the utmost in his power to fight against to make our great country what it should be, the land of ours which God has so richly endowed.—L. H. N.



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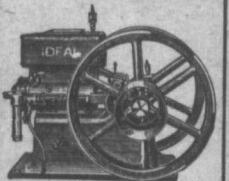
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