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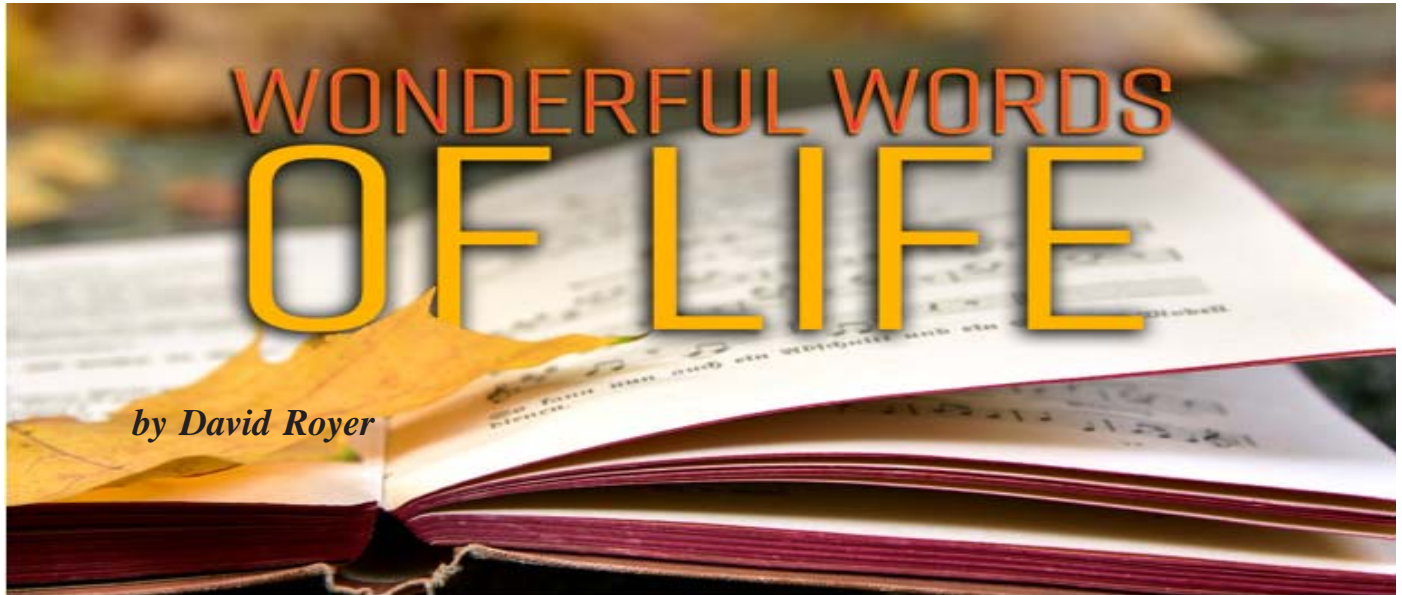
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I came across an old hymn entitled WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE, written by Philip P. Bliss in 1875. You can hear his song on the internet: <https://www.joinmychurch.com/music/Wonderful-Words-Of-Life/1194>. Here are the lyrics:

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;

Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;

Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;

Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;

All so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;

Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever; (Refrain)



The Library of Congress provided Mr. Bliss's biography:

"Born in Pennsylvania in 1838, composer and singer Philip Paul Bliss worked as a farmer and woodcutter until 1855. After attending a singing school and later the Normal Academy of Music in Geneseo, N. Y., he began teaching music and composing songs in the mid-1860s.

During this period, Philip Bliss met composer and music educator George F. Root, who encouraged Bliss to continue his efforts in music composition. In 1865 Bliss began working for the music publishing house of Root & Cady of Chicago, which hired him to conduct musical conventions throughout the northwestern United States.

Philip enjoyed a reputation as an able basso profundo soloist and chorister. With evangelists D.L. Moody and Daniel Whittle, Bliss toured the country for a time, singing and even preaching. By the 1870s, Bliss began to devote a great deal of energy to the composition of sacred music. Some of his earliest songs were set to music by his friend George F. Root, but he soon was composing words and music, and he had four collections of songs published."

