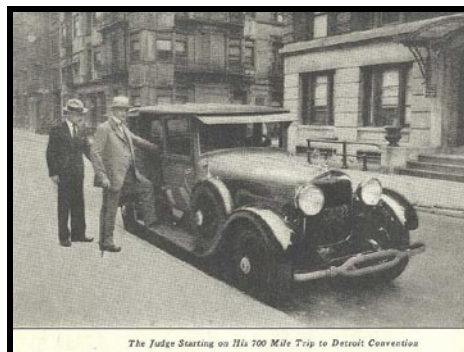
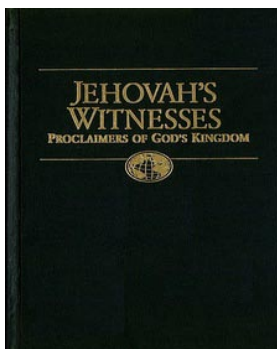


Η Συνέλευση στο Σίνταρ Πόϊντ του Οχάϊο το 1922 5 έως 13 Σεπτεμβρίου



The Judge Starting on His 700 Mile Trip to Detroit Convention

Το βιβλίο της εταιρίας Σκοπιά 'ΜΑΡΤΥΡΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΙΕΧΩΒΑ—ΔΙΑΓΓΕΛΕΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ', (1993) που αποτελεί την πληρέστερη ιστορία του κινήματος όπως την φαντάζεται η ηγεσία της, αναφέρεται συχνά στη Συνέλευση στο Σίνταρ Πόϊντ του Οχάϊο που διεξήχθη στις 5-13 Σεπτεμβρίου του 1922. Χαρακτηρίζεται μάλιστα σαν ένα από τα «Αξιοσημείωτα γεγονότα» στην ιστορία των Μαρτύρων. Το βιβλίο 'ΔΙΑΓΓΕΛΕΙΣ', αναφέρει στη σελίδα 678 ότι «Οι Σπουδαστές της Γραφής, έφυγαν από τη συνέλευση που διεξήγαγαν στο Σίνταρ Πόϊντ του Οχάϊο, το 1922, ενθουσιασμένοι από τις αποδείξεις για την εκπλήρωση Βιβλικών προφητειών», και ότι (σελίδα 77): «Το αποκορύφωμα της συνέλευσης ήταν τη Παρασκευή 8 Σεπτεμβρίου, όταν ο αδελφός Ρόδερφορντ εκφώνησε την ομιλία 'Η Βασιλεία'.

Κατά την πάγια τακτική του, το Βιβλίο ΔΙΑΓΓΕΛΕΙΣ δεν αναφέρει ποιες συγκεκριμένες προφητείες είχαν εκπληρωθεί που προκάλεσαν τον «ενθουσιασμό των Σπουδαστών της Γραφής» στη συνέλευση του 1922. Ποιες, λοιπόν, ήταν μερικές από τις «εκπληρωμένες προφητείες» και άλλες σημαντικές εννοήσεις που παρουσιάστηκαν στο Σίνταρ Πόϊντ του Οχάϊο στο «αποκορύφωμα της Παρασκευής 8 Σεπτεμβρίου 1922, στην ομιλία του Ιωσήφ Ρόδερφορντ με τίτλο 'Η Βασιλεία'; Η Σκοπιά 1 Νοεμβρίου 1922, δημοσίευσε αυτή την ομιλία του Ρόδερφορντ. Παρακάτω παραθέτουμε μερικά αποσπάσματα που αποκαλύπτουν το είδος των 'εκπληρωμένων προφητειών που ενθουσίασαν τους Σπουδαστές της Γραφής:'

