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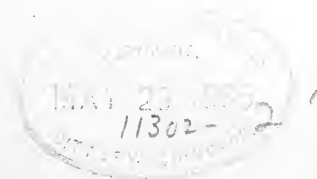
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# REVELATION OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.



The first three chapters of this book were directed to the Seven Churches in Asia ; and were told to John by the mouth of Christ. The remainder of the Book of Revelation was shown to John by symbols, or signs ; and refers mostly to Europe and the United States.

In Rev. iv: 1, the apostle saw an opening into Heaven, and a voice saying, Come up hither and I will show thee things that must be hereafter.

Now if the things shown to the Apostle were in the future, they have nothing to do with the past.

In v. 7, same chapter, the Apostle describes four very remarkable beasts. The first beast was like a lion ; the second beast like a calf ; the third beast had a face as a man ; and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

The four beasts described by the Apostle are the emblems of four different nations, or governments. To illustrate : When we behold the flying eagle on our coin, or on our national banner, we know what it means. And we know that the lion is the emblem of the English Power, &c.

Upon the fifth chapter but little will be said at this time. In verses 9, 10. we read that Christ has redeemed us by His blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation ; and has made us unto our God, kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. We must

keep it in mind that it is on earth that God's people will reign as kings and priests, not in Heaven, for Christ forever reigns as King and Priest in Heaven.

#### SIXTH CHAPTER.

This short chapter runs over a space of time of not less than eighteen or nineteen hundred years. It extends to Christ's Second Advent, when a new era will commence, and all things become new.

When the first seal was opened the Apostle had his eyes fixed on the book, when the voice said come and see. He could not be sure which of the four beasts it was, but undoubtedly it was the first beast; for after that the beasts came in order; the lion said come and see the wonders that the British shall perform. And behold a white horse and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him; and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

The white horse is an emblem of victory. So we can see that the lion has been very victorious in its wars.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say come and see. And there went out another horse that was red; and power was given unto him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. And there was given unto him a great sword. I am not prepared to say what nation this second beast symbolized, but I think France will suit the bloodshed and distress of this red horse, and his rider; as that nation has destroyed her own people by revolution and war, and martyrdom.

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse, and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. This black horse symbolizes a land of oil and wine in abundance, but a scarcity of wheat; the great staff of life. A measure of wheat for a penny, that

was one day's ration; and for one day's work a man received a penny. This shows a time of famine that this nation has to be afflicted with, while the other nations will be afflicted by war.

We now come to the fourth seal. And the flying eagle says come and see. This refers to the United States. The pale horse and his rider show a horrible state of war that this country has to pass through. Death and Hades had power over a fourth part of the earth, or America. This pale horse and death will not only have power over the foes of her own country but over all foreign foes, and the greatest amount of bloodshed will be the blood of her foreign enemies. This is the country where we have witnessed the reaping of the harvest of the earth, and may expect the treading of the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.—*Rev. xix: 15*. This last and decisive battle will put a stop to war, and be the downfall of all the kings of the earth. "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, get ye down, for the press is full; the fats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision, for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision."—*Joel iii: 13, 14*. We find by these verses that the reaping of the harvest, and the treading of the winepress, are near together: perhaps forty-five years apart.

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar, the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held."—*Rev. vi: 9*. The opening of the fifth seal shows a time in the history of nations that God is pouring out the bowls of His wrath on the different nations for their sins; and as national sins are punished in this life, (for as nations they will not exist in the next world), so the martyrs think the time is very long until God calls their murderers to account. But God assures them that in a short time vengeance will come. Man often thinks that the wheels of Providence turn very slowly, but God is not slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness, but will avenge His own elect

speedily. Christ informed His faithful martyrs that persecution and war was not over; and that more of His true followers would be called upon to lay down their lives for his sake, and then the nations that have shed the blood of God's people will be overthrown. For every nation that killeth with the sword shall perish with the sword.

“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair; and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed like a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain, and every island were moved out of their places.

“And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondsman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains: and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?”

The opening of the sixth seal is one of the most important events that ever has taken place in this world. I say has taken place, for most of it has past. The contents of this seal are spoken of by Christ in the Gospel by St. Mathew, xxiv: 29-39. It is there told that, at the coming of Christ the sun would be darkened, and the moon should not give her light, and the stars should fall from heaven, and that the powers of the heavens should be shaken. My understanding of the powers of the heavens is that they are the rulers of this heaven and its laws.

Before attempting to give an explanation of this sixth seal, I will say to my readers that the Book of Revelation is highly figurative, and we must explain it as such.

The heaven, the earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars, here spoken of, are not the sun we see by day, nor the moon and stars we see by night: and we should not expect



ever to see the stars fall on our earth, when we consider that some of the stars are more than one hundred times larger than our earth.

This heaven that was dissolved ; and these mountains, and islands, that were moved, were all the works of man, every one of them. In Rev. xvi: 20, it reads that every island fled away ; and the mountains were not found. This goes to show that they are movable objects. They were the mountains that the Mystic Babylon was seated on ; and God took them away in His wrath. They were also the mountains that supported slavery in the United States. This sixth seal refers to our country. This seal was opened nearly eighteen hundred years before the things shown to the Apostle came to pass. The fourth seal, and the sixth seal ; the fourth and sixth trumpets ; and the fourth and sixth, and part of the seventh, bowls of God's wrath refer to the United States.

We will now consider the meaning of the sixth seal. "And I beheld, when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake." This was not a literal earthquake, but a moral eruption in our government, when the South seceded from the Union. This earthquake caused the sun of our bright Republic to be darkened for a time ; and the one-third of our stars, (or states), to fall to the earth ; for every state is a star on our flag. It is said in the 12th verse of this chapter, that the moon became as blood. We read in Joel ii: 31, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." The moon is our sister republic, Mexico. While the sun was darkened by our Civil War, France stole in and conquered Mexico ; and for a short time she was under the control of France. And France was one of the kingdoms that became blood, when the second angel poured out his vial (or bowl) into the sea, and it became blood.—*Rev. xvi: 3.* The heaven that departed like a scroll was our great Republic dissolving. I will here remark that our national flag looks like the starry heavens, and for this reason it is called heaven (figurative-

ly) in Revelation. The opening of the seals by Christ shows things that would come to pass in the world. But the pouring out of the bowls of God's wrath caused those things to come to pass. So in studying the seven seals, and the seven trumpets, and the seven last plagues, we can see that in part they refer to the same things, and they all point to Christ's second coming. And they also show that Christ will come in wrath, (v. 17) "for the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"

A great day of God's wrath is spoken of in Is. xiii: 13, "Therefore I will shake the heavens; and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of Hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger." Psalms ii: 5, "Then shall He speak to them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure." Verse 9th, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Psalm lxxii: 4, "He shall judge the poor of the people: He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor." Psalm cx, 5, "The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath." Rev. xix: 15, "And He shall rule them with a rod of iron, and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." All of these go to prove that God will come in wrath to set up His kingdom on earth.

#### SEVENTH CHAPTER.

We now come to the seventh chapter of Revelation, to the one hundred and forty and four thousand. This sealing was done between the opening of the sixth seal and the opening of the seventh seal, in a time of war; or, in a precarious time. In A. D. 1863, when the Emancipation Proclamation went into force, one hundred and forty and four thousand of the colored slaves enlisted in the United States army to fight for freedom. They were called Israel because they were in bondage, like Israel of old. And God has set them free. They are now God's new testament Israel. It reads: "There were one hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

But the tribe of Dan is not mentioned in the list. But in the great war for freedom, that is over the ancients, Israel had very little to do with it. Besides this one hundred and forty-four thousand, there was an innumerable multitude of all nations clothed with white robes, and palms of victory in their hands. The palm is an emblem of victory. This victorious multitude was the American army of 1863. The Americans are composed of all languages. "And they cried with a loud voice saying: Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." As those one hundred and forty-four thousand are spoken of in Rev. xiv. chapter, reference will again be made to them.

