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Lecture

On The Genealogy, Lineal Descent, and Parentage, of Jesus Christ and his right to David's Throne:—by G. J. Adams, Minister of the Gospel, in the Church of the Messiah.

One of the most startling features of the present age, is the spirit of investigation and reform that everywhere prevades it. It is confined to no nation or country. The entire civilized world is alive with it; before its searching glance, no abuse is allowed to pass unexamined. It attacks despotism alike in Church or State. It strikes at systems hoary with age, corruption, and crime. It exposes enormities, deception and falshood. It searches old corrupt creeds, dogmas and impositions forced upon the Church and the World by lying Priests—and Theologians in the dark ages—although they may now be sanctioned by custom and fashion—to test its searching scrutiny. Yes, this spirit of investigation touches everything however disguised, and reveals it to the world in all its native ugliness and deformity. This spirit is now developed with especial reference to old corrupt, dogmas and creeds, that have hung like a blighting curse, and mildew over the pure teachings of Jesus the Messiah. And among those old creeds, dogmas and impositions, forced upon our race, none have been more pernicious in their influence, than the falsehood and forgery of the miraculous conception, as contained in the first chapter of the book of Matthew; a forgery that has made more Infidels than all the deistical authors that have ever written against Jesus, yes, it has done more injury to the cause of Christ and humanity, than the writings of Thomas Paine, Volney, Rossean, Hume, Bollingbrook, and all other deistical writers combined!

In this lecture I purpose to vindicate the character of Mary the Mother of Jesus. The character of Joseph the Husband of Mary and the Father of Jesus (according to the flesh); the character of the Holy Ghost; the character of God the Father, and also the character of Jesus the Messiah, and show his right as legal heir and lineal descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah; and David, to be King of the Jews, and take his seat on David's throne, and reign King of Kings and Lord of Lords over all the Nations of the earth; during that great age when the Kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our God and his Christ.

I propose first, to show, that the Messiah must be a lineal descendant through the *male line* of Judah the son of Jacob, and that if he was only the son of Mary and the "*Holy Ghost*" he was an imposter and had no legal right to the Throne of David.

In the Book of Genesis, 49th chapter, in the dying hour of the old patriarch, we read the following strong prophetic language:

"And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Judah thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise; thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, thou art gone up; he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Here we learn from this prophetic blessing pronounced upon the head of Judah, by his dying father, that the Lion—the Lawgiver—the Shiloh—the Messiah—and the final Ruler of Israel, who was to wield the sceptre and gather the people and reign over the earth forever, must come from the tribe of Judah, and not be an offspring of the Holy Ghost, and the Virgin Mary.

We shall next notice a prophecy of Balaam; who was hired to curse Israel; but who was overpowered and fell down in a trance, and was compelled to bless them, which blessing you may read as follows, in the 24 chapter of Numbers:

"And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the Most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel.

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion."

This is the only prediction we have in the Bible of the "Star" that was to appear, and guide the eastern Magi to where the young child was, and the first question that they asked was where is he that is born King of the Jews? See Matthew 2d Chapter:

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet.

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

From the foregoing quotations we learn that one was to come out of Jacob that should have dominion, we also learn by the question of the wise men, that Jesus was BORN KING of the Jews, and not born a God; or a third part of a Sectarian Triune God, and that he was finally to hold, or wield, a Sceptre over all Israel, we also have the testimony of the Chief Priests and Scribes, that Christ must come out of Judah, and be born in Bethlehem, and from thence must come the

Messiah, and last great ruler of Israel. Let us here ask what was it that gave Herod and all Israel such trouble? did he and all Jerusalem have such trouble about the birth of an infant whose mother was an obscure girl of whose history and lineal descent even the Bible says not one word, and who, according to the forged lie in the first chapter of Matthew, had no Father on earth. I say would this have given them any trouble? I answer no! truth and reason answer no! and we shall show that Christ and history will answer no! The fact is Herod was a usurper on the throne of David; an Idumean by birth and of the Asmonien Dynasty and had no right to David's Throne and the time had come when a legal heir of lineal descent was to be born KING of the Jews, who was to come from the tribe of Judah, and the seed of David.

I shall now show beyond a doubt, that the Messiah must come from the lineage of David as well as from the tribe of Judah. In the 89th Psalm, will be found the following positive prophecy:

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations.

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right in the rivers.

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

My lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven."

Here is a covenant made with an oath, and when God could swear by none greater he swore by his own holiness, and that oath is registered in the archives of heaven; that his (David's) seed shall endure for ever, and his Throne as the days of heaven, and all christendom agree that the seed here spoken of, is Jesus Christ the Messiah.

The prophet Isaiah in the 11th chapter of his Book exclaims as follows:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots:

And 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.

And in that day there shall be a root out of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people ; to it shall the Gentiles seek : and his rest shall be glorious."

From the above quotation we learn that Christ is a descendant of Jesse, and a branch that grew out of his roots, and Jesse was the Father of David. The testimony of Jeremiah in his 23d Chapter is as follows :

" Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely : and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

The righteous Branch here spoken of all agree is Christ, and he must be a descendant of David, and proceed from his loins, or he can have no right to David's Throne. We now turn to the New Testament, and first let us hear Christ speak of himself in the Revelation, or vision given to John upon the Isle of Patmos.

" from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

I am he that liveth, and was dead ; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen ; and have the keys of hell and of death.

And one of the elders saith unto me, weep not : behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Jesus in these scriptures asserts, that he is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and the root and the offspring of David ;—mark, not the offspring of the Holy Ghost.

Saint Paul in all his writings declares that Jesus is of the tribe of Judah and seed of David. In Hebrews 7th chapter he says :

" For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah ; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood."

In his first chapter to the Romans he has set this matter forth clear as the noonday sun.

" Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh ;

And declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead :"

Here it is most unequivocally declared that Jesus Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh and not of the seed of the Holy Ghost—and that he was declared the Son of God, by the spirit of holiness and the resurrection from the dead, this spirit declared him the Son of God at his baptism—never before.

Let us now ask,—was the Messiah to descend in the male line ? we answer, yes, and we challenge the entire religious, orthodox world, to show that the Jews ever reckoned descent or genealogy in the female line and it made no difference with the Jews, whether the mother of their children was a Jewess or a Gentile.