«Η Βιβλική προφητεία δεικνύει ότι ο Κύριος επρόκειτο να εμφανισθή δια δευτέραν φοράν εις το έτος 1874. Η Βιβλική προφητεία δεικνύει πέραν πάσης αμφιβολίας ότι ούτος ενεφανίσθη κατά το έτος 1874. Η εκπληρωθείσα προφητεία προσδιορίζεται άλλως πως εκ των φυσικών γεγονότων, και τα γεγονότα ταύτα είναι αδιαμφισβήτητα....ο ίδιος ο Ιησούς διεκήρυξε ότι κατά τον χρόνον της παρουσίας αυτού θα διεξήγε τον θερισμόν του λαού αυτού, κατά την διάρκεια του οποίου θα συνήθροιζεν εις εαυτόν τους αληθείς και οσίους αυτού. Επί τινα έτη το έργον τούτο ενεργείται και είναι πλησίον η ολοκλήρωσίς του. Εδήλωσεν ότι κατά την διάρκειαν της παρουσίας αυτού θα είχεν εκείνον όστις θα πληρούσε το αξίωμα του πιστού και φρονίμου υπηρέτου [Ρώσσελ], δια του οποίου ο Κύριος θα επρομήθευεν εις τον λαόν αυτού την τροφήν εν καιρώ. Άπαντα τα γεγονότα δεικνύουν ότι αι προφητείαί αύται έχουσιν εκπληρωθή....Εφόσον υπήρξε παρών από του 1874, συνάγεται, εκ των γεγονότων τα οποία ημείς δυνάμεθα να είδωμεν, ότι η περίοδος από του 1874 έως το 1914 είναι η ημέρα ετοιμασίας. Κάτι τέτοιο δεν αντιμάχεται την σκέψιν ότι 'ο καιρός του τέλους' είναι από του 1799 έως το 1914.

Τα φυσικά γεγονότα, λοιπόν, σαφώς δεικνύουν ότι η ημέρα της ετοιμασίας είναι από του 1874 και εντεύθεν, και ότι το έργο του Ηλία έχει επιτελεσθεί από του 1874 και εντεύθεν, τελειούμενον το 1918.....Πρό του 1878 η κατ'όνομα εκκλησία ηύξησε την δύναμιν της επί της γής. Εις το έτος 1878 η εύνοια του Θεού απεσύρθη εκ των κατ'όνομα συστημάτων....Η προφητεία δύναται να κατανοηθεί καλύτερον όταν εκπληρούται.....[το 1919] και ήλθον εις γνώσιν του γεγονότος ότι το έργο του Ηλία ετελείωσεν, και ότι το έργο το οποίον απεικονίσθη υπό του Ελισαιέ πρέπει να αρχίσει.

Η Βασιλεία των ουρανών είναι εγγύς, ο Βασιλεύς βασιλεύει, η αυτοκρατορία του Σατανά καταρρέει, 'εκατομμύρια ήδη ζώντων δεν θέλουσιν αποθάνει' [λόγω της προσδοκίας για το 1925]. Το πιστεύετε τούτον; Πιστεύετε ότι η Βασιλεία της δόξης είναι παρούσα, και ότι υφίσταται από του 1874; Πιστεύετε ότι κατά την διάρκειαν αυτού του καιρού αυτός είχε έναν πιστόν και σοφόν υπηρέτην [Ρώσσελ] μέσω του οποίου διηύθυνεν το έργο του και διέτρεφεν τον οίκον της πίστεως;»

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do, and injects into the minds of others, thoughts of slander. Satan means adversary or opposer. He has opposed every step in the development of the kingdom class. He is the enemy of God, the enemy of man, the deadly foe of the righteous class.

Jehovah, the great ruler of the universe, in whom all dominion rightfully lies, planned the redemption and deliverance of the human race and organized the nation of Israel to foreshadow such. With that nation he organized the true religion, commanding that they should worship him as the only true God. Satan, the opposer, the mimic God, organized amongst the people round about Israel the false religion, and caused them to worship him and other devils. The power exercised by Jehovah upon his people is the holy spirit. The tie that binds Satan to his followers is the evil spirit. Because of yielding to his machinations Israel was overreached by him. God pronounced a decree against the nation, and enforced that decree in 606 B.C.; and there Satan became the god of this world. He is also called the prince of the power of the air, thus indicating his organization visible and invisible.