He wrote many well-known hymns, including "Hold the Fort" (1870), "Almost Persuaded" (1871); "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!" (1875); "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"; "Wonderful Words of Life" (1875); and the tune for Horatio Spafford's "It Is Well with My Soul" (1876). Philip Bliss and his wife, Lucy J. Young, died tragically in a railway disaster near Ashtabula, Ohio, on December 29, 1876.

When first looking at the lyrics and hearing the music of this song, I thought it was just a few verses repeated. The phrase "wonderful words" is repeated eighteen times throughout this hymn, and the larger phrase "wonderful words of life" a total of twelve times! However, by the end of the day, my wife and I were humming this song, and we discovered deeper meanings. This song puts to music and poetry thoughts found in Psalm 119.

The first verse says, "Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of life, Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life; Words of life and beauty Teach me faith and duty."

These words tell us to repeat God's Word over and over again "for remembrance". II Peter 3:1-2: "*This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:*" Jesus also said, "*Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away*" (Mark 13:31). The more we dwell on the Word of God, the more precious it becomes.

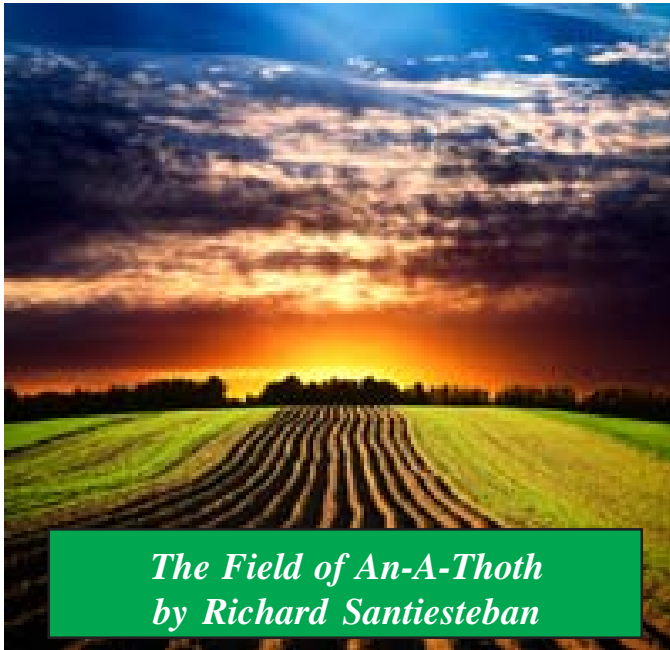
The first verse also reminds us of "faith and duty". Not only are we to walk by faith, but faith demands duty. "*Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also*" (James 2:24 & 26). Our deeds are the fruit that grows from obedience to God's commands and transformation by His Holy Spirit.

The second verse says, "Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of life; Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life; All so freely given, Wooing us to heaven." Eternal life is found in the Gospel and offered freely to all who obey him: "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16).

The last verse appears to be a prayer. "...Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify us forever." Bliss is saying that the Gospel is the only place to find forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life. Jesus said, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*" (John 17:17). "*And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*" (Hebrews 5:9).

In summary, we have guidance throughout life, a future home in His coming Kingdom, and salvation in Jesus by believing and obeying the "Wonderful Words of Life." "*...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (Matthew 4:4).





*The Field of An-A-Thoth
by Richard Santiesteban*

Why did the Lord tell the Prophet Jeremiah to purchase a field in his hometown of Anathoth? Let's examine the purpose of the purchase of this field and the example for Israel. The entire story takes place in Jeremiah 32

King Zedekiah is in his 10th year of his reign and ultimately the last king to rule Judah. The Prophet Jeremiah is confined as a prisoner within the walls of Jerusalem. Verse 7- the Lord tells Jeremiah that his cousin, Hanameel will sell him a field in Anathoth for the right of redemption. Redemption here means the act of delivering something (field) or releasing something (field) to that person.