And in fact the first wife of Judah was a Gentile woman, the grandmother of David was a Gentile woman, viz—Ruth, the Moabites and so was the mother of Solomon viz—Bersheba, formerly the wife of Uriah the Hittite, and every scholar knows that it made not the slightest difference in the lineal descent of the Jews who the mother

was or what nation she came from or whether she was black or white ; the wife of Joseph in Egypt was a black woman and so was the first wife of Moses.

To set the matter at rest, so far as bible authority is concerned, we quote from the first book of Chronicles 17th chapter.

" And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more ; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning.

And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons : and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build me a house, and I will stablish his throne for ever.

I will be his father, and he shall be my son ; and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee :

But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever : and his throne shall be established for evermore.

According to these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David."

It will be seen from the forgoing prophesy of Nathan that God will ordain, and plant Israel in a place from which they shall never be moved and that he will raise up of David's seed one that shall be of his sons, mark, he shall be of David's sons, not of his daughters.

This one here spoken of must be Christ, not Solomon, as no man dare say that Solomon's kingdom was established forever, but Christ's will and will never come to an end.

Thus we see clearly that he who was finally to be born King of the Jews and establish David's Throne forever, was to come from the seed of David through his sons, and not his daughters.

But if there was one word of proof that Christ was to come in the female line (which there is not) then we have no genealogy of Mary, we don't even know from what tribe she came, and we challenge the entire Catholic and Protestant world to tell who was her father or her grandfather, or her mother, or from what tribe or family she came.

But from reading the Bible the presumption is that she came from the tribe of Levi, as she was cousin to Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist, whose father, Zacharias, was a priest, and no priest dare marry out of his tribe. Consequently, the proof is overwhelming, that the mother of Jesus was of the tribe of Levi, and not of the tribe of Judah, and if his father was the Holy Ghost, he has not one drop of the blood of Judah or David running in his veins, and no right to David's throne, or to reign over the kingdoms of the world.

We now come to the Miraculous conception. What evidence have we for it in the Bible ? Let us begin our investigation with the Book of Revelation, after carefully reading every chapter. Not one word can be found that even alludes to the Miraculous Conception ; but the entire book affirms that Christ is the seed and offspring of David. We have diligently read the book of Jude, the three epistles general of John, the epistle of St. James and the two epistles of St. Peter, and in those six books not one allusion made to the Miraculous Conception.

Let us now examine the writings of St. Paul, the great master spirit of the gospel in the age in which he lived. It cannot be that he could, or would, have passed by, unnoticed such a wonder-

ful event as the Miraculous conception if it was true ; but we examine his fourteen epistles written at different times, to different nations, and not one word in them all, that has the most distant allusion to Jesus Christ being the son of the Holy Ghost ; but in all his writings he declares that Jesus Christ is made of the seed of David according to the flesh and not of the seed of the Holy Ghost, according to the lie in Matthew, forged by the Roman Church. Hear St. Paul speak to his brethren, the Jews, in the 2d chapter, to the Hebrews :

" Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same ; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil ;

And deliver them, who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels ; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

Here we learn that his nature was not angelic, or heavenly, that is, his fleshly nature, but it was of the seed of Abraham, for it was in his (Abraham's) seed, and not in the seed of the Holy Ghost, that all the nations of the earth were to be blessed ; and that seed (so Paul says) was Christ.

Let us now come to the book of Acts, and see if we can get a crumb of comfort for those who believe in the Miraculous conception.

We read it through and through, again and again, and not one word can we find on that subject, although we have a thrilling account of the preaching of Peter, Philip, Stephen, Paul, Apollas, Mark, John and many others, and not one word do they say about the Miraculous conception. No ! not a single word ; but Peter in his first sermon did say—

" Ye men of Israel, hear these words : Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know."

Peter here most positively declares that Jesus was a man approved of God—not a God, but a man raised from the dead by the power of God. Hear Peter speak again in the same sermon :

" Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne."

Let us remember that the Holy Ghost was now resting on Peter, as a cloven tongue of fire ; and yet, he here declares that Jesus was of the fruit of the loins of David according to the flesh.

• We next come in our investigation to the Gospel according to St. John ; and search his entire book and yet not one word can we find about the Miraculous conception. And this John, was the beloved disciple of Jesus, and formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, and had a perfect knowledge of Jesus and his parents. Please listen to his testimony in the first chapter of his Gospel.

" Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, we have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Here, John says, Jesus was the son of Joseph. Did he tell the truth ? I believe he did, for Jesus heard him say this, and did not contradict him.

St. Mark don't say one word about Jesus being begotten by the Holy Ghost, but he does say :

" Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and of Joseph, and of Judas, and Simon ? and are not his sisters here with us ? And they were offended at him.

But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not

without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

He also says that Jesus is the "seed of David," but his entire book don't name one word about the Miraculous conception.

We shall now come to the last writer but one in the New Testament that we have not examined, viz: To the Gospel according to St. Matthew and if we fail here in our argument, it will be a complete failure.

This book begins thus:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren."

The genealogy is traced from Judah, to Joseph the husband of Mary, through three times fourteen generations, and then this writer is represented as saying that Jesus was no relation to any of his progenitors. Suppose I should write the book of the generation, or genealogy of Abraham Lincoln, and I should say John Lincoln begat James Lincoln, and James Lincoln begat Thomas Lincoln, the husband of Martha Lincoln, of whom was born Abraham Lincoln, who is called the "rail-splitter," and then should say now the birth of Abraham Lincoln was on this wise. It was soon found out that he was begotten by some one else, and not by Thomas Lincoln. "Query?" Would any one that had common sense say, Abraham was a lineal descendant of the Lincoln's? No! they would not; and if the lineal descent was to be traced through the mother, common sense teaches that the genealogy of the forefathers of the mother should be given.

The forgery commences at the 18th verse, and closes with the 25th, embracing the entire paragraph to the end of the chapter, and any scholar can tell it is not the style of the rest of the book of Matthew. For instance, read the 20th verse:

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Here this angel is represented as calling Joseph a descendant of David, through whose seed Christ was to come according to the flesh, and then telling him, his wife was to have a son begotten by the Holy Ghost.