#### EIGHTH CHAPTER.

Between the opening of the seals and the sounding of the trumpets, the Apostle saw an angel standing by the altar, having a golden censer. "And there was given unto him much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne." The smoke of the incense with the prayers of the saints ascended up before God, out of the angel's hand." This appears to be a time of prosperity and peace to the Church on earth. "But as soon as the Church offended God with their prayers, and with their songs of praise, and began to offer strange fire before the Lord, then God consumed them by fire from the altar, like the sons of Aaron." —*Leviticus x: 2.*

In the work of this angel there is a striking illustration of the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ in His offering to God the prayers of the saints. But there are no words spoken, and we have to come to conclusions by the action of the angel. When the angel took the censer and filled it with fire and cast the contents of the censer to the earth, we find there are great changes produced in the world. We will call this fire the fire of God's wrath. And the effect of this fire on the earth is very much like the vials of God's wrath. This angel is spoken of in Rev. xiv: 18, as having power over fire, the sacred fire.

We will now consider the effects of this sacred fire

upon the earth. And there were voices. These were inflammable speeches and contentions, and the earthquake was a division of a government, or a kingdom, or an empire; and the thunderings and lightnings were war with the cannon and musketry, which resembles, in many respects, thunder, and lightning, and hail.

Let no reader of scripture think that those thunderings that were heard by the apostle were mere empty sounds, for they are the first warnings of the wars and bloodshed that God will visit the earth with after the invention of gunpowder, which was not invented for more than a thousand years after the apostle heard those sounds. The sounding of the trumpets shows when those events take place, and in what countries they take place.

“And the first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth.”

The earth here spoken of is not the whole world, but a particular part of the earth; and the trees and grass here spoken of are the beautiful and tender ones of earth.

“And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea, and the third part of the sea became blood.” The sea here spoken of is not literally the sea, but different countries, allied together under different rulers. It is the country out of which the Apostle saw the beast arise, spoken of in Rev. xiii. chapter. This burning mountain was a fiery law, or edict, that did destroy the one-third of everything that was pure and holy in that land: called, in figurative language, the sea.

“And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp; and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters.” The terms rivers and fountains of waters are also figurative names, and are countries adjoining or near those countries called the sea.

This star, or meteor, that fell from heaven, probably was some swift general that visited a part of those coun-

tries, and left the bitter dregs of his cruel doctrine among the people.

“And the fourth angel sounded ; and a third part of the sun was smitten, and a third part of the moon, and a third part of the stars.” This fourth trumpet sounds for the United States and our troubles when one-third of our stars (states) seceded. The three last trumpets are proclaimed by the flying angel to be fearful woes.

“And the fifth angel sounded ; and I saw a star fall from the heaven unto the earth, and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit ; and he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun, and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.”

This smoke is darkness, and is thought by commentators to be the Mahomet delusion. The Turks are here described, in verse 8, as having the faces of men, and long hair as women, and iron breastplates, &c. As so much has been said about the Turks by others, pass with me to the sixth trumpet.

“And the sixth angel sounded ; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which is before God, saying to the sixth angel that had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound at the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for the day, and for the hour, and month, and year, for to slay the one-third of men.” (From the new translation.) “And the numbers of the armies of the horsemen were twice ten thousand times ten thousand, and I heard the number of them. Thus I saw the horses and them that sat on them having breastplates as of fire, and of jacinth, or hyacinth, and of brimstone.” These colors are red, blue, and yellow. These colors are found upon the American uniforms. These four angels, who were bound like apprentices, of old, were there to receive a complete military training to do their work of destruction completely, and at a set time ; and the time is near.

There never was such an army of horsemen in the world

at one time. This must be the treading of the winepress spoken of in *Rev. xiv: 20*. This river Euphrates is not the river Euphrates that ancient Babylon was built upon, but the river on which the mystic Babylon was built. For all great cities have their rivers; the city of God has her river; and so the mystic Babylon had her river; but it is now dried up. The one-third of men that is spoken of that will be killed, are soldiers on the field of battle, for it reads: "They were killed by fire, and by smoke, and by brimstone." This is the way it appeared to the Apostle, and so it looks to one at a distance, unacquainted with gunpowder.

In this great and decisive battle, cavalry will do the most of the fighting, for the reason that, after the first day's fight, heavy rains will flood the battle-field, until flood, and blood of men and horses will come to the horses' bridles.—*Rev. xiv: 20*. This great battle will take place in one of our western valleys, called the valley of the passenger on the East of the sea.—*Ezekiel xxxix: 11*. This country is God's land of Israel, His New Testament Israel.

Gog and Magog will never go with a destructive army against the land of Palestine, for the reason that the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel would be against them. But they will come against this land; for they are blinded, and many others are also blinded. They cannot see that this is the land on which the light of heaven beams.

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was, as it were, the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire."—*Rev. x: 11*. This glorious personage is supposed to be the Lord Jesus Christ. His garment was a cloud to signify that His coming at this time should be seen darkly. He had a rainbow upon His head to show that He still remembered His covenant. His countenance had the appearance of the sun to show His governing and enlightening power over the human mind, and His legs were like pillars of fire to denote the purity of His government. This angel proclaims, with an oath, that time should be no longer. But in the days of the voice of the

seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished.

By referring to Rev. xi: 15, we find that when the seventh angel did sound, there were great voices in heaven saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our LORD and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." The sounding of the seventh trumpet marks a new era in the world. It shows a government changing from a worldly government to a heavenly government. This change took place in our late war. Our government was a bright government before the war, but it was oppressive and worldly in its laws concerning slavery. But God sent this war upon us to do away with slavery. (*New Version*).

#### ELEVENTH CHAPTER.

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court that is without the temple, leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles, and the Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months."

This forty and two months, during which the Holy City is to be trampled under foot, is literally forty and two months, or three and a half years; and it is yet in the future. The time this takes place will be after Christ's kingdom is set up, and is no longer in a movable condition. This generation will witness a time that God's kingdom, and God's people will see a time of cruel armies and war, and destruction of life and property. But in the end they will come off victorious.

The time that the two witnesses prophesied was a thousand two hundred and three score days. This was twelve hundred and sixty years that the Church of God was in a movable condition, and about A. D. 1850 those witnesses were slain. They had no more power to stand up for civil and religious liberty, but for a short time were put down.

About 1850, France lost its liberty. The beast, Louis Napoleon, became emperor. Hungary lost her liberty

before France. And Louis Bonaparte sent the Emperor of Russia a gift for helping Austria put down Hungary, while he was yet President of France. At that time, the Republic of Domingo became, for a short time a monarchy. At that time the fugitive slave law was passed in the United States ; and Napoleon sent an army to Italy and put down their liberty. This was a very discouraging time for liberty, but the three and a half years soon passed away. And since that time God and liberty have prevailed until, in A. D. 1865, the witnesses ascended to heaven in a cloud, when slavery fell in the United States ; and in Europe the witnesses have risen and will continue to rise, until all shall gain their God-given liberties.

The tenth part of the city which fell was France when she fell from a Republic to an Empire. For France is one of the ten kingdoms that rose out of the sea.—*Rev. xiii: 1.*

“And the seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”

The sounding of the seventh trumpet shows the time that Christ's kingdom was set up, which was done by a change in our government, that was brought about by our war in 1861-5, when God set His people free.

When God redeemed Israel of old from bondage, it was a new era to them. So this is a new era to the American people. The change that our government underwent caused it to become the kingdom of Christ, and in it He shall reign forever. Christ is now our King, and from this time onward, He will defend us against all foes, domestic or foreign.

