

“Our Faith in the Prophetic Future”



1. Watchmen for Spiritual & Natural Israel

<p>Ezekiel 33:7 “I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel, so you will hear a message from My Mouth, and give them warning from me.”</p>	<p>Isa 52:8-9 “Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.”</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:1 “For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest...I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”</p>
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“When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their **watchman**: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then **whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head...**But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But **if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.**” **Ezekiel 33:2-7**



2. “While it is Called Day”

“And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth...**We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work...** When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the **blind man** with the clay...” **John 9:4**

Jeremiah 20:9

“Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart **as a burning fire shut up in my bones**, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.”

Jeremiah 1:10

“See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, **to build, and to plant.**”

3. The Shield of Faith for the Energetic Working of Satan

“Even him [Jesus], whose coming is after **[accompanied by] the [energetic] working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the **love of the truth**, that they might be saved.” **2 Thess 2:9-10**

“And the earth helped the woman, and the **earth opened her mouth**, and swallowed up the **flood** which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to **make war with the remnant of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” **Rev 12:16-17**

Ephesians 6:16

“Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”



4. At the Last Supper, Jesus Forewarned the Church. . . .

“These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you **will think that he doeth God service.** And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.” John 16:1

5. The LORD allowed our Pastor just enough time to write in 1916 (Oct.) the Forewords to the Volumes—to include his prophetic expectations to prepare the Household of Faith.

Vol. 2, iii, iv. “We could not, of course, know in 1889, whether the date 1914, so clearly marked in the Bible as the end of the Gentile lease of power or permission to rule the world, would mean that they would be fully out of power at that time, or whether, their lease expiring, their eviction would begin. The latter we perceive to be the Lord's program; and promptly in August, 1914, the Gentile kingdoms referred to in the prophecy began the present great struggle, which, according to the Bible, **will culminate in the complete overthrow of all human government**, opening the way for the full establishment of the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

“...Our thought is that somehow the Lord is taking a hand in the affairs of the world now as He did not do in times past. We do know that the great Time of Trouble, which has begun, very closely corresponds to the Divine declaration respecting the time and conditions of the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom. The Lord Himself informs us that, at the time He shall take to Himself His great power and reign, **the nations will be mad and the Divine wrath will come.**

“All over the world people knew of the expectations of Bible Students in respect to the year A.D. 1914; and when so stupendous a war as the present one broke loose, when the winds of strife began to blow with such fury and destruction, thousands remembered what they had heard and read respecting the end of the Gentile Times. Thousands today have come to fully appreciate the times in which we are living. The influence is very helpful and inspiring. **A realization that we are in the Day of the Lord, and that very soon all of His saints will be gathered to Him by the resurrection change, has a stimulating and encouraging influence upon Bible students, separating them from the world and its fears and ambitions and fixing their eyes upon the Crown of Life, which the Lord has in reservation for them that love Him most.**”

Vol. 3, ii “[Regarding] “the interests of Israel. We should be in a waiting, expectant attitude. It looks as though the trying experiences of the Jews would arouse considerable numbers of them eventually to go to their home land.”

iv “For a little while there will be a great triumph of **Churchianity**, after the war [WWI]. **Both Catholics and Protestants will share in this triumph and both political and financial princes will encourage it**, hoping for the prolongation of their own power. At that time we may expect **strong opposition from Churchianity upon the true, faithful followers of Jesus, resulting in serious persecutions**—perhaps even unto death. But the triumph of Babylon will be short. Soon the sentence already pronounced will be executed and she shall fall like a great millstone into the sea—into anarchy—into destruction, never to rise again.”

Vol. 4, pp. 3, 4 – “The Bible points out that about this time **the Nominal Church systems of the world will rise to great prominence again in connection with the Civil powers.** We can readily see the grounds for this. **All the kingdoms, financially weakened, will realize the necessity for keeping a dominating grip upon the public and preventing anything akin to Socialism and Anarchy.** They will naturally look to the great religious institutions called Churches to support them, to threaten the people with future torments, and in general to help keep the Ship of State from being overturned. The churches also will be ready and glad for such an opportunity. **Already, they are rolling together as a scroll—the one side, Catholic, the other, Protestant, opposed and yet connected**—each side united and federated to the best of its ability.