Now would the same writer have traced the genealogy of a male child through forty-two generations, and then assert, in the same book, that the child was begotten by the Holy Ghost?

Why not have given the genealogy of the Holy Ghost, if Christ according to the flesh, descended from that source? The answer is clear and plain. Matthew never wrote this forgery.

Please notice, it don't even say an angel appeared unto Joseph. Oh, no! he only *dreamed* he saw an angel. There is not a man on earth, that would have taken such a flimsy testimony for his wife's honor and virtue, as a dream. No, not one! I guess, in such a case, he would have wanted to have seen the angel and had a little conversation with him when he was awake. In fact, it is a miserable and most contemptible forgery on the very face of it.

But we now come directly to the proof of the forgery, in verses 22 and 23. It reads,

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

In this passage we have proof most positive that the entire paragraph from verse 18 to 25 is a base lying forgery, the writer in this has overthrown himself, by declaring that all this was done that a certain prophesy might be fulfilled there is but one such prophesy in the bible and

that is in the 7th chapter of Isaiah, and has no allusion to Jesus as we shall now show beyond a doubt by proving that the child spoken of by Isaiah, in his 7th chapter—was born in the days of Ahaz—given as a sign to Ahaz, and had nothing to do with future generations.

The reader will please turn to the 7th chapter of Isaiah and he will learn that two kings, viz:—the King of Syria, and the King of Israel came up against Judah and Jerusalem, to war against it, the name of these two kings were "Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel."

The Lord then sent Isaiah to say that these "confederate" kings should not succeed or prosper, and wound up his denunciations as follows:

"Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within three-score and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people."

The next fact that we learn from this chapter is that God sent the prophet to Ahaz, to say that he (Ahaz) should ask a sign not a sign for a future age, but a sign for himself and Judah there and then. Ahaz refuses to ask a sign, God then says he will give him (Ahaz) a sign and tells him that sign shall be—that a virgin shall have a son and before we get through we will show how she came to have the child, and who was its father but let us have the prophesy in full.

"Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good; the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings."

This child we here learn must eat butter and honey that he may know *good* from *evil* are those that believe in the miraculous conception willing to confess that Christ had to eat butter and honey that he might know enough to choose good, and refuse evil. I think not the Christ I believe in grew in grace and favor, with God and men as he grew in stature without eating butter or honey either.

But let us notice further—before this child should know good from evil the land here spoken of must be forsaken of both her kings, we challenge the world—Protestant and Catholic to show that any land was forsaken of two kings in the days of the infancy of Christ, and the land here spoken of in the infancy of Jesus, was under the rule and reign of Augustus Cæsar and Herod was only a pretty prince under Cæsar.

Let us now notice the first part of the eighth chapter of this same book which is a part of the same paragraph as every scholar knows and here let me say this chapter was divided in this place on purpose to deceive, and part of it was left untranslated for the same reason for any honest man that knows anything can see it is a continuation of the same subject, hear it.

"Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeber-echiah.

And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.†

For before the child shall have knowledge to

cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria."

The Lord here sends Isaiah with two faithful witnesses, he then goes *in unto*, the virgin prophetess—she conceives and bares a son, and the prophet asserts that before this child shall have knowledge to cry my father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus, and the spoil of Samaria, shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

Dare any man say this is not the same child spoken of to Ahaz, in the first part of this paragraph, we answer no, truth answers no, here then we see this child was the son of Isaiah and a virgin prophetess, given as a sign to Ahaz, 700 years befoae the days of Christ.

Thus we have clearly proven that Mary the mother of Jesus did not have a son by the Holy Ghost. To fulfill this prophesy and consequently prove this passage in Matthew to be a base forgery for if this virgin's child spoken of by Isaiah, was born in his day, and he was that child's father, then the child of Mary could not have been born to fulfill a prophesy already fulfilled. We now come to the last unexamined witness in the New Testament.

Saint Luke, in his 3d chapter, he introduces the Genealogy of Jesus as follows:

"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened.

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli."

Please notice, that the words "as was supposed" is here thrown into brackets, put in by transcribers and translators, and don't belong here, leave it out, and it will read thus "Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being the son of Joseph, who was the son of Heli, and so on back to David—from David to Abraham, and from Abraham, all the way back to Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

In this passage God owns Christ as his son spiritually, by the decent of the Holy Ghost, and his flesh is traced through the male line, back to Adam, and Adam is there declared to be the Son of God.—So all the God there is in the berth of Jesus is traced back to Adam, and not to the Holy Ghost; and Luke don't say one word about the Genealogy of Mary, only that she was cousin to Zachariah's wife Elisabeth, who was of the tribe of Levi.

But Luke is very careful to tell us who Joseph is, and whose seed he is, and where he went to be taxed:

"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,)"

Luke is very particular not to say a word about Mary's lineal descent, but keeps all the time telling us that Joseph is the seed and lineage of David.—In the name of Heaven and truth what difference did it make what lineage or seed Joseph came from if he was no relation to Christ, and he was none unless he was his father. And Luke is nowhere represented as saying that Jesus was begotten by the Holy Ghost, but he is represented as saying that "the Holy Ghost should come upon her, and overshadow her, and that the holy thing that should be born of her should be called the Son of God," mark, should be called the Son of God! and so he was at his baptism, when he was filled with God by the descent of the Holy Ghost, but when he was born it is declared that he was born King of the Jews.

Luke tell us that his parents took him to Jerusalem, and lost him for about three days, and when they found him his mother said to him, "thy father and I have sought thee these three days." Did Mary know who his father was? She most undoubtedly did; it was Joseph that was helping to find him and not the Holy Ghost.

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Will my friends and the friends of Independent, fearless truth help? I believe they will,—will they send their dollar and their name and address for the first year? I believe they will.

And the Good Book says, according to thy faith so be it done unto thee, and if I have faith and my friends have good works I shall get along first rate in this business, a little help in the beginning of such an enterprise is almost everything, let no one have any fear of a failure. Fail.—What? Fail in such an enterprise as this? never! no, never!! no! "In the lexicon of youth, that Fate reserves for a bright manhood there is no such word as Fail."