This kingdom is the only kingdom Christ ever had since He was on earth. All other governments have monarchs to rule them, or some family that claims the right to rule them.

When the ten kingdoms of Europe came into existence, spoken of in *Rev. xiii: 1, 2*, it reads thus: “And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”



Here let me ask to whom do those ten kingdoms belong? Do they belong to the dragon or to Christ?

This kingdom that Christ has set up will last forever. This is the kingdom for which Christ taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."—*Math. vi: 10*. This prayer has been repeated, day by day, since Christ was upon earth, and will be till His second coming; and still His people do not look for Him to reign on earth.

This prayer has been offered by the lisping infant, and by the aged sire, day by day; and Christ's kingdom is now commenced on earth and will continue forever, a glorious kingdom. In *Rev. xi: 18*, it reads thus: "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath has come, &c." From this verse it appears that Christ comes in wrath, and the nations are angry, and idolatrous, and oppressive, and full of wrath against Christ and His kingdom: and Christ comes to destroy those who destroy the earth, and not those who are righteous. So the coming of Christ at this time is not the final judgment, but the setting up of Christ's kingdom on earth.

#### TWELFTH CHAPTER.

"And a great sign or wonder was seen in heaven; a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."—*Rev. xii: 1*.

A woman in figurative language is a city or a combination, or the Church of God. The heaven that this woman was in is not the heaven of glory, but a heavenly country. The question is asked in Solomon's Song, chapter vi: 10. "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" This question might be answered by saying this woman is our glorious Republic, the great defender of civil and religious liberty. This woman brings forth a man child who was to "rule all nations with a rod of iron."

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads, and his tail drew

the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth." By casting the stars to the earth the dragon did great wonders, but he fails to destroy the man child, for a power greater than he takes care of the child or ruler, and exalts him to God's throne. We find by reading the Scriptures that everything that is pure and lovely on earth Satan tries to overthrow. He was found in the Garden of Eden and did his deadly work, and of late he was found in our Republic trying to overthrow it. The dragon goes to work and elevates another woman or combination called the Mystic Babylon, and she was arrayed in purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones, and pearls. So that this last woman may appear in greater splendor than the woman that was arrayed with the sun, the dragon dissolves the first heaven by drawing the one-third of the stars to the earth, and this Mystic Babylon is set a queen over these fallen stars; this is the cause of the war in heaven.—*Rev. xvii: 4. Rev. xviii: 7.* This Mystic Babylon was the Southern Confederacy.

•“And his tail drew the one-third of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth.” These stars were the stars, or states, that seceded from the Union in 1861. For eleven out of thirty-three stars seceded. This caused war in this starry heaven, for it was dissolved, and the old heaven passed away with a great noise of cannon and hard fighting. But now these stars have been replaced in the new heaven.

We will now return to the first woman. Read Isaiah lxvi: 8. “Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in a day, or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children.” Also Isaiah lxvi: 7. “Before she travailed she brought forth. Before her pain came she was delivered of a man child.”

Zion, or the Church, is compared to a woman; this nation is the nation that was born in one day, on July 4th. A. D. 1776. And this is the heavenly country in which the man child was born. This man child is our ruler, or

President. George Washington was the first of a class of rulers that will in time rule all nations with a rod of iron.

This man child is said to be caught up to God, and to His throne. This shows that the throne of God is still above the heaven in which the man child was born. And the woman has to fly to the wilderness for safety. This also shows that this heaven the woman was in is not the heaven of Glory, but a heavenly country, whose national banner looks like the constellation Lyra, from which the design of our flag was taken.

There is but very little said about this man child, but every word is a volume. He is to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and God has exalted him to His throne. So the government of this nation is one that God will defend.

The woman who brough forth this ruler is our Republic, or the Federal compact. This woman and the man child have the favor of God, and the wrath of the Devil.

When the ten kingdoms of Europe came into power, the Dragon was well pleased. "And the Dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority."—*Rev. xiii: 2*. But when our Republic comes into existence the Dragon makes war with it, and causes the woman to flee to the wilderness for a thousand two hundred and three-score days. These days are literal; or three and one-half years; that the war in heaven lasts.

It is said of the man child that he was caught up to God and to his throne. By this it appears that the man child is highly favored of God. But we must remember that he is to rule all nations with iron rule. While the woman is timid, and flees for refuge, her son goes to the head of the army, and conquers the Dragon and his army. We will leave this woman and man child for a short time, and go to another standpoint, and view the second woman, and the Dragon.

"And he carried me away in the Spirit, into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."—*Rev. xvii: 3*. Also: "Here is the mind that

hath wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.”—*Rev. xvii: 9.*

It is said of these mountains, “And Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath, and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”—*Rev. xvi: 19.*

These islands were States’ Rights, and the mountains were laws that supported slavery.

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the Dragon and his angels.”—*Rev. xii: 7.*

The Dragon goes into this war with great power. He has this Mystic Babylon on his side; and she, like Babylon of old, was a mighty war power. And the Apostle saw her drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

This woman is a city, or combination, that is called the angels of the Dragon. The Dragon goes into the war a great monster; but comes out of it with his seven heads broken, and his ten horns all gone; and this Mystic Babylon defeated, and swept from earth. This was the first defeat with which the Dragon ever met; and the first victory on the field of battle that God’s people ever won. And from this time forth this man child will always be victorious, until all the monarchs of the East are conquered.

The casting out of the Dragon is the establishing of Christ’s kingdom.

“And I heard a great voice in heaven saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ.”—*Rev. xii: 10.* By this we can see that Christ’s kingdom is now set up. But Satan will give us one more fight. He has gone down upon the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea, to stir them up; and he will return, filled with water, to sweep this woman from the face of the earth. These waters are multitudes of people, or a mighty army. Again the woman has to fly to the wilderness. “And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle.” This is our

American eagle. This time the woman has all the power of our government. She again flies into the wilderness, to her old retreat, until the war is over. Not for twelve hundred and sixty years, as some would have it, but for three and a half years.

After this war is past Satan will lose his power for one thousand years.

“And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems.”—*Rev. xiii: 1*. Commentators agree that these ten horns are ten kingdoms in Europe; and that the head that was smitten unto death was the Napoleon line of kings, or emperors, that have now fallen. I think this view is correct; but perhaps one more Napoleon will arise and give the world and liberty trouble. And in the forty and two months, or three years and six months, that he will continue, he will cause more blood to be shed than any man that has ever lived on the earth. It is said that he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle; even them that dwell in the heaven.

By this we see that the time these blasphemies are uttered is after Christ has set up his tabernacle on earth.

“And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.”—*Rev. xx: 3*. After these things, the above-mentioned blasphemies will be uttered, and he that utters them will come with millions in force to destroy our liberties: and this is the time that the Dragon will cast the water out of his mouth to carry away the woman that brought forth the man child.

#### FOURTEENTH CHAPTER.

“And I saw and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name and the name of his Father on their foreheads.”—*Rev. xiv: 1*. This one hundred and forty and four thousand are the colored soldiers that enlisted in the war that gave them their freedom. For, strange as it may

appear, there were one hundred and forty-four thousand that did enlist in the war.

God in His providence brought about our late war, while man, by their wicked designs, brought on the war to perpetuate slavery. God's intention was to destroy slavery. This one hundred and forty-four thousand were the first of a class that was purchased out of the earth. It is said they were not defiled with women. They are an exception to the class to which they belong. Be this as it may, the whole class is now free, and enjoying their God-given rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. God has a claim on Israel of old because He redeemed them from slavery. So these are His New Testament Israel. They are singing a new song of redemption, and will sing this song for generations to come. It is the commencement of a new era with them ; and not with them only, but for the United States. When Moses and Israel came out of Egypt, it was a new era to them ; and when Christ came to earth to die for sinners, it was the commencement of a new era to Christian nations. And when Christ comes to free His people, and to destroy them that destroy the earth ; and set up His kingdom, and give it to the people of God, it will be a new era to the whole world.