The next verse – states that the field is both a right of inheritance and redemption. Leviticus 25 explains the right of inheritance by the working of the field provided to the children of Israel. The land they would inherit was the land promised to them upon their exit from Egypt. The field they work for 6 years and on the 7th' year would be a Sabbath of the land. Lev 25:10 the Lord hallows the 50 year and proclaims liberty throughout all the land unto the children of Israel. It shall be a Jubilee (which means ramshorn) unto you and shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. In other words, redemption is being practiced here. Lev 25:23-25 explains the purpose of Jubilee Celebration by stating that the land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a

redemption for the land.

Now we can see the purpose of the purchase of the Field of Anathoth. The field is going to represent the Promised Land that once was owned by Israel and will soon be scattered due to sin by the Babylonians.

Now the purchase of the field which is done in 5 steps which are stated verses 9-12:

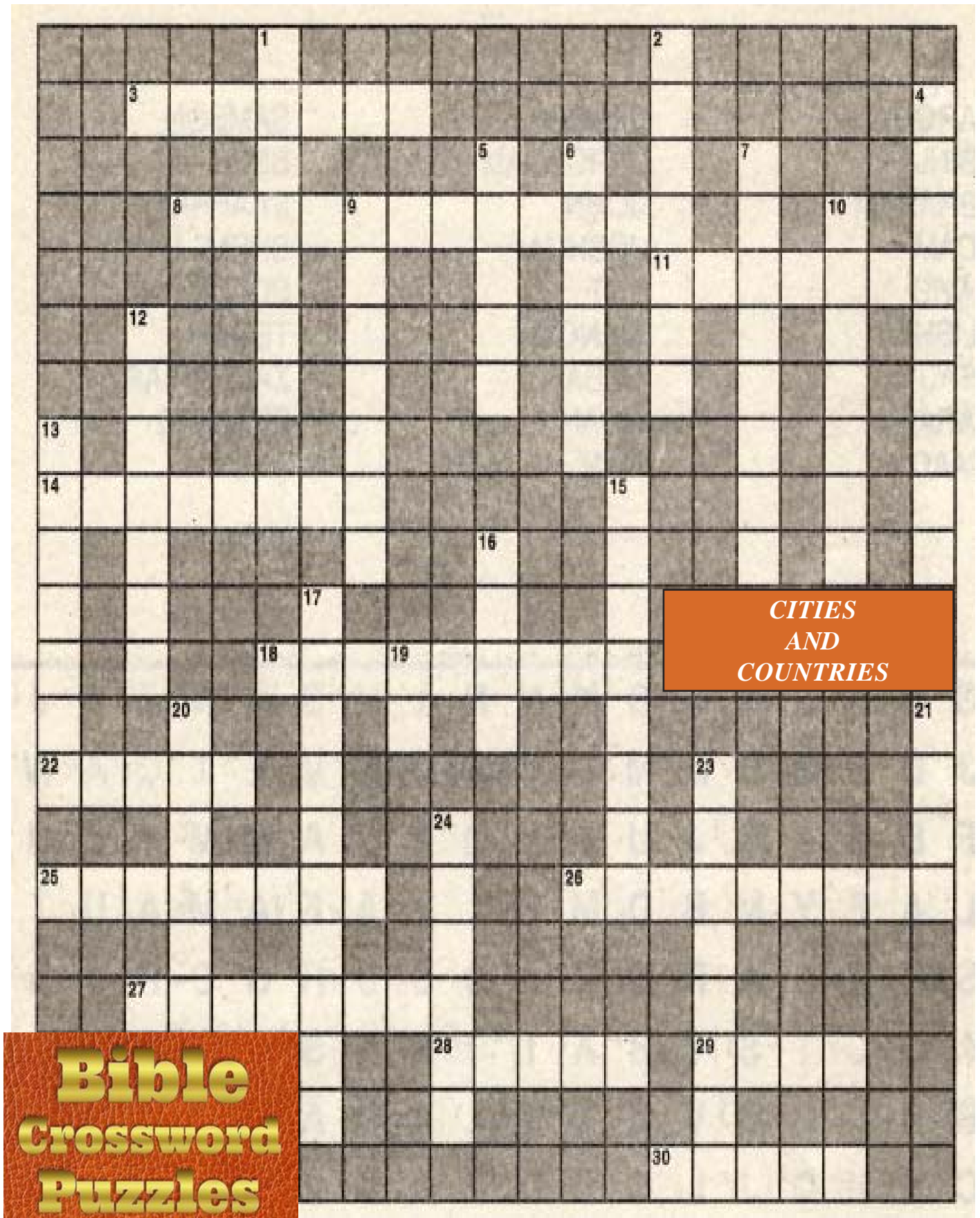
- 1) Put it in writing (subscribed)
- 2) Witnesses (witness the transaction)
- 3) Seal (oath or stamp to lock in the transaction)
- 4) Pay for the field (17 shekels of silver)
- 5) Provide an Open Copy of the Transaction (carbon copy of the original)