Therefore send on your money for the first year, buy the truth and sell it not and much oblige yours,

Most truly and sincerely,

G. J. ADAMS.

P. S. For full particulars see 7th page.

THE PRESENT, is the most eventful era that has burst upon our world for the last eighteen centuries, an era more wonderful in its beginning, more startling its developments, more terrible in its consequences, and more lasting in its influences than any era, or age, that our race has ever known or witnessed.

An age when old organizations, and institutions are falling into ruin and crumbling into decay, an age in which the "iron and clay," powers of the Earth, Church and State, are making their last struggle and heaving their last throes for power, supremacy and dominion.

An age when war, the curse and scourge of nations, is sending up a wail of woe and sorrow that will reach almost every hearthstone throughout our otherwise happy land.

An age when the spirit of truth has broken the midnight slumber of centuries and rolled back the curtain of the past and spoken to man by revelation and the ministry of Angels and opened up an avenue between Heaven and Earth, between man and the angel world.

In the midst of this age or era having been moved upon, as I believe by the spirit of truth and having an eye to the glory of God and the spread of gospel light and truth, I am induced to commence the publication of this paper.

"THE SWORD OF TRUTH AND HARBINGER OF PEACE," will stand aloof from all the political and theological, "isms" of the day and contend for pure, plain, simple truth.

In its columns we shall "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints" and for a church without a creed or a hireling priesthood.

A church in which every member has a right to believe all truth past, all truth present and all truth to come.

Its columns will be especially devoted to the rise, history, and spread of the CHURCH of the MESSIAH, also the past, present and future history and destiny of the Jews and the prophecies that relate to their restoration to the land of Palestine and their future glory—as we believe they will return to the land of their Fathers, rebuild their city, palace and temple and prepare the way for the coming of their Messiah, long before the present generation shall pass away.

TEMPERANCE. We shall contend for temperance, in all things, especially that men should touch not, taste not and handle not that strong drink which has made a hell of many a home and rolled the fiery flood of ruin over the peace and affections of many a once happy family.

That strong drink which has destroyed heroes, sages, patriots and orators of every age and country.

That strong drink which has often entered the house of God and sometimes invaded the sacred desk and hushed in death the voice that could plead like an angel the cause of God and man.

SLAVERY.—We shall contend for the universal emancipation and freedom of our race.

Freedom from tyranny and oppression of every kind and description whether in Family, Church or State.

And we pray God to hasten the time when an eternal law of brotherhood and humanity shall be introduced and established on our earth, and when war, inhumanity and the age of "conquest" shall have entirely passed away, and when

* * * "the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

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 pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid:"

And all the poor of our race shall have peace, freedom and plenty, and nothing shall hurt or

destroy in all the earth, and the universal voice of peace, brotherhood and good-will to man shall be echoed from mountain top, to mountain top and every man in every place may meet a brother and a friend.

Church of The Messiah.

The Church of The Messiah, lays no claim to divine succession of priesthood, or authority, or power received from the Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Church, the Episcopal Church, the Orthodox Church, the Baptist Church, or any other church or organization, that has come down to us through those channels or any other church on the earth at the time of its rise.

It makes no pretensions to have any mission to reform any church or society on earth it has no dogmas, or old creeds to force on the race to quarrel and contend about!

It believes in and contends for all truth past, present and to come, it receives and cherishes all truth, whether taught by Catholics, Protestants, Spiritualists or Infidels, holding that truth is eternal and came from God.

It acknowledges Jesus, the Messiah, as the only high priest and head of the church, holding the keys of death and hell and the right as the anointed of God to reign until He that hath power over death shall be destroyed. This church professes to be raised up by direct revelation to call the people of God out of "Babylon," and warn the nations of the earth of the nigh approach of the coming and kingdom of the Messiah, when all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms, our God and his Christ.

This church as a body believe that the laws, offices, usages, ordinances, gifts and blessings of Christ's church are the same in every age, when he has a legal, organized church on earth.

We believe that God has always had a people on the earth although since the church fled into the wilderness, his people have been divided into names, sects and parties.

We believe that the present churches form the great "mystery of babylon, the mother of harlots and her daughters" spoken of by St. John in the book of Revelation.

We believe the church is now coming out of "Babylon," and from her wilderness state, and putting on her beautiful garments that she may become the bride, the lamb's wife, and make herself ready in fulfillment of the declaration made to John upon the Isle of Patmos, which reads as follows:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

We believe God will cause men to be sent by direct revelation to every nation, kindred, tongue

and people to preach the everlasting gospel and cry repent ye and obey the gospel for the kingdom of heaven and the age of peace is at hand.

We believe the Jews are God's elect people as a nation and that they are now in captivity for their sins, and for the rejection of the Messiah, and that the time of their captivity is now running out and that in the midst of the revolutions of the present age they will return to the land of their fathers, (as Jews not as Christians,) rebuild their city and temple, reject modern christianity as spurious. The nations will then become angry—go up against them to destroy them—in the midst of these terrific scenes their Messiah will set his feet on the mount of Olives they will look upon him whom their fathers pierced; the entire land will mourn; they will identify their long looked for Messiah as one and the same with Jesus of Nazareth; a nation will be born unto God in a day—and the Jews will come in with the fulness of the Gentiles.

In few words let me say, we believe in everything that is right, and just, and pure, and good. We oppose everything that is unholy, unjust, impure and unrighteous.

We believe that every act of a man's life here, will have an influence on his future life.

The foregoing are a few of the peculiarities of the church of the Messiah.

In our next we shall publish a chapter on the history and rise of this church.

The Jews, Jerusalem, AND THE HOLY LAND.

Under this heading we purpose to publish each month many historical and startling facts, original and selected, concerning the past, present and future destiny of the lineal DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM.

The Jews are the living standing, monuments among all the nations of the earth. of the truth of many of the prophecies not only of the Old Testament but also of the New, as we may learn by reading the prophecy of Jesus in the 21st chapter of St. Luke.

* * * "when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know the desolation thereof is nigh.

* * * for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

We learn from the testimony of Jesus in this chapter that they were only to be trodden under foot until "the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled," mark, not forever. But hear Christ proclaim in the same chapter a grand event that will take place after that time is fulfilled.

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

The elect here spoken of are the Jews, and the angels, every scholar knows, should be translated messengers, and not angels.