We will now call your attention to the reaping of the harvest, and the gathering of the vintage, of the earth ; for they are dreadful calamities to earthly minded men, as they will forever blight their hopes.—*Mat. xiii: 39*. The enemy that sowed the tares is the Devil ; the harvest is the end of the world, &c. Christ comes to reap the earth in a mysterious way, on a white cloud without appearance of a storm, but this harvest will forever destroy the hopes of the wicked, for the tares are burned up. They are driven from high positions, and the righteous are exalted to power. The change will be so great, this earth will become a paradise immediately after the harvest of the earth. The vintage of the earth will be gathered. This will be more destructive than the harvest. For the clusters

of the vine of the earth will be thrown into the winepress of the wrath of God, and the blood will come to the horses' bridles, as far as a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

The reaping of the harvest and the treading of the winepress are dreadful wars. These two wars will destroy the power of the wicked all over the world. The harvest of the earth is past. The war that our country has passed through was the harvest. The treading of the winepress may be expected about forty-five years after the harvest. This generation will see it.

#### THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES.

We will now consider the seven last plagues, or the seven bowls of God's wrath poured upon the earth.

These last plagues, like the first plagues that we read of, are sent on the world for particular sins. One sin was the killing of God's people in Europe; and another was enslaving his people in America.

Let us consider the first plagues, sent on Egypt. God's ways of dealing toward the nations for national sins in all ages, are nearly the same. But these last plagues are very extensive; and they will bring all kingdoms to God's terms. He requires unconditional surrender, and will have it as he did of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. For each plague will be more and more severe until liberty is granted to all; not only in the United States, but everywhere on God's earth.

#### SIXTEENTH CHAPTER.

“And the first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and which worshipped his image.”—*Rev. xvi: 2.*

This is called a noisome sore. It was the voice of liberty, and the speeches for liberty in France and the United States. Napoleon Third was the beast, and the image was found in the United States. These countries were grieved at the voice for liberty. In that way it was a noisome sore.

“And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea;

and it became blood as of a dead man ; and every living soul died, &c., even the things that were in the sea.”

“And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou which art, and which wast, thou holy one, because thou didst thus judge. For they poured out the blood of saints and of prophets, and blood thou hast given them to drink: They are worthy.”

By this we see that this judgment is inflicted because they poured out the blood of God's people, at different times, until these nations are ripe for destruction, and their end is at hand. Spiritual death is part of their calamity. But that is not all. Their blood will flow like waters, for the innocent blood they have shed. These countries called sea, and rivers, are in Europe, where the beast rose out of the sea, with seven heads and ten horns, and a crown or diadem on each horn.—*Rev. xiii: 1.*

“And the fourth angel poured his bowl upon the sun, and it was given unto it to scorch men with fire ; and men were scorched with great heat.”—*Rev. xvi: 8, 9.*

This fourth bowl was poured upon the United States, where the woman was arrayed with the sun. As a nation we have been scorched with political heats until we came to a civil war among ourselves. All good men have grieved over our political heats.

“And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast ; and his kingdom was darkened ; and they gnawed their tongues for pain.”—*Rev. xvi: 10.*

This bowl must have been poured upon the throne of the Napoleons when the First Napoleon went against Russia. That was, in him, a mistake.

And when Napoleon Third made war on Prussia, it was a blind move ; and it was also a mistake when he made war on Mexico. The reason why the Napoleon head is called a beast, is that they make war on nations without a cause or quarrel. They like to shed blood.

“And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great



river Euphrates ; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be ready for the kings that come from the sunrising. ”

This great river Euphrates is the stream that the Mystic Babylon is built upon. Babylon, of old, was built on the Euphrates river ; and Darius, the Median, took the city by turning the river from its natural channel. So this mystic river is dried up by taking away the compromises that defended the Mystic Babylon.

The apostle also saw three unclean spirits, like frogs, coming out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are said to be spirits of devils, working signs, which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together, unto the war of the great day of God the Almighty.

These unclean spirits have the power to assemble the whole world to battle. But the object in meeting in mass is to destroy God's people and God's kingdom off the face of the earth. When they are assembled, Christ will come as a thief in the night and overthrow this vast army.

This is the decisive battle that is coming shortly upon the world—the treading of the winepress of the wrath of God. The kings of the whole world will make war on Democracy, or Republicanism, or both. This world is too small for both Monarchy and Republicanism to live in it. One of them must die ; but we will say that God and liberty will live.

“And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air ; and there came forth a great voice out of the temple from the throne, saying, It is done.”

This voice from the throne was the voice of the Son of God. It is like the voice that came from the cross, when he proclaimed, It is finished.

The bowls are now poured out ; the last upon the air. This will make changes and commotions all over the world. But the first calamity is a great earthquake ; and the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities

of the Nations fell. This great city, which was divided, was our great Republic, or the Union of our States that was dissolved by secession. One part of the people were loyal, one part were rebels or Confederates, and one part were neutrals.

By this rebellion, Babylon the Great was overthrown. And Babylon the Great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath; and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. These islands were States' Rights, and the mountains were the strong laws that supported slavery; such as the Fugitive Slave Law, Mason and Dixon's line, the Missouri Compromise, the Constitution of the United States, and the Power of the Confederate army. But these mountains all disappear in God's judgments. This shows that these mountains are not literal mountains, for they are not found.

"And great hail, every hail about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men." This is explained by our mode of warfare. The city of Charleston, S. C.; suffered during the war by this hail. Shot and shells were thrown into the air from gunboats miles from the city, and fell into it like hail comes down from the clouds.

It is said the cities of the nations fell at the pouring out of the seventh bowl upon the air. This shows that all the governments of earth will undergo a change.

"And he carried me away in the spirit, into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."—*Rev. xvii: 3.*

Commentators have made a mistake by supposing this beast to be the same as the beast that rose out of the sea, described in Revelations, Thirteenth Chapter. The beast that rose out of the sea was like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion. This beast is seated upon the throne of the Dragon. But the beast of Revelations, Seventeenth Chapter, is in the wilderness, and is scarlet colored, and has a

woman seated on his heads. The Dragon has no throne to give to this woman, so he carries her on his head until he gets a throne in this new country.

“Here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth, and they are seven kings. The five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh he must continue a little while, and the beast that was, and is not, is himself, also, an eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.”—*Rev. xvii: 9*.

The Apostle was shown this harlot after all the bowls of God's wrath were poured upon the earth, and but a short time before her fall. He was told that one of the seven kings then existed; five had fallen; and one had yet to come. And that the beast was of the seven, and was the eighth.

Then there are ten kings that constitute the ten horns. And these ten kings have power as kings only one hour with the beast.

We find here two classes of kings; and they are all kings that are in some way connected with the woman and the beast; but they belong to two classes of politics. The first seven are pro-slavery out and out. The ten kings are anti-slavery. But the Constitution of the United States and those mountains caused them to let the beast rule until God removes those mountains.

It is said of these ten kings: They had power as kings one hour with the beast. This is about the power of our Presidents. They have power as kings for only a short time. Then they have but one kingdom, and they take rule by turns.

When Lincoln took the President's chair, he was the sixteenth President. The beast that was the eighth, and was of the seven, was Jefferson Davis—a man like the Bonaparte head of France—usurpers; bloody men. They are the beast that received the deadly wound by the sword, and did live, or will live yet; and that France worships. And we find an image of Napoleon in our land

that was worshiped. But the image was broken, and the idols are abolished in this land.