Jeremiah prays to the Lord after the transaction is complete. He starts off the prayer as seen in verse 17 with the word Ah Lord God!. Ah means great pain. Jeremiah knows the meaning of this prophesy and what the children of Israel will be losing due to stubbornness and sin.

Verse 26 The Lord asks if the question, Is there anything too hard for me? In verse 27 the Lord tells Israel that he will deliver the city to the Chaldeans and Nebuchadrezzar. In verse 33, he explains why he is dealing so harshly with Israel and it reads: And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

Israel made a vow after their exit from Egypt that they would obey and do ALL the laws of God. Exodus 24: 1 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgements: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.

Let the Field of Anathoth be an example not only to Israel but to us. The Pharisees purchased a field of blood for 30 pieces of silver titled the Potters Field. Jesus tells us that he prepares a new place for us and its called the New Jerusalem. Let's keep our vows and oath to God and serve him with complete reverence to earn the very field that was purchased for all of us named the New Jerusalem.



TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEGE ON BIBLICAL CITIES AND COUNTRIES

Who says puzzles are just for kids?

Directions: Fill in the crossword puzzle with the words missing from the sentences below.

Match the number of the sentence to the boxes placed across or down the grid.

If filled out correctly, the words will fit neatly into the puzzle.

ACROSS

- 3 Walls fell down (Hebrews 11:30)
- 8 Demas left ministry for here (II Timothy 4:10)
- 11 Samson went there (Judges 14:1)
- 14 Paul shamefully treated here (I Thessalonians 2:2)
- 18 Where Simeon saw baby Jesus (Luke 2:25)
- 22 Melchizedek was king here (Genesis 14:18)
- 25 City Jonah fled to (John 1:3)
- 26 Jesus healed Nobleman's son here (John 4:46)
- 27 Jesus grew up here (Matthew 2:23)
- 28 Joseph died here (Genesis 50:26)
- 29 Onesiphorus encouraged Paul here (II Timothy 1:17)
- 30 Language became confusing here (Genesis 11:9)

DOWN

- 1 Jonah was sent here (John 1:2)
- 2 Called to collect for saints (I Corinthians 16:1)
- 4 Jesus was born here (Matthew 2:1)
- 5 Where angels visited Lot (Genesis 19:1)
- 6 Moses escapes Pharaoh here (Exodus 2:15)
- 7 God led Saul blinded (Acts 9:8)
- 9 King Ahab buried here (I Kings 22:37)
- 10 Manasseh was taken here (II Chronicles 33:11)
- 12 Erastus lived here (II Timothy 4:20)
- 13 Paul sent Tychicus here (II Timothy 4:12)
- 15 Titus left Paul here (II Timothy 4:10)
- 16 Hadad killed Midian here (Genesis 36:35)
- 17 Landed after walking on water (Matthew 14:34)
- 19 Haran died here (Genesis 11:28)
- 20 King Cyrus proclaims God (II Chronicles 36:23)
- 21 A place of desolation (Jeremiah 49:17)
- 23 Herod traveled here from Judea (Acts 12:19)
- 24 Israel became a great multitude (Genesis 45:10)