Isaiah the prophet, in his eleventh and sixty-

sixth chapters has fully and clearly settled this matter, as follows:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and Patros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and he shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, * * * to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your bretheren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord.

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

REV. DR. TAYLOR says:—The Jew, whose creed everywhere is, "I believe with a perfect faith that the Messiah shall come," now hails with uplifted head the precursors of his coming. Rabbi Carrillon, of Jamaica Island, affirms that, "there is every reason to believe that the latter days are not far off; let us, therefore, be on the watch and in continual prayer." A European writer says, "Jews who never before thought of a Messiah, begin now to say, These are the days of travail which precede his coming." Mr. Bishop but exhibits the expectations of a vast majority of his nation in proclaiming everywhere the immediate appearing of the Lord. Joseph Wolfe—who with Mr. Bishop are converted Israelites—has preached the doctrine the world over. Jewish Rabbi's, both in England and America, maintain that if Messiah does not come at the end of 6000 years from creation, "The whole world will perish," for "in such case their whole law of types would fail, and the Word of God in their estimation prove untrue." Solomon Herschel, Rabbi of the chief synagogue of the Jews in London, says his people after a close investigation of the subject, think with him, that Messiah's advent cannot be delayed beyond 1868. Mr. Bishop looks for Him previous to that time. Public journals in 1852, stated that there was then, ten thousand Jews in Jerusalem all anxiously expecting the Messiah. A striking coincidence indeed that the Jew looks for Messiah's first advent, at the same time the Christian looks for his second.

RETURN OF THE JEWS TO PALESTINE.—To the student of the Bible and church history there are few current subjects of more absorbing interest, or of deeper significance, than the events now almost daily transpiring which point to the re-possession by the Jews of their own land. The tide of progress, after a lapse of centuries, may be said to have fairly turned in that direction, and the prayer long offered by the chosen but now scattered people, that "Judah may be saved and Israel dwell securely, and that the Redeemer may come to Zion," is undoubtedly hastening to fulfillment. The Sultan of Turkey is encouraging Jewish emigration to Palestine, and is offering to sell them as much land as they choose to buy, and it is said, has even expressed his willingness to dispose of the Mosque of Omar to them, which, it will be recollected, stands upon the very site of the Jewish Temple on Mount Moriah.

This Mosque is one of the Mohammedan's most celebrated shrines, being scarcely inferior in na-

tional importance to those of Mecca and Medina. Politicians and statesmen look upon these indications as a legitimate consequence of the liberalizing influence of Mohammedan intercourse with Christians, and so they may be, but to the reader of the yet unfulfilled pages of Revelation, they also point to what, as it respects the Jewish nation, "prophets and kings" have long waited for, "but died without the sight." That the Mosque of Omar should be in a fair way of passing into the hands of the people to whose fathers the site on which it stands was once given in an everlasting covenant, is what no reader of secular history, fifty years ago, could even have dreamed would ever come to pass.

Some of the hills around Jerusalem have already become Jewish property, and it is by no means improbable that some of the present generation will see the entire city of Jerusalem again in the hands of its ancient owners. That mighty revolution will follow in the wake of such an event is probably as certain as that the Jew will return at all; at all events, affairs in that immediate region of the East must ere long become an engrossing theme among the nations of the earth.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Gen. McClellan.

We hail with joy the fact that Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, the man of destiny, chosen of heaven to finally bear off the banner of our country triumphantly is again at the head of our legions, he is now the hope of our nation, all eyes are turned to him through God for help, all that are good, and pure love him. He is the Washington of the age, the idol of the army, after being slandered, lied about, vilified and traduced by demagogues, and corrupt politicians. God in his providence has turned and overturned until almost by universal acclamation of our army and country, he has again in our dark hour been restored to his proper place, and our prayer and hope is that God will give his angels charge of him, and the brave army under his care until our flag shall float over a free and undivided country.

We say to our friends in Rochester N. H., and Lebanon Me., receive our thanks. Right nobly have you done, the money (thirty dollars) is received, also the subscribers names.

The Slanderer.

We have read of a serpent who bit a slanderer, and received so much more dreadful venom than that which he imparted that he died at once, but did not hurt the man. This poetic fiction teaches more truth than many which have a greater show of wisdom.

There is nothing on earth so beautiful as the household in which christian love forever smiles, and where religion walks, a counsellor and a friend. No cloud can darken it, for its twinstars are centered in the soul. No storms can make it tremble, for it has a heavenly support and a heavenly anchor.

BARON ROTHSCHILD AND NAPOLEON.—Baron Rothschild, the great Jew banker, is very intimate with Napoleon, is seen arm in arm with him almost every day, and sits at his right hand at public dinners. The political gossips say that the baron is to be made king of Jerusalem, under the protection of France, "for a consideration." A Jew ruling in Palestine would be a notable event, and would answer for a fulfillment of several prophetic texts.

Christ calls himself the Son of man, many, very many times, not the son of woman. Did he tell the truth? I believe he did.

Eighty-four times, Christ is called the Son of man, and almost every time by himself, for instance, "who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" and again, "the Son of man goeth as it is written," and Christ also says, "God hath given him authority to judge the world, because he is the Son of man, and if the Son of man be lifted up he will draw all men unto Him."

Thus we have the testimony of Jesus in many places that he was the Son of man, but no where that he was the Son of the Holy Ghost, according to the flesh. He never even alluded to it in all his sermons and teachings.

In conclusion let us say, the idea of Jesus being a demi-god, was borrowed from heathen mythology, by the church after it became corrupt; it was not an idea of either Jewish or early Christian writers.—None of the early Christian Fathers, in any of their original writings for two hundred and fifty years after the death of Christ, even allude to the Miraculous Conception of Jesus. Would they have remained silent on such a momentous subject if it had ever been even named? Reason and common sense answer, No!