“The woman that was seated on the mountains is called a city; and the church of God is also called a city; but this city is a wicked combination, that bought and sold slaves and souls of men.”—*Rev. xviii: 13.*

The kings of the earth that she reigned over was the seventeen kings referred to above.

“And again they said Alleluia, and her smoke rose up forever and ever.”

This figure of her smoke rising up forever, is taken from the destruction of Sodom, and the smoke that Abraham saw the morn that Sodom was overthrown.—*Genesis xix: 28.*

“And I heard, as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth.”

This is the way the American people rejoiced when the Southern Confederacy was overthrown. They shouted; they thanked God; and the cannons sounded all over the North. Never was there such mighty thunderings over a victory.

And this victory shows the commencement of Christ's reign. “For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.”—*Rev. xix: 6.*

The downfall of Mystery Babylon shows the setting up of Christ's kingdom. One more decisive victory, and then a glorious peace will come for one thousand years.

By reflecting on the downfall of the Mystic Babylon, all can see that the overthrow of this power is the setting up of one of the strong pillars of Christ's kingdom.

We will now consider the overthrowing of all Anti-Christian powers, that are in the way of Christ's kingdom.

#### NINETEENTH CHAPTER.

“And I saw the heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And

his eyes are as a flame of fire ; and upon his head are many diadems," &c. This glorious personage is Christ. He has various names. In St. John's gospel, First Chapter, He is called the Word of God. But here His name on this occasion is KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS. For He is seated on the white horse in heaven to conquer all earthly kings.

This is the last great conflict here in this heaven.

"The unclean spirits, like frogs, will gather all the monarchs of earth to the great day of God the Almighty, with the beast at their head, and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn."—*Mathew xxiv : 30.*

"But a few years back the Dragon, or the sign of the Dragon, was seen in heaven."—*Rev. xii : 3.*

"But Satan is whipped out of heaven : and he will gather the tribes of earth to whip Christ out of this same heaven. But they shall fail to whip either Christ or his army. Then shall they wail because of him ; even so. Amen."

"And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations." This is His word or the gospel.

Yes, He should have conquered all the world with this sword ; but when they have a knowledge of God's word and still delight in murder, and unjust war, and the nations are trying to dethrone Christ, God comes to assist His own people and whips them at their own game. He now rules them with a rod of iron, and tramples them in the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God. This is the treading of the winepress.

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun." This sun that the angel is standing in is the same sun that the woman was arrayed with in Revelations, Twelfth Chapter. This sun is the great center around which our bright stars revolve ; each star is a State of our glorious Union.

And this shows where the birds are invited to come to the supper of the Great God. This will be the second sup-

per that Christ will institute. The first supper was instituted to commemorate His death by the hands of His enemies. The second supper will be instituted to commemorate the death of his enemies. Both suppers will be commemorated through all coming time. As did the first, so will the last commence a new era. In this fight, the beast will be taken, and with him the false prophet. This false prophet is alive at the time the beast is taken and cannot be Mahomet. Time will show who he is.

The Beast is the Chief Prince of this great army. I think he will be a prince that will arise out of the head that received the deadly wound by the sword and did live. Time will tell who he is. In Ezekiel xxxviii: 2, he is called the Chief Prince of Meshech and Tubal.

This great battle will now be viewed from a different standpoint, *i. e.* from the Old Testament Scriptures.

“Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: Let the weak say, I am strong.”—*Joel iii: 10.*

The times in which we live are the times in which the plowshare is made into weapons of war. Look at the nations how they are preparing for war. Same chapter, Thirteenth verse, reads: “Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, get ye down, for the press is full; the fats overflow, for their wickedness is great.” Fourteenth verse: “Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.” Fifteenth verse: “The sun and the moon shall be darkened and the stars shall withdraw their shining.”

These verses have reference to the harvest, and, also, to the treading of the winepress. The harvest is past and the tares are burnt up.

The vine of the earth is yet to be gathered. The valley of decision is some part of the Mississippi valley. The Lord shall roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem; *i. e.* the New Jerusalem, not the old, for it is dead. Read Ezekiel xxxix: 17: “And thou Son of Man, thus sayeth the Lord God, speak unto every feathered fowl, and

to every beast of the field ; assemble yourselves and come ; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth," &c. This is the same supper and battle described in Revelation xix : 17.

The reader must remember that this land is the land of God's people ; and the Israel that has been redeemed from captivity.

Read Isaiah ii : 4 : "And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation : neither shall they learn war any more." Again : Micah iv : 3 : "And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off ; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The nations that are rebuked are far off nations. They are far from the nation where they get this rebuke. They will be ashamed of their power and bravery. So much so that they will give up war. And, here, let me tell you that England, France and Germany will never change the sword into a plowshare until they are well whipped.

After this decisive battle, the nations will be abased ; and then they will hear the gospel. This is the remnant that will be slain by the sword that proceedeth out of the mouth of Christ. After this great battle, Satan will lose his power over the nations of the earth for a thousand years.

And the souls of them that suffered martyrdom, will be quickened by the power of God to such a degree that they will enjoy Christ's glorious reign. The Apostle did not see their bodies, neither will the living see their souls.

At the end of this thousand years the wicked are said to live again. That is, their souls will be quickened in such a way that a spirit of war will exist ; and Satan, with

all the powers of darkness, will stir up the old grudge, that will exist in their minds; and again they will come against the United States, and surround the camp of the saints, and the beloved city, (or the New Jerusalem), which will be in the United States.

“This vast army will be cut off by fire coming down from heaven like it did, or was, in the days of Elijah, the prophet.”—*Second Kings i: 8*.

After this destruction by fire, the people of God will continue to reign for ages without opposition. Dan vii: 18: “But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and shall possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”

“And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying: Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men: and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people; and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.”—*Rev. xxi: 2, 3*.

These verses show plainly that this New Jerusalem is on earth. God comes down from heaven and dwells with men. But some will say, in the Twenty-first Chapter, fifth verse, it reads: “There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying: neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.” The death here spoken of is death by war, and destruction by Him that sat on the pale horse.

“And I looked, and behold, a pale horse; and the name of Him that sat on him was Death.”—*Rev. vi: 8*.

And the sorrow and crying is also the pain of heart and wholesale weeping caused by war.

Again: in that happy day the art of healing, and the laws of life, will be well understood; and the powers to heal disease, restored to the church. Again: the missionaries of the Cross, whom Christ will send forth, will heal the sick. And besides this, there will be no more spiritual death.



And he that sat upon the throne said: "Behold, I make all things new." This is literally coming to pass. Look at the changes and improvements all over the world. There are new modes of farming, new ways of traveling, and of sending news, and of printing; and there will be new forms of government, and a new Jerusalem, and a new era; and a new heaven, and a new earth, and a glorious time of peace. All of these things will be new; and many other things that we have no knowledge of.

In Revelations xxi: 9, 10, the Apostle was shown the Bride—the Lamb's wife; that great city—the Holy Jerusalem—descending out of heaven from God. This Bride—the Lamb's wife—is the Church of the Living God. It descends out of heaven from God.

This church is chartered in heaven; and Christ comes down with a retinue of angels to build up the city on earth. This city, by measurement, is fifteen hundred miles square. This is entirely too large for the land of Canaan; and it is too small for the heaven of heavens. Can a location be found on earth? Perhaps the great Mississippi valley would answer for such a city—with its gateways of commerce, and its network of railways, where trade and travel go forward day and night.

And the time is coming when gas, or electricity, will light all our cities. This will banish darkness. But it is said of this city, that the length and breadth, and height of it, are equal. This height must be figurative. The Apostle saw no temple therein: "For the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it."—*Rev. xxi: 22*.