JESUS REIGNS WITH THE SAINTS ON EARTH

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Most Christians all over the world do not believe that Jesus will reign with the saints on earth. They believe that they will reign with Jesus Christ in heaven. However, let us consider the following quotations from the Bible which is the Word of God. Let us start with Rev. 20:1-3 which says, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

Beloved, remember that there are no nations in heaven. Jesus Christ with the saints will reign over the nations on earth not in heaven. Satan, the Devil has been shut in the bottomless pit not to deceive the nations anymore, till the thousand years should be completed in which Jesus with his saints will reign on earth.

As at the time Jesus Christ will reign with his saints on earth, a pure language will be spoken. Zeph.3:9 says, "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." Nations will speak a pure language; that is, one language will be spoken by all Nations.

The book of Micah 4:3-4 says, "And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and

none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it."

These verses could be clearly understood. Presently all over the world, we have heard of wars in various places. But when Christ with the Saints will reign on earth, there will be no war and fear will be put away. No man shall be afraid because there shall be peace at that time, a period of one thousand years.

Let us consider the book of Isaiah 11:6-9 which says, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox, And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Everything as is written in these verses will take place on earth as at the reign of Jesus Christ with his Saints.

Beloved, Christ is coming to rule on earth not in heaven. People preach that Christ will reign in heaven or that they will go to heaven. There is no passage in a Scripture that tells us that Christ will take us to heaven. Psalm 115:16 reads, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

Jesus the Son of God taught us how to pray. In verse 10 of Matthew 6, it reads, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Here he made us to

know that the kingdom will come to this earth.

Daniel 2:34-35 has this to say, "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

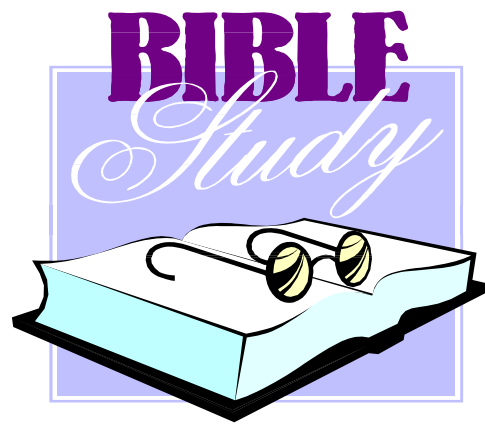
The interpretation of these verses was clearly given in verses 44 and 45 of the same chapter 2, which reads, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; The great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

This interpretation clearly explains to us that the Kingdom of God will be established here on earth and to wipe away all the Kingdoms of the earth.

John the Revelator tells us in Rev. 21:2, and reads, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." This means the new Kingdom which is New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, is to be established on earth.

Dear Reader, no passage in the Bible has ever told us that man will go to Heaven and reign with Jesus Christ.

Rev 5:9-10 has this to say, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."



QUESTION: *What are the Scriptures able to do for you?*

ANSWER: *"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15).*

NOTE: *There are many symbols used in the Scriptures that represent uses in our lives. These Holy Scriptures satisfy all our spiritual needs. Let us examine some of these symbols.*

QUESTION: *What symbol is used to show us ourselves as we are and what we should be?*

ANSWER: *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25).*

QUESTION: *The laver of the Old Testament was used to wash the sacrifice. What does the washing of water by the Word do?*

ANSWER: *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:26).*

"Babylon the Great is Fallen"

By David DeLong

In Revelation, chapter 17, verses 3-5, we find a harlot woman who is riding upon a scarlet colored beast full of names of blasphemy. Verses 4-5 read: "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

We learn in verse 18 who this woman is: "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Furthermore, we learn a little more of the identity of this woman in verse 9: "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Putting the facts of the woman together, we learn the true identity of who she is.