The fact is the Romans, the Greeks, and other more ancient nations believed in demi-gods, that is that their gods were the offspring of beautiful virgins, and the gods that came down and cohabited with them, and that the offspring thus begotten, became demi-gods, such as Mars, Jupiter, Hercules, and so on without number. Those nations had temples erected to these gods and images set up in the temples, that they could see and fall down and worship, and after the Roman Empire was suddenly converted to the Christian religion by the command of Constantine, and the war being over the Roman people became dissatisfied with a religion that had no gorgeous temples or gods in them that they could see. The Emperor Constantine then called a Grand Council at Nice. Two thousand and forty-eight Bishops came in answer to the call, three hundred and eighteen were found to be Orthodox, all the rest were excluded from the Nician Council, and with these three hundred at the command of Constantine the Orthodox creed was established, Jesus Christ was made an immaculate demi-god, the old Roman gods were knocked in the head, and thrown out of the temples, and the pagan temples turned into christian churches, and thus christianity met paganism half way and it has been a conglomerated mess ever since, truth and error, mens creeds and opinions mixed up with the pure teachings of Jesus, until it has formed the great Babel of the present religious age.

Let me further say. In the 9th chapter of Isaiah we have a prophecy that alludes to Jesus the Messiah and to no one else, a clear simple, plain prophecy, that no Catholic, or Protestant will, or dare deny.—Isaiah while wrapped in the visions of the future and gazing down through ages of unborn time, under the divine influence of the heavenly agencies, breaks out in the following thrilling, and soul stirring language:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Here we learn Christ was to be first a child born, next a Son given, then a wonderful counsellor, then he was to be called a mighty God, Father of the everlasting Age (not everlasting Father, as here translated, it is translated wrong,) then Prince of Peace, then he is to have David's Throne and establish judgment and justice, from the time he takes that Throne forever. Turn to Luke 2d chapter and you will find after seven hundred years Christ was a child born, not a God, but a child; thirty years after that event at his baptism by John, as the Holy Ghost descended upon him, God owned him as his Son in an audible voice, the divinity then entered the humanity, he was filled with the Spirit and from that hour, God was in Christ, to reconcile the world unto himself, he went forth filled with God, and lived forty days without eating, calmed the waves of Galilee, fed five thousand and raised the dead. Showing the God Power developed in the human, fulfilling

the prophecy to the very letter, and finally he had power to lay his life down, and take it up again, and now lives as the first begotten Son of God from the dead, to die no more, holding the keys of death, hell and the grave, declaring himself to be "the root and offspring of David" the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," holding the right to fulfill the latter part of the prophecy, to take his seat on the Throne of David, to establish peace and justice on the earth and reign King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

*A Hebrew word left untranslated to deceive. Its meaning is "They shall haste to the destruction."

The Sword of Truth, And Harbinger of Peace.

"If the Truth make you Free, you shall be Free Indeed."

G. J. ADAMS, - - - EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

SOUTH LEBANON, ME., SEPT. 15, 1862.

In our next number we shall publish an original lecture on "The State of the Dead," and progression beyond this "present life."

We "shall also publish the first chapter of the life, or rather the Autobiography of the editor of this paper, written by C. P. B.—, of Boston an old and tried friend, we only consent to do this at the earnest solicitation of many warm, kind hearted friends, and to give the lie to many bitter, craven, black hearted enemies.

No. 2, will contain many original and thrilling articles, on the great subjects connected with this present, and the future age.

We call the especial attention of our readers in Rockland and vicinity to the new advertisements in our advertising columns, give those friends a call, if you want anything in their line, and I am sure you will do well to call and see.

A WORD TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—We send two numbers to each subscriber this month, so they will have one to lend, without soiling and defacing their own, for if they keep all their numbers clean and nice at the end of the year, they can have them bound.—We hope the extra number will be the means of getting us a new subscriber.

We send copies of our first number to many that have not subscribed, in hopes that they will, and use their influence to get others to do the same.

BAPTISM.—The sacred rite of baptism was administered to a number, yesterday afternoon, at the beach, Rockland, Maine, in a solemn and most impressive manner, by President Adams.

The people observed perfect order throughout the services.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—President Adams will preach as follows: Rockland, Maine, on Sunday, Sept. 21st, South Thomaston, Maine, on Sunday, Sept. 28th and again at Rockland, Maine, Oct. 5th.

A BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATION.—It is said of the Icelanders, that they scrupulously observe the usage of reading the sacred Scriptures every morning, the whole family joining in the singing and prayers. When the Icelander awakes, he salutes no person until he has saluted God. He usually hastens to the door, adores there the Author of Nature and providence, then steps back into the dwelling, saying to his family, "God grant you a good day!" What a beautiful illustration is this of the Christian obligation on the part of households to recognize and worship God.

WAR.

We shall publish in each number of the *Sword of Truth*, a short article on war, its CAUSE, AND NECESSITY. WAR is a relic of the despotism, cruelty and barbarism of bygone ages and a corrupt christianity, that now hangs like a blighting curse and mildew over the nations of the earth.

Was there any need of this war if we had done right? No! Need Christ have shed his blood if they would have received him, and obeyed his laws? No! for he said to them,

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

From the forgoing we learn that Christ would have gathered, protected and saved the Jews, but they would not receive and obey him and his pure teachings, and they are this day many of them wanderers among the nations for the disobedience and wickedness of their fathers who said "if we let this man alone the Romans will come and take away our place and nation," his blood be upon us and our children.

The very thing that they tried to avoid by doing wrong came upon them and the effect of that wrong has followed them for more than eighteen centuries.

So we as a nation and people—have been afraid to do right, afraid to oppose wrong, afraid to put down oppression, and have cried peace and safety—peace and safety—until the wrong has grown gigantic in its proportions, and even our churches, and many of our preachers, were so ignorant of what was coming upon us that they did not even know that the prophets in the bible had foretold the wars of this Age.

Yes! many of the "clergy" were so utterly ignorant of what was coming on our nation, that they said give us ten thousand men, and we will conquer the South in sixty days, but that is quite as near the truth in relation to the war as some of their religious teachings are to the gospel.

Through the mercy and goodness of God I saw and foretold this war twenty years ago, and was called a fool. I foretold it twelve years ago and was called a disturber of the peace.

I foretold it seven years ago and was called crazy. I foretold its coming immediately upon us with all its horrors only two years ago and they threatened to mob me.

If the priests of this Age had read their creeds less, and their bibles more, they might have seen and heard the war foretold by the prophet Jeremiah, in his 25th chapter, as follows:

"A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations: he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel."

Here we see nations and shepherds, or priests are to fall together. Even politicians foresaw and foretold this war, although priests were perfectly ignorant and stupid in relation to it.