This is very different from Solomon's time. There are no sacrifices to offer, and God's people assemble in tabernacles, and on mountains, and in groves, to worship God.

It is also said that this city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it; and the Lamb is the light thereof.

To explain this, I refer you to St. John ix: 5: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Also, i: 4: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of

man." Also i: 9: "That was the true light which lighted every man that cometh into the world." Again: xii: 46: "I am come: a light in the world that whosoever believeth in me should not abide in darkness." Again, it is said: "There shall be no night there." And why? Because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

First John ii: 8: And, again, it is said: "And they need no candle, neither light of the sun: for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever." The church of God needs no sun for spiritual light. The heathen world has always enjoyed the sun and moon for light; but still they were in spiritual darkness. And all mankind will remain in darkness until Christ shall give them light.

Again, it is said: "They shall reign forever and ever." They shall reign where? Why, on earth: not in high heaven, for God reigns there supreme. But His people will soon rule the earth.

We will now view this city from another standpoint. Read Isaiah lx: 14: The sons, also, of them that afflicted thee, shall come bending unto thee: and all they that despised thee, shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet, and they shall call thee the City of the Lord: the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas, thou hast been forsaken, and hated, so that no man went through thee. I will make thee an eternal excellency: a joy of many generations. Thou shalt, also, suck the milk of the Gentiles, and suck the breasts of kings; and thou shalt know that I, the Lord, am the Savior and Redeemer: the Mighty One of Jacob. For brass, I will bring gold; and for iron, I will bring silver; and for wood, brass; and for stones, iron. I will also make thy officers peace, and thine executors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy borders. But thou shalt call thy walls salvation, and thy gates praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day: neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee. But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God, thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down.

neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people, also, shall be righteous. They shall inherit the land forever."

By reflecting on this subject, it is evident that Christ's reign on earth will be a very lengthy one. In all probability, it will continue until the earth becomes old and worn out, and all its mineral and vegetable treasures exhausted—its mines of coal, iron, tin, lead, copper, zinc, silver, gold, and so forth, all exhausted—and the earth itself will need to be changed, and renewed by fire, and earthquake, and other influences, until it will be renewed and purified. But the race of Adam will all be gone.

The Apostle Paul, in First Corinthians xv: 25, says that "Christ must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is Death."

When Death and the grave are conquered, and all the race of Adam resurrected, this world will be a world of spirits. Then comes the judgment—the great day.

St. John v: 25, says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live." Again: v. 28: "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice, and come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of condemnation."

Again: Revelations xx: 12: "And I saw the dead, the small and the great, stand before God: and the books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

END OF THE FIRST PART.

## PART SECOND.

## A VIEW OF MONARCHY AND ITS DOWNFALL BY A STONE KINGDOM, AS SEEN BY DANIEL, THE PROPHET, IN DANIEL II: 31.

This stone was cut out of the mountain without hands. The mountain out of which this stone was cut, is the church, or, rather, God's kingdom on earth.

This stone falls on the toes and feet of the great image of Monarchy, and entirely destroys it.

The power here indicated is not a persuasive power, but a destructive power that will cause winds to sweep them away like the chaff of a threshing floor, no more to be found on earth.

But this stone that accomplishes this great work, in the hands of God, is no doubt our great Republic, which, in His providence, God is raising up to destroy monarchy. And the time is at hand. Compare the Second and Seventh chapters of Daniel, and you will find that, at the downfall of monarchy, God sets up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, but will stand forever. And the people of God will be its rulers. Not spirits, but holy men.

“But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”—*Dan. vii: 18.*

This don't look like the world is coming to an end soon.

“And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”—*Dan. vii: 27.*

We can see by this that this kingdom is given to the people, not to spirits; and their rule shall be under the whole heaven, or, over the whole earth.

In the Scriptures we read of but two classes of men—the righteous and the wicked. So we conclude that, if the saints are going to rule shortly, the rulers who were before them were devils; and that “God, in His times, will show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.”—*First Tim. vi: 15.*

We will say a few words about the little horn that took the power of three kings, and wore the triple crown of Lombardy, Ravenna, and Rome.

It is said of him that he wore out the saints of the Most High; and that they were given into his hand for a time, and times, and the dividing of a time: which is 1,260 years. This time is past, and the little horn has lost his power; and the saints, or witnesses, have ascended to heaven.

But the warfare of the saints is not yet over, for we read that one of the heads of the beast makes war with the saints, and overcomes them. “And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”—*Rev. xiii: 7.*

But this head has power to continue for only forty and two months. This is literally forty-two months, or three and one-half years.

By reflecting on this subject, we can see that the little horn had power over the saints for 1,260 years. Then the saints took a kingdom.

But when this head recovers from the wounds that put him to death, he assumes the power of the little horn, together with his own power, and for a time tramples the sanctuary and the people of God under foot forty-two months. *Rev. xi: 2.*

This head, which is at this time wounded to death, is thought, by some, to be the Napoleon head of France, which will again come into power.

From careful study, we find that, since this great image has been set up, about 2,487 years have passed away; and in a few years the whole of that image shall have passed away, no more to be found on earth. For the three unclean spirits (*Rev. xvi: 14*) are now busy and at work.

gathering the kings of the whole world to the battle of that great day of God the Almighty.

Christ says: "Behold, I come as a thief." So we may expect Christ to come when all the world is massed for battle to overthrow our great Republic, or, God's kingdom. For it is evident to me that these kings will come down by the sword. They rose by the sword, and they will fall by the sword.

"He that leadeth into captivity, shall go into captivity; and he that killeth with the sword, must be killed with the sword."—*Rev. xiii: 10.*

In Daniel vii: 9, we read that God, the Father, comes to judge those kings, and cast them down, and calls on them to give an account of their stewardship. It reads: "The books were opened: and the great words of the little horn, and all of his great pretensions, are cast into the fire; and he is called a beast, instead of a Great Lawgiver."

Then Daniel saw one like the Son of Man coming to the Father; and there was given him a kingdom and glory. And it is said of this kingdom, that it will never be destroyed.

In Revelation xi: 15, we read: "When the seventh angel sounded, there were great voices in heaven, saying: The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of the Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."

Here the person of both the Father and the Son are brought to view. And the kingdom is in the singular. (*See New Translation.*)

This change took place in our Republic when she reconstructed her government and cast out slavery.

But Christ will not come into the full possession of his kingdom until God, in His power, and in His wrath overthrows Monarchy.

God comes in such awful majesty to judge the governments of this world, that many think it is the final judgment. But Christ, not the Father, is the judge in the last judgment. And as governments do not exist in the next

world, they must be judged in this world. Let me say a few words now in favor of the Jews.

If Christ had come as a mighty conquerer, as Daniel and the prophets show his second coming to be, the Jews would have received him as the Messiah. But because Christ came as a servant, they could not understand the object of his mission.

And when Christ comes, as come he will, shortly, to set up a kingdom for himself, the Gentile world will not understand the object of his coming, because he said, while on earth, that his kingdom was not of this world. But a new era is coming soon, and then Christ will reign on earth as the only great king.

In Daniel xi: 45, it reads thus: "And he shall plant the tabernacle of his palace between the seas, in the glorious, holy mountain: yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

Some commentators think that this holy mountain between the seas is in the land of Palestine, and that there is where we may expect the decisive battle. But this is a mistake. Palestine is not between seas, neither is it any more the holy mountain. But this great country lies between the seas, and here will be the decisive battle.

Again, in Daniel xii: 7: "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand, and his left hand, unto heaven, and swear by him that liveth forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

The scattering of the power of the holy people is the slaying of the witnesses spoken of in Revelation xi: 7, 8.