“But the Bible declares that this reign “as a queen” will be a short one, and that the fall of Babylon will be tremendous—like a great millstone cast into the sea. It will be **during the power of this so-called “queen” for a little season, that the world will be under a great strain as respects any presentation of the Truth. And those found loyal to God and to principle will doubtless suffer...**”

6. Man's Extremity—the LORD's Opportunity. . .Waiting to be Gracious!

Vol. 4 - "How glad we are that **man's extremity in this Time of Trouble will be the Lord's opportunity!** He is **waiting to be gracious.** He is wishing to pour out upon mankind the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom for one thousand years, for their uplift out of sin and death conditions back to the image and likeness of God." D 4

7. At First Advent Jesus Left out Quoting "Day of Vengeance"—Now due at Second Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **and the day of vengeance of our God;** to comfort all that mourn."

When Jesus Spoke—Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord"

"But **today the passage is due to be given as a whole.** We are on the very eve of this great Day of Vengeance. We are now proclaiming in the words of the Prophet Zephaniah (1:14), 'The great Day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the Day of the Lord...That Day is a Day of Wrath, a Day of trouble and distress...' R5537

8. Brother Russell also Encouraged us that our Message should be Filled with Hope:

"The majority of the world and also of the Lord's consecrated people have plenty of trouble in the present time without being terrorized needlessly in respect to the great day of trouble. Let us remember that, **additionally, the world has a latent fear respecting the future.**"

"What the world specially needs is what the Bible alone can give. Bible Students alone are qualified to introduce others to this comfort of the Scriptures. More and more, therefore, **it should be our aim to bind up the brokenhearted and to say to the weary and heavy-laden,** 'Come to Christ, and find relief and rest. Come now, and see who is the great Burden-bearer for all who become His followers. **Then look beyond the present and see how, in harmony with the Father's gracious arrangement, He will eventually scatter the blessings of Restitution far and wide.** Behold the Love of God, which constraineth us! Cast away your fear of Him! Draw nigh unto Him through Christ, and He will draw nigh unto you.'" From: "The Gospel of Hope" R5213



How Long Should We Witness?

"Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate." Isaiah. 6:11

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9. Jehovah Encouraged Jeremiah Not to Fear

"Thou therefore **gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak** unto them all that I command thee: **be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.** For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. **And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.**" Jeremiah 1:17-19

10. Saints to Sing Aloud Judgments of Jehovah on their "Beds"!

"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them **sing aloud upon their beds**. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; **To bind their kings with chains**, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: **this honor have all his saints**. Praise ye the LORD." Psalm 149:5-9

"Indeed some Scriptures seem to imply that there will be a Kingdom work done this side the Veil, while a work of still greater magnitude and authority is progressing on the other side of the Veil. We read, 'Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds.' This seems to imply, as we have mentioned before, that there is a special work to be done while these saints still have beds. . . The Scripture goes on to say that they have a two-edged sword in their hands—this is the Word of God. They use it as the Sword of the Spirit. This would not be true of them on the other side of the Veil. They would have no use for a sword there. The Scriptures also declare that the high-sounding praises of God are upon their lips. This, too, seems to be applicable to those this side the Veil."

"The final phrase, "to execute the judgments written," would seem to imply that there would be something for the saints on this side of the Veil to do in connection with the execution of the judgments upon the nations."
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11. Leopard Beast (Papacy) in Company with the Two-Horned (Anglican) Church

Revelation 13:2, 11, 13, 14

"And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. . . 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and **he had two horns like a lamb**, and he spake as a dragon. . . 13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven. . . on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."



12. Elijah and John the Baptist, Type of End Time Church

Church	Civil Government	False Church	Protestant Church
Elijah	Ahab	Jezebel*	Jezebel's Harlots of Baal
John the Baptist	Herod	Herodias	Salome

*Rev. 2:20 "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."

13. Faith and Strength to Speak Up

"And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: **for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.**" Matthew 10:18