First, a woman in the Scriptures can represent a church (see Revelation, chapter 12). A harlot woman, who is one laden with sin, therefore can represent a fallen church. Second, this woman also represents a city as we learned from verse 18. Third, this church/city is one that sits upon 7 mountains. Rome, for centuries, has been called the city that sits upon seven mountains or hills. Thus, the only conclusion that we can come up with, is that this woman represents the Roman Catholic Church. Perhaps, more precisely, this church/city is Vatican City which is within the city of Rome. And, the woman is designated by the term "Babylon" being written upon her forehead.

In chapter 18 we find where this woman is destroyed. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was light-

ened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:1-5).

When we go to Isaiah, chapter 47 we see another Babylon. This was the ancient city of Babylon of which the Babylon in Revelation 18 is the antitype. In verses 8-9 we read: "Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments."

Now, notice the wording of the antitypical Babylon in Revelation 18:7-8: "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." So, in one day (whether a prophetic day or a literal day) God is going to send a

destructive judgment upon this woman. Going back to 18:4 God's people are given this definite instruction: "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Being a partaker of her sins involves believing and practicing any of her doctrines and traditions which are against the Bible. Included within these traditions are keeping Sunday instead of the seventh day Sabbath for worshipping upon. The Roman Catholic Church, perhaps before it was known by this name, under the emperor Constantine, broke with Sabbath observance to keeping Sunday. Many other churches have followed this tradition. In fact, many churches have followed a number of the Roman Catholic traditions which are against the teachings of the Scriptures, and thus are her daughters.

In Isaiah 47:15 we read concerning the ancient city of Babylon: "Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee." And in Revelation 18:11-19 we read: "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein

were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate." So we see that like as it was in ancient Babylon, those who do business with "Babylon the Great" will not be able to save her from destruction.

Notice in verse 13 of Revelation 18, that "Babylon the Great" deals in "souls of men." This is perhaps the most tragic element of this church that the souls of men are dealt with as if they were merchandise. How does the Roman Catholic Church deal with the souls of men? By holding sway over them with false doctrines and traditions which eventually destroys them in the lake of fire.

Judgment will come surely and swiftly upon this harlot woman as we find in Revelation 18:20-24: "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

All nations have, indeed, been deceived by the false teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and her offspring harlots. She has also been a persecuting power, shedding the blood of many of the Lord's saints. Let us be diligent to examine ourselves so that we do not partake of her sins and, thus, we do not receive of her plagues!

The Sabbath

The seventh day is for rest,
And not just for those, oppressed;
For man it was made, to stop work and trade,
For this, God has made it a test.

FAITH OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-13.

Golden Text: Hebrews 11:6 (first part).

"But without faith it is impossible to please him".

1. What is faith? Hebrews 11:1; what does the word "Faith" mean to you?
2. How does faith come to us? Romans 10:17.
3. Why is faith so important? Hebrews 11:6.
4. We must have more than just faith, for we are told that even the devils believe that there is one God and tremble. What else, then, must accompany our faith? James 2:14-20.

NOTE: Your works are a result of your faith. Because of our "faith", we will want to be doers.

5. What will faith produce in our lives? (a) Hope, Romans 5:2; (b) Joy, I Peter 1:8; (c) Peace, Romans 15:13; (d) Confidence, Isaiah 28:16; I Peter 2:6.
6. What three young people exercised great faith, and what was the outcome? Daniel 3:14, 16-17, 26-27. Can you name one other Bible character who exercised faith?

NOTE: Faith is the basis upon which God performs all His promises. Often fear instead of faith seizes the heart of God's children. If Satan can weaken a child of God by doubt and fear, he was won a battle. Do not let Satan win. **EXERCISE YOUR FAITH!**

LESSON II

GOD CARES FOR US

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; John 10:11,14.

Golden Text: Psalm 100:3.

"Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and

the sheep of his pasture."