The witnesses were slain about the year 1850. But they rose from the dead in three and a half years, and have ascended to heaven, no more to be conquered. Christ has now become their king, and he will conquer the beast, the false prophet and the Dragon. The beast and false prophet will be confined to the lake of fire, and the

Dragon will be chained for at least one thousand years.  
*Rev. xx: 3.*

We will now return to Daniel xii: 17, to consider the solemn oath of the angel, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and then adds, when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. The meaning is this: Daniel had been shown, in chapter vii, verse 21, that the little horn that subdued three of the ten kings, made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until the ancient of days came and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

I will say that we live at a time to see the downfall of this little horn in Italy; and we have also seen the head wounded unto death, *i. e.* the Napoleon head of France, spoken of in Revelation xiii: 3.

Now all we have to fear is this head reviving again. For it is said of it, that power was given him to continue forty and two months, which is three years and a half. And for that length of time he will rule the people of God with iron rule. Then he will be cast alive into the lake of fire. *Rev. xix: 20.*

To the reader of these pages I will say that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. The exact time, no one knows.

But from the signs of the times, the time is near; and from a view of the Psalmist, in the 72nd Psalm, verse 8: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the end of the earth;" *i. e.* from the Mississippi to Cape Horn. This country will be Christ's dominion.

But to show that the church will be called upon to do hard fighting before she sits under her vine and fig tree in peace. Read Micah iv: 7-10: "And I will make her that halted, a remnant; and her that was cast far off, a strong nation. And the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion, from henceforth, even forever. And thou, O, tower of the flock of the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion. The kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." "Now, why



dost thou cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee? Is thy counsellor perished? For pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O, daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city; and thou shalt dwell in the field; and thou shalt go even unto Babylon. There shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies."

This Babylon, that the daughter of Zion goes to, must be the Mystic Babylon—for there is no other Babylon in the world in our times.

Micah iv: 11-13: "Now, also, many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they His counsel: for He shall gather them as sheaves into the floor. Arise and thresh, O, daughter of Zion; for I will make thine horn iron: and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

Zephaniah iii: 8, 9, 10, reads: "Therefore, wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering."

This daughter, who brings this offering, and who dwells beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, is the church of God in America; for a view beyond those rivers, from Palestine, would be the United States: so this must be the land of God's holy mountain.

Same chapter, and 19th verse, reads: "Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee; and I will save her

that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame."

Read also the 18th chapter of Isaiah. It points to this country as a land shadowing with wings; and of a people given to the Lord as a present; and it also has a reference to the gathering and cutting off the branches of the vine of the earth. And it also speaks of the fowls of the mountains and the beasts of the earth wintering upon them.

The nation that was trodden (Isaiah xviii: 7) under foot was the African slaves in our country, that have been set free. The cutting off of the vine of the earth, and the gathering of the grapes into the great winepress of the wrath of God, will soon be accomplished. Then the wicked combinations of the world will be destroyed. For a better translation of this Eighteenth chapter of Isaiah, the reader is referred to a little book published by John McDonald, of Albany, entitled, "Isaiah's Message to the American Nation."

The ensign has been lifted upon the mountains; and the trumpet has been blown in our late war, which is called the harvest, in Isaiah, 18th chapter. The next war that the United States will be engaged in, will be the treading of the winepress of God's wrath. This will come upon this Nation before it is prepared for war.

We will here remark that in the countries where the vine is successfully cultivated, there is about six weeks from harvest to vintage. By taking each day for one year, this would be forty-two years, or, say, forty-five years; and even this is a very short time for this Government to prepare for such a dreadful war as this will be! All the monarchies of the world combined against us! But notwithstanding all this, this Nation, with God's help, will subdue them all. Then the world will have peace; and not until then.

The coming twenty years will witness Europe's unhalloved wars on weak governments. Then our time will come, and the struggle will be desperate. And if civil

and religious liberty is overthrown, the Star Spangled Banner will be its winding sheet.

This is the same great battle spoken of in Revelation xvi: 14, which reads: "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God the Almighty."