Listen to what Rufus Choate, and other eminent men have predicted, and yet the priests of corrupt churches are in the dark, as they always

are, about everything that is to benefit our race, although the Bible says:

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

Hon. Rufus Choate, in 1851, referring to the aspect of the times said, "what that aspect and state exactly is, how wholly unsettled; what shadows, clouds, and darkness appear to rest upon it, you entirely appreciate. It has seemed to me as if the prerogatives of crowns, and the rights of men, and the hoarded-up-resentments and revenges of a thousand years, were about to unsheath the sword for a conflict, in which blood shall flow, as in the apocalyptic vision, to the bridles of the horses, and in which a whole age of men shall pass away, in which the great bell of time shall sound out another hour, in which society itself shall be tried by fire and steel, whether it is of nature and nature's God or not."

Dr. Dick, the calm philosopher, on these national tumults writes: "What is to be the ultimate result no one can tell. But we know that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and that present movements are so many links in the great chain of Providence, leading onward to the world's renovation, and to that period when the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,—when wars shall cease to the ends of the earth, and when there shall be nothing to hurt or destroy among all the tribes and families of the earth."

A Few Thoughts on the Devil and Jeff. Davis.

Who is the Devil? A rebel and a seceder from Heaven! Where is he now? walking up and down the earth! at least so Job says in his first chapter as follows:

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.

And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

What is to be the Devil's fate? He is to be destroyed! so St. Paul says in his epistle to the Hebrews, and Corinthians, as follows: "He that is Christ shall reign until all enemies are put under his feet, and the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. * * * and finally he—Christ shall destroy him that hath power over death, that is the Devil!"

Query: How can they carry on Hell after death and the Devil are destroyed?

I don't know, ask some orthodox divine, perhaps they can tell as they have consigned so many to that warm country.

Who is Jeff. Davis? A Southern demon, a rebel and a seceder.

What did the seceder from? The best government under heaven, with all its faults.

Where is Jeff now? In Richmond plotting the ruin and overthrow of his country!

What is to be his fate? A halter, a scaffold, the rogues march, the hangman and a quick passage to the other side of Jordan. "So mote it be."

Falsehoods and Slanders.

It has ever been the fate of men engaged in the propagation of New Truth to suffer persecution and the more upright their lives—the more abuse they receive,—it was so in the days of Christ, it is so now, and ever will be so, for "all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."—In the rise of the Church of the Messiah I have suffered bitter persecution, the leader and instigator of this persecution is a defamer and a broken down Millerite, or Advent preacher named, RANDOLPH E. LADD, of Springfield, Mass., who once joined the Church of the Messiah, after standing up in the presence of over three hundred people and saying he was not a Millerite or an Adventist, and had not been one in sixteen years. He has written falsehoods about me almost all over the New England States, and published them about me and sent those publications far and wide throughout the land—and yet, thank God, I live and prosper; the glorious truths which God has given me to proclaim to a suffering world yet live and are cherished in many kind, true hearts.

But that the public may know just where Mr. Ladd stands and how his character stands, I will

here make an extract from the minutes of a Conference of the Church of the Messiah, held in the city of Springfield, Mass., on Saturday, April 6th, 1861. It is as follows:—

"Randolph E. Ladd, having been proved guilty of immoral and unchristian conduct, was then expelled from the Church by the unanimous vote of the Conference, and on the following Sunday was publicly excommunicated before a large congregation."

The foregoing is a true transcript from the Church record,

[Signed,] EUGENE V. BENETT, Church Scribe.

HARVEY BREWER, of South Lebanon, a Freewill Baptist preacher, will next claim a few lines in our columns. Harvey Brewer is one of that class of men who always love a lie after it is made, and after becoming its step-father, will tell twenty more to prop up the first. Such men put me in mind of crows and buzzards, they love to wallow in filth.—Harvey had better write another mess of stuff and publish it in the *Morning Star*, that is, if the editor will let him. If he has none on hand perhaps Randolph E. Ladd can furnish him with another batch. The public no doubt would like to know where the renowned Elder Harvey Brewer is now located, well, he is now working in Deacon Shorey's Saw Mill, East Rochester, N. H., after being well daubed over with *untimpered mortar*, and *nicely greased* down, by a certain committee of Freewill Baptist preachers, who pretended to come to South Lebanon, to see if the seventy four respectable citizens that had testified that Harvey was guilty of lying, meant what they said, and after calling them together would not let them testify one word—but it is no go, this *far famed* committee cant put "putty enough on Brewer's character" even to make it go down with the Freewill Baptists in this region. We recommend Harvey to read the account of Haman and Mordecai, and take warning by the fate of Haman.

HIRAM P. MANSER.—A man calling himself Hiram P. Manser, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church, Wakefield, N. H., in an article in the *Morning Star*, among other things says "that I denied having preached in Boston some years ago; he says I denied this at South Lebanon on Sunday, July the 27th.—Now the Rev. Hiram P. Manser knows he don't tell the truth; I can prove by over fifty witnesses that this is false; I only said that I did not preach there at the time, or at the place he said I did. Let me now ask Hiram two or three questions.

Hiram P. Manser did you tell the truth, when you said most positively before the large congregation, that you heard me preach in the Masonic Temple, (Boston,) or, when you wrote in the *Star*, that you heard me in Washington Hall? Please say which time you lied, as you were most positive in both cases, or did Brewer and you fix the matter up so bunglingly that you got entrapped? Another question. Are you the H. P. Manser that got all preached out at Wakefield, and did you think that you could come down to Lebanon, with a few groans and hypocritical tears, and get them to hire you to preach in this place? It is no go. They are sick of such trash here.

P. S. I hope my friends will excuse me for taking up so much room in such disagreeable and unprofitable publications, but sometimes we must "answer a fool according to his folly," and now let me say once for all, hereafter, when men publish falsehoods about me. I will find out as much TRUTH about them as I can, and publish it far and near, no matter how hard it hits.

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CHAPTER I.

Introduction—Location of the Ten Tribes—The way prepared—Their return to their own lands—The waters divided—Their return contrasted with their going out of Egypt.