1. What does a shepherd do? Ezekiel 34:12 (first part).
2. Who was the famous shepherd boy that is said to have written portions of the book of Psalms? I Samuel 17:15, 34-35.
3. Who did David say was his Shepherd? Psalm 23:1.
4. Who said He was the "good shepherd"? John 10:11, 14. What was this Shepherd willing to do for His sheep? Did he actually do this?
5. Who did God say were His sheep? Ezekiel 34:31.
6. Where was David's Shepherd leading him? Psalm 23:3.
7. Why did David say he would fear no evil? Psalm 23:4.

LESSON III

LIGHT

Scripture Reading: I John 1:1-10.

Golden Text: I John 1:5.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

1. What does the Apostle John declare God to be? I John 1:5.
2. What did Jesus declare Himself to be? John 8:12.
3. What effect did the coming of Jesus have upon those who sat in darkness? Matthew 4:16.
4. What is necessary for men to do to walk in the light of Jesus? John 12:46.
5. What is the fate of those who do not believe in this light, and why? John 3:18-19.
6. Some love light and accept it while others hate light and reject it. Why is this so? John 3:20-21.

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7. Why do men stumble and fall when they turn to travel life's road alone? John 11:10.

8. What two wonderful blessings will we receive if we walk in the light? I John 1:6-7.

9. How is the path of righteousness defined, and where will it finally lead? Proverbs 4:18.

NOTE: The Bible, the Word of God, is also called light. See Psalm 119:105. This means that it is free from error. It is truth and righteousness. It is able to light the way for all those who believe and follow it. We can turn this light, the Bible, upon us and see just what we are. Jesus is the light upon which we should keep our eyes fixed for the end. He will guide us safely through. Are you following Him?

LESSON IV

TO KNOW GOD IS TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Scripture Reading: I John 2:1-15.

Golden Text: I John 2:3.

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

1. Who is the propitiation for our sins? I John 2:2.

NOTE: The word "propitiate" means "to cause to be favorably disposed: appease; conciliate." What do you think it means when we say, "he is the propitiation for our sins"?

2. What is Jesus called in I John 2:1?

NOTE: "Advocate" means "one who pleads for another."

3. How do we know that we know Jesus? I John 2:3.

4. What is said of him that saith I know Him and keeps not His commandments? I John 2:4.

5. In whom is the love of God perfected? I John 2:5.

Sabbath School Lessons

6. Did Jesus write any new commandments? I John 2:7.

7. What is a result of a love for the world, and what is the result for the love of God? I John 2:15-17.



Cathy was sitting on the living room rug. One by one she turned the pages of the big gift catalogue. Daddy was going to have a birthday in a few days, and Cathy was looking for a special present to give to him. But for many weeks, Cathy had been busy doing things for herself. She had forgotten to plan for anyone else. Now she had only fifty-five nickels saved to buy Daddy's present.

Cathy tried to think of the things that her nickels would buy: candy, gum, ice cream, or a newspaper. Not one of them seemed like a very good present for Daddy's birthday!

It was Friday afternoon and Cathy had finished her bath and put her toys away in the cupboard. She had already selected her clothes for Sabbath School and hung them on a low hook apart from the rest.

"Are your shoes polished, Cathy?" Mother asked, as she came through the living room and saw that Cathy was looking at the catalogue.

"Yes, they are all ready, too," Cathy replied. She was glad that she had remembered to do it. But then, Cathy was usually good at helping herself. Mother smiled and hurried upstairs to dust the bedrooms.

After Daddy came home and got ready for Sabbath, he went into the living room and sat in the big red chair to rest. Cathy was still thinking about his birthday. Suddenly her eyes began to sparkle. Her mouth curved into a happy smile. "Daddy," she said as she climbed into his lap, "I have been thinking of something! If you had only fifty-five nickels to buy a present, what would you buy?"

"First, I would be sure that I had given five nickels for tithe. That would be for Jesus, and I would not use them. Then I would have fifty nickels."