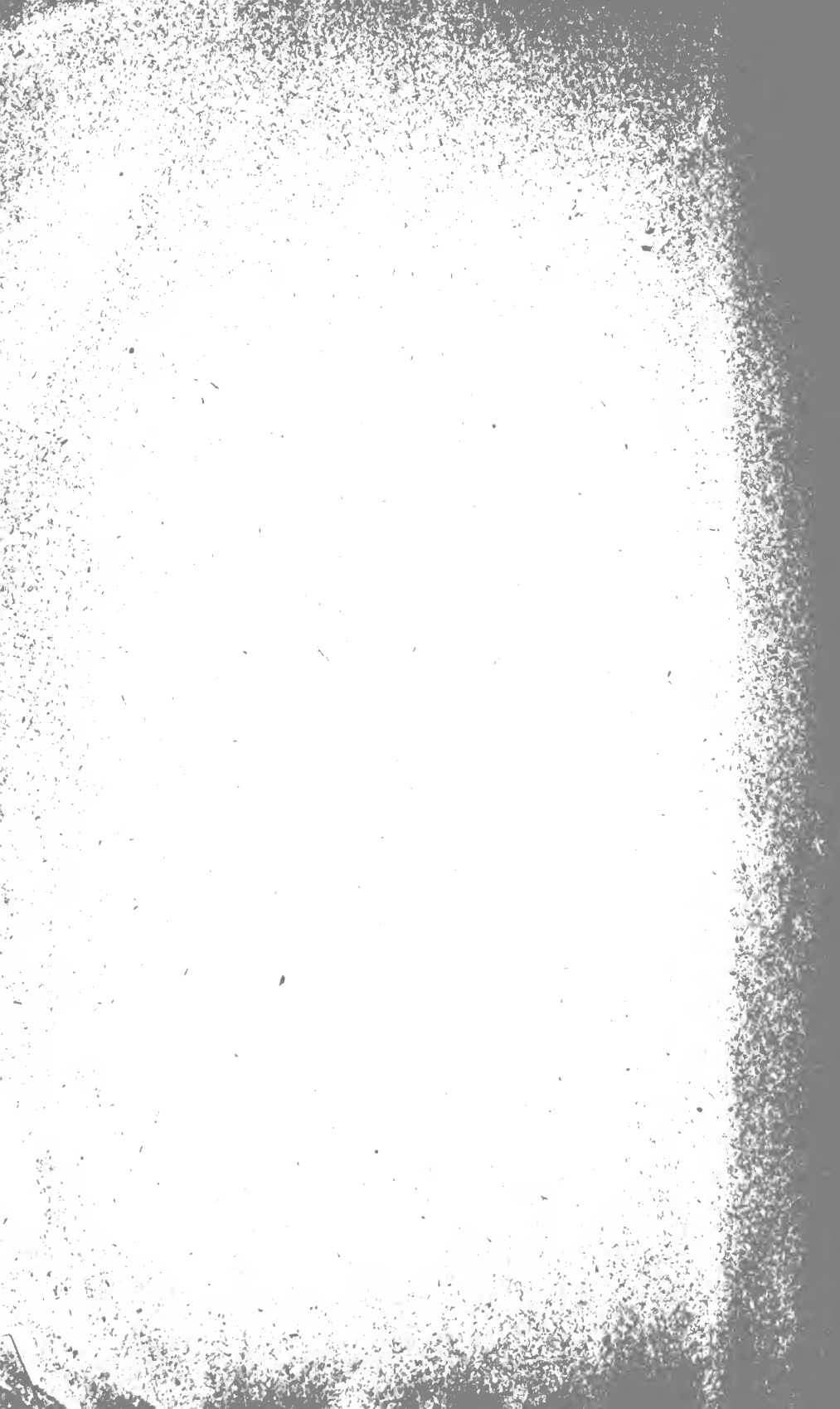
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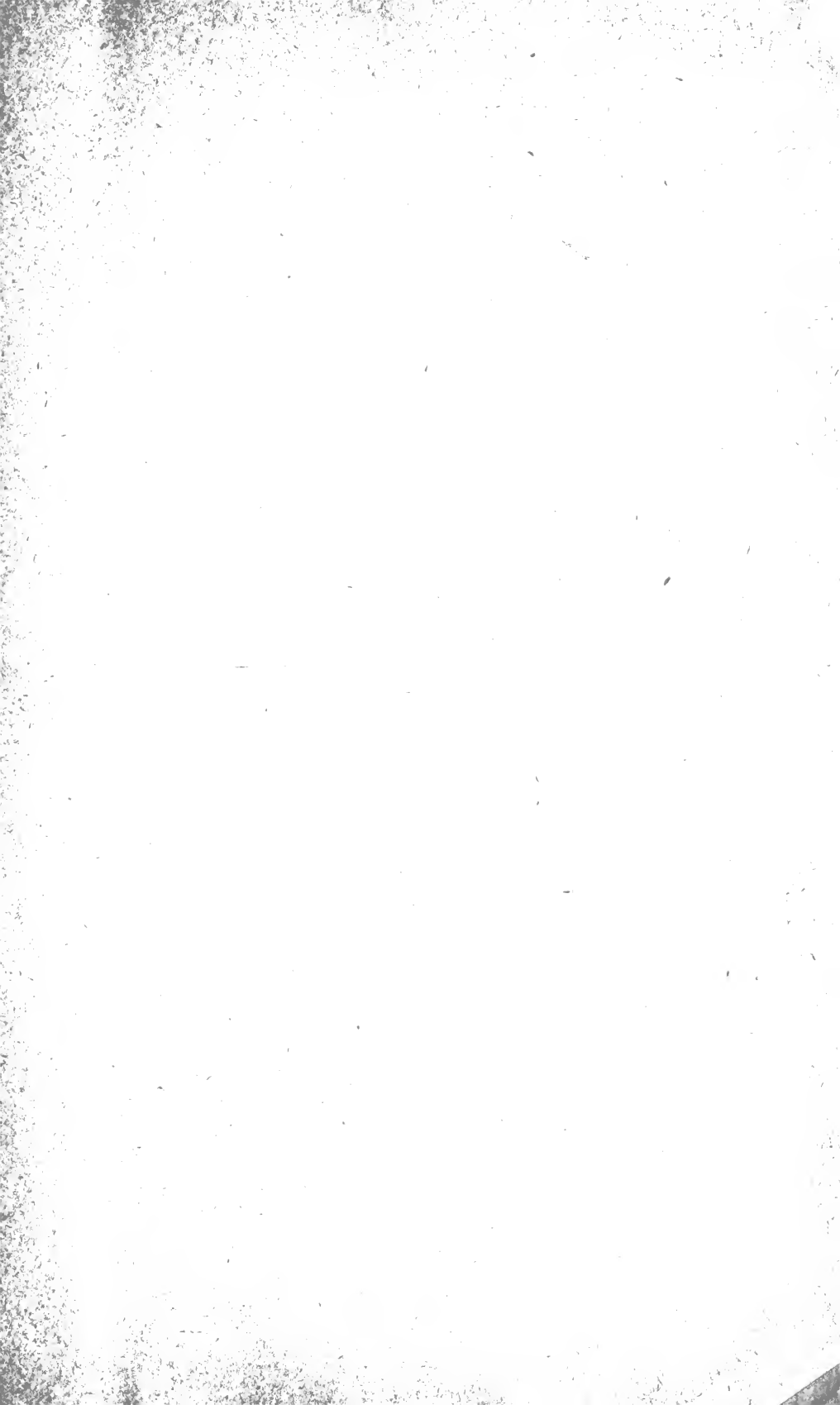
He will come at a time, and in a way, that this vast army will be very sorry to meet him.

It will be when they are trying to overthrow the last bright hope of earth.

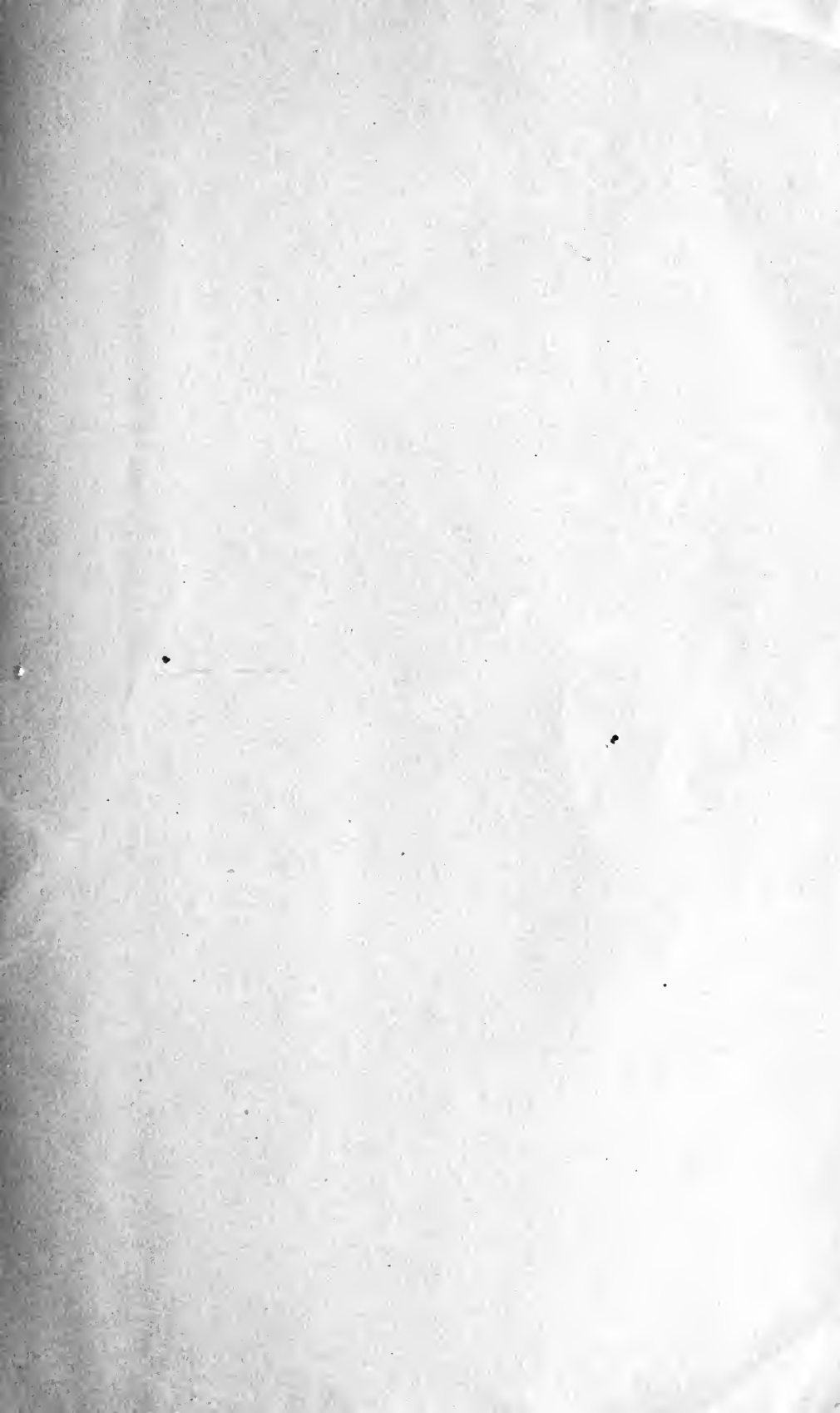


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