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Events of the Transition III The Day of the Lord

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"The day of the Lord," or "day of Jehovah," sometimes called "that day," is a period of time often described by the prophets. It is made to appear as a terrible day of God's fiery fury and cruel wrath and indignation. The great Jehovah has borne long with the awful crimes and wickedness of mankind. But prophetic writers have pointed to a time of retribution. We quote some of these warnings.

"The day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen." "The indignation is upon all nations." "The Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth." "The Lord has a controversy with the nations." "The slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth." "A great slaughter." Obadiah 15; Isa. 34:2-8; 26:20,21; Jer. 25:30-33.

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger." "And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity." "Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is at hand." "It shall be the time of the heathen." "For behold, the Lord will come with fire and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh, and the slain of the Lord shall be many." "The great day of the Lord is near." "That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." Isa. 13:6-13; 66:15,16; Ezek. 30:1-3; Zeph. 1:14,15.

"Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." "To lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." Zeph. 1:18; Isa. 13:9.

Hereby we see this great and terrible day of His wrath, a period of time in which the pent up treasures of wrath (Rom. 2:5) that have for a long time smoldered, break forth upon a wicked world in fiery fury.

The vast extent of this cataclysm of the day of God's wrath and its awful destruction is not fully realized. Read the description in Isaiah 24 where it is largely described. "Behold, the

Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh waste and turneth it upside down." "The land shall be utterly emptied and utterly spoiled. It is the Lord's purpose to clear the world of sinners, sin, wickedness, man's governments, human religions, organizations, institutions, heathendom, civilization so-called, all the ungodly works of men, and everything that fortifies against the power and program of God—the Gentile image broken into chaff before the wind.

As the day of the Lord is connected with the close of the Gentile Rule and Israel's punishment, its time should be now. The late Mrs. Rosenkrans of Rochester, who received a beautiful gift of prophecy, was given to say in the fall of 1931: "The dew is on the grass; the day of the Lord is dawning." Repeated summer of 1932. At a meeting on Labor Day, Sept. 2, 1933, an interpretation by one who was deeply anointed was given at Lebanon, N. J., in which it was said, "The day of the Lord is here, the day of the Lord is here." I was greatly startled and gave a stirring exhortation.

We have frequently repeated this interpretation, while listeners asserted, "I believe it." "The great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:17.

God's plans, ways, means and methods in the day of Jehovah may be known by revelation and the openings of the Holy Spirit on Scripture, thus comprehending His eternal and unchanging manner of working---the great fundamental of which is, that He always works by His Word, which is an expression of His will, "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." Acts 2:23.

This, the mind and plan of God, has often been conveyed to men by angels, sometimes by direct audible voice, with or without accompanying visible manifestation, as smoking lamp, burning bush, earthquake, etc. Most commonly the Lord communicates by the Word of the Lord in the mouth of man in prophetic afflatus---"moved by the Holy Spirit."

Hosea 6:5 tells us this was the means by which God hewed out and slew in ancient times. The prophets from Isaiah to Malachi, inclusive, were largely occupied with these governmental judgement prophecies against the nations of those days. Long ago they were fulfilled by the destruction of those nations. The catastrophes and blotting out of those ancient kingdoms were by the "determinate counsel"

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Spain

Badajoz.

Progress is slow, converts are few, and the Christians are cold. In a word—we need a Spirit sent revival. Emotion alone will not serve; something is needed that will make a difference in the daily lives of the people. We would earnestly ask you to unite with us in daily intercession for a revival.

The condition of Spain at the present moment is such that it constitutes a very urgent call to prayer. After two years of government by the Roman Catholic party the country is seething with revolution. Political persecution and repression have been carried to great extremes. While we keep clear of politics, it is impossible to shut our eyes to the effects that are sure to follow this policy of the Romish Church. The very name of religion has been made "to stink in the nostrils" of the great mass of the Spanish people. It is not difficult to foresee that when parties change—as they are likely to do shortly—anyone who has anything to do with religion will be boycotted. We have had some experience of this in former years when we were several times on the verge of being lynched, having been mistaken for disguised Jesuits or Priests. "Prayer changes things" and we believe that prayer can still change the stony hearts of men and women in Spain.

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of Jehovah.

This all powerful weapon, the word of God in the mouth of His prophets, not only dealt with the nations of that time, but also as we have already quoted, pronounced judgments upon the nations of the end time and in the day of the Lord, which is upon us.

But these ancient prophecies, that are as yet to be fulfilled are but outlines to be filled out and completed by His servants of this end time. "Again the word of the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem, and He shall judge among the nations." Isa. 2:3,4.

These words, like the determinate judgment prophecy of the past, are of the same kind that must come forth today. Jerusalem is the place of God's dwelling and manifestations. He now appears in His church till the spiritual restoration of Jerusalem. This kind of prophecy is part of the restoration described in Acts 3:19-22.

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tinue to intercede before the throne until "deliverers" are brought forth, there will come the mightiest revival, both at home and abroad, this world has known since Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost. Souls will not be saved, one here, and one there, as at present, but hundreds and thousands will be reclaimed and regenerated by the going forth of the all powerful Word of the Lord as in early apostolic days. The dead will again be raised, the sick healed, devils cast out, and miracles of judgment wrought, so that no hypocrite will dare join himself to this redeemed company. Evangelists, preachers, home and foreign missionaries will then "go everywhere, preaching the Gospel."

When the Latter Rain falls, sinners will be brought to the Lord through the restored supernatural ministry. The operations of the spiritual gifts will be the order of every service. Saints will be brought into a state of complete overcoming and then — Translation.

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Christian. He told me that his name signified, "He met the Saviour while a servant." In the governor's case, this name was in its meaning true to experience; for he received salvation when as a lad he was serving in the capacity of a servant. Later he came to the United States to be educated, and studied in several of our institutions of learning. On his return he was appointed governor of a province.

This governor repeatedly urged Mr. Mierop to return at once to his people and beg of them to send out laborers into the great harvest field. He said to him, "You can travel by horseback eighteen days to the north or south or west and seventy-five miles east and you will find no one to tell these Ethiopians in my province the Gospel." "Ethiopia shall SUDDENLY stretch out her hands unto God." (Amharic rendering). This, he feels, is being fulfilled at this time.

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is His reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth.

Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Psalms 127:3,4,5.

We are in every vision of long standing is an example her hands unto is certified to Baptist Missions to America he says: "Eth clearings pra recognizing a the judgment and their war This is on conquer this ities. There following: Be home, he ser Mussolini: "Y nition and ai will avail no against man l Another re ed to the Ita whole, is the part of the a part should l it would ult: own empire f Lorraine wer Another r subdued by tl the Scriptur when the Eth Antichrist, (the belief w is the Antic but against l But there this present Mussolini's Italy. This beginning of As a result regrouping c constituted