A GLORIOUS theme the sacred muse inspires,
Cheers up the soul, and tunes the sounding lyre :
Lights the dark vale of sorrow, pain and wo,
And gives to man a paradise below.
The joyful time, by prophets long foretold,
At length comes rolling on the astonished world ;
When God, the second time, should set his hand,
To gather Israel to their promised land.
An ensign to the nations now is reared,
The standard waving, and the way prepared ;
Let kings and empires tremble at his word,
The gentile nations all their aid afford.
What though Assyria's captives long and lone,*
Have wandered outcasts to the world unknown,
In some far region to the frozen north,
Where pale Borealis sends his meteors forth !!
Where fields of ice unbounded block the road,
To keep intruders from their drear abode ;
Where no sweet flowers the dreary landscape cheer,
Nor plenteous harvests crown the passing year ?
What though the land where milk and honey flowed,
And peace and plenty crowned their blest abode,
Has by the Gentiles long been trodden down,
And desolation reigned o'er all the ground ?
Yet soon the icy mountains down shall flow,
The parched ground in springs of water flow,
The barren desert yield delicious fruit,
Their souls to cheer, their spirits to recruit ;
Mountains before them levelled to a plain,
The valleys rise, the ocean cleave in twain,
The crooked straightened, and the rough made plain,
The way prepared, lo, Israel comes again !
The seven streams of Egypt's rolling flood
Shall feel the power and might of Israel's God,
Their waves on heaps, like towering mountains rise,
They cross dry shod, with wonder and surprise.
And thus with joy Assyria's captives come,
In grand procession to their ancient home ;
A scene of joy and wonder more suplime
That all that passed in hardened Pharaoh's time,
When captive Israel raised to heaven her cry,
And Moses came, commissioned from on high,
Poured the ten plagues on Egypt with his rod,
The monarch trembling, owned the power of God,
And filled with envy, rage, and wild dismay,
Thrust Israel forth, and bade them haste away ;
Then moved with wild despair that all was lost,
He straight pursued them with his numerous host ;
Before them stretched the vast expanded sea,
And mountains, on each side, hedged up the way,
The roar of chariots armed, pressed on their rear
In dread array, and filled their souls with fear :
Till Moses o'er the sea stretched forth his rod,
And cleared a passage through the mighty flood,
And soon, with safety, led his armies through,
But Pharaoh, close behind, did still pursue ;
The floods returning with majestic roar,
His armies sunk, o'erwhelmed, to rise no more ;
While Israel still pursued their joyous way,
Their God, in fire by night, in cloud by day
Before them moved, majestic to behold !
Until on Sinai's mount the thunder rolled,
And lightnings flaming in one general glare,
While clouds of smoke hung on the darkened air.
Jehovah spake ! the trumpet, long and loud,
Earth's whole foundation to the centre bowed.

Israel and Moses quaking stood around,
A sudden trembling seized the solid ground.
Moses, at length, drew near ; the law was given,
Of justice, equal weights, and measure even :
And angels' food became their constant bread,
A month on quails their numerous hosts were fed,
The rock was smitten, and a fountain burst,—
Poured forth its cooling stream to quench their thirst.

His angel led them all their journey through ;
The nations trembling, fainted at the view ;
Their mighty walls fell tumbling to the ground,
Destruction swept the nations, all around.
But lo ! a scene more glorious strikes my view
Than Israel ever saw or Egypt knew :
Ten thousand times ten thousand I behold,
Returning home, as prophets long foretold :
Sing, O ye heavens ! let earth rejoice again,
And all prepare for king Messiah's reign.

*The Ten Tribes.

To be continued.

A Church.

What constitutes a church ? In one sense two or three pure worshipers who meet in any place under heaven to worship God in spirit and truth ; but what constitutes a legally organized New Testament or Apostolic church, consisting of officers, ordinances, gifts and blessings ?—let the New Testament answer ; we quote from Paul's Epistles to Timothy, Ephesians and Corinthians.

"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly :

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth,

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There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling ;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free ; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

That there should be no schism in the body.

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And God hath set some in the church, first, apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments' diversities of tongues.

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And he gave some, apostles ; and some prophets ; and some, evangelists ; and some, pastors and teachers ;

For the perfecting of saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ :

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ :

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

We learn here, first, that the body or church of Christ is one—the spirit one—the faith one—the God one—the baptism one—that in this church there are apostles—prophets—evangelists—pastors or elders—teachers—and deacons or helps, also gifts of healing and many other gifts, that there might be no schism. We are next told that they were given for the work of the ministry—to make the saints perfect—and to edify the body or church of Christ, that these things were to continue until we all come to the unity of the faith, so that we might not be carried about by windy or false doctrine.

But some are ready to say this instruction was only given to the Corinthian Church, let Paul answer his point, in his own language first chapter of Corinthians.

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours :"

This instruction is given not only to the church at Corinth but to all that in any or every place serve and obey the Lord.

FAITH.—We now ask how does a sinner obtain faith ?—not by prayer, but by hearing the word of God as Paul says to the Romans, 10th chapter.

"But what saith it ? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart ; that is the word of faith, which we preach ;

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,

* * * * * and how shall they hear without a preacher ?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent ? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things !"

And Paul in another place declares most positively, "no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

And Aaron was called by revelation and prophecy and we have no evidence in the Bible that God ever called or sent any man in any other way to preach the Gospel or proclaim any other message to a suffering world.

We now ask how can a man or woman, become a christian, or get into Christ's church ? not by praying or groaning—or by altars—or anxious benches—or believing creeds—or joining "class"—six months on trial.—Let the Holy Ghost, speaking through Peter in his first sermon answer.—Acts of the Apostles 2d chapter ;

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do ?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly receive his word were baptized : and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

Here we learn, 1st, that as soon as they heard the gospel, they believed it and asked what they should do. 2d, Peter told them to repent, or reform, or leave off their sins, and be baptized for the remission of sins and that if they would do this they should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

They that believe, and receive, the truth that day were baptized, and added to the church then they could pray for the Holy Spirit would teach them how to pray, and what to pray for.

The foregoing is the eternal order of the church or brotherhood as left by Christ and the Apostles and the only order that can be sustained by the New Testament. This is the order of the church of the Messiah that God has restored by revelation in this present age.

To be continued in our next.