Cathy had been so busy thinking of herself that she had forgotten to put away the tithe nickels! "But then there would only be fifty nickels she said frowning. "That will not be enough to buy a very nice present."

"Oh, yes!" Daddy said as he smiled and nodded his head. "I am sure Jesus would help me to find a special way to give a nice present and still give Him the tithe nickels."

Cathy did not answer. She got down from Daddy's lap and went to her room. She put her fifty-five nickels on the bed. Then she took five nickels and held them in her hands. They were bright and shiny and new. They were the prettiest nickels that Cathy had!

Cathy took a little brown envelope from her drawer. It was one Mother had given her for her tithe. Cathy dropped the nickels into the envelope. As soon as the nickels were in the envelope, Cathy was happy again. She put fifty nickels in her blue purse.

Then she knelt by her bed. "Jesus, please help me to think of something special for Daddy's birthday," she prayed.

In Sabbath School the next day, the lesson was about helping. The teacher asked the boys and girls to tell of the things they did to help Mother and Daddy.

Almost all the children told what they had done to help their parents. But Cathy did not raise her hand. Cathy could not remember anything that she had done to help her Mother or Daddy. It seemed to Cathy that she had always just helped herself! She did not want to tell that she had only helped herself.

Then the bell rang, the bell that told boys and girls that it was time for church. Cathy was glad. But Cathy couldn't forget the lesson about helping. Even when the pastor was talking, Cathy found it hard to listen because she wanted to think of a way to be helpful at home.

Just then the pastor said, "Even boys and girls can give Mother and Daddy a little time to rest by helping with the household duties. Children can wash dishes, polish shoes, and sweep sidewalks." Elder Mason said more, but Cathy was thinking and did not hear. He had given Cathy an idea!

Monday morning seemed a long time away, but it did come. Cathy was busy in her room all day. First, she set out all the supplies she would need: construction paper, scissors, pencil, paste, and plain white paper. As she worked, her heart was full of joy. This was to be a special

surprise birthday card for her Daddy.

She had finished a lovely picture on the outside of the special card she made. Now it was time for the message she wished to write inside. She would need her sister's help for this. Cathy got an extra sheet of paper and hurried downstairs. Then she told her sister the message she wanted to write. Jan carefully printed the message for Cathy.

Cathy hurried to her room to finish the special birthday card. This part of the surprise would take a little longer than the first part. Cathy had just learned her letters. She must go slow and carefully print each letter of the message.

Finally, Cathy had finished the card. She went downstairs and asked Mother politely if she may please have an envelope to mail a special letter. Mother wondered who the letter was for, and she was about to ask. Then she saw Jan give her a wink and a smile. With that, Mother handed Cathy an envelope.

Cathy went upstairs one more time, this time to finish her project. She carefully addressed the envelope. Now for the stamp. She checked her blue purse. Yes, she had enough, fifty nickels.

Cathy asked Mother if she could please walk down to the corner where the Post Office was and mail her envelope. Mother said yes. With a smile Cathy was on her way. When she got to the Post Office she proudly asked for a stamp. She reached into her purse and pulled out her nickels. She gave some to the mailman, and he gave her the stamp in return. Quickly she put the stamp on the envelope and dropped it into the mail slot. A big grin spread over her face. She was anxious for tomorrow when the postman would deliver this special card.

When the mailman brought the birthday card, Daddy opened it and read the verse. He kidded Cathy.

"Thank you, Cathy," he said. Then he turned the card over and saw that something had been written on the back of it. He looked surprised and happy.

Cathy had written, "I will polish your shoes every Friday for your birthday present, and I will dust the upstairs rooms for Mother, so you can rest a little while before the sun goes down."

Mother looked pleased, too. "We are happy that you are learning to think of helping others," she told Cathy.

"This is one of the nicest presents I have ever received," Daddy said. He gave Cathy a real big hug and another kiss.

*Read I Corinthians 13.
Find and circle the words
that are in the Bible text.*



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