THE KINGDOM CLASS

While the Law was intended to lead Israel to Christ, only a remnant of that nation escaped the wiles of the adversary. God had promised a seed through which all the families of the earth should be blessed. Satan developed an opposing seed. The seed of promise is the Christ. The seed of the evil one consists of his emissaries visible and invisible, warring against the seed of promise. The seed of promise is made up of the truly consecrated and anointed Christians on this side of the veil and of the Lord and the glorified saints on the other side of the veil. The seed visible of Satan organized into a body is designated as the "beast." The "beast" is composed of the three elements; big business, big politicians and big preachers. Satan's purpose is to control mankind and keep them subjected to wickedness. The purpose of the Messianic kingdom is to relieve mankind, to lift them up and bless them with life everlasting. This benevolent work must be done by the kingdom class.

Satan's kingdom must be overthrown by the Messianic kingdom. Therefore there could be no kingdom without a king; and the King must be present and acting before the overthrow could take place.

The development of the kingdom class began at the consecration of Jesus at the Jordan. As a new creature he was there assigned to the office of king; hence it was proper for John and Jesus to say: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand," because the King was present. But Jesus must die and arise from the dead before he could become the King of glory.

God ordained that there should be associated with the King of glory as a part of the kingdom class the members of his body, designated his bride, the church. After Jesus had announced his kingship he said to his disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2,3) From the time of his ascension into heaven forward, Christians have looked for his return as the great event of all time. After his resurrection Jesus began to make known the mystery of God. He brought forth the true and faithful religion, of which he was the true and faithful Witness. Satan then organized the mystery of iniquity, bringing to the fore a faithless religion, a religion that claims to worship God but that in truth and in fact worships the devil and obeys his commandments.

HE IS HERE!

All the prophecies focused upon the coming of the King of glory. Not only did Jesus promise the disciples that he would come, but he taught them to pray: "Thy kingdom come." The apostles looked with eagerness for his coming, and declared that there would be a special blessing to those who would be preaching and loving his appearing at the time of his coming. The prophet Daniel, looking to that time, exclaimed: "Oh, the blessedness of him who lives and comes unto that time!" It is the all-important time, because it is the climax of the world's history.

The Scriptures show that Satan's empire will conclude with a deadly battle between Satan and his seed on the one side and the Lord and his seed on the other; and that the King of glory will triumph, resulting in the deliverance of the church and the world of mankind. The Scriptures further show that at that time Satan's kingdoms would have control of the earth, and Satan's representatives in earth would be subjecting the people to oppressive measures. But God through his prophet says: "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." (Daniel 2:44) For this reason Christians have eagerly looked and waited for the coming of the Lord and his kingdom.

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Jesus himself declared that in the time of his presence he would conduct a harvest of his people, during which he would gather unto himself the true and loyal ones. For some years this work has been in operation and is nearing completion. He stated that during his presence he would have one who would fill the office of a faithful and wise servant, through whom the Lord would bring to his people ment in due season. All the facts show that these prophecies have been fulfilled.

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Why has the King come? To set up his kingdom and reign as King. But he had a work to do before his reign began, and that is a preparatory work. Since there are to be associated with him in his reign his body members, these must be gathered together and prepared for the beginning of the reign. The gentle times under the supervision of the god of this world ended August 1, 1914. Before that date it would not have been consistent for the Lord, the King of glory, to take unto himself his great power and reign. (Ezekiel 21:27) Since he has been present from 1874, it follows, from the facts as we now see them, that the period from 1874 to 1914 is the day of preparation. This in no wise militates against the thought that "the time of the end" is from 1799 until 1914. The period from 1799 to 1874 could not be said to be a day of preparation, but a day of increasing light. It is not reasonable to think that the King began to make preparations until he was present.

The Lord foreknew, of course, that Satan would not peaceably yield the kingdoms of earth. He knew that there would be a great conflict, and hence he must prepare for that conflict. The prophet Nahum, speaking with reference to the time of the second presence of the Lord, shows that this was a preparatory period. He says: "He that dwelleth

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this message of the kingdom until their earthly career is ended. They must be his faithful witnesses until Babylon's walls crumble to the ground.

For six thousand years God has been preparing for this kingdom. For nineteen hundred years he has been gathering out the kingdom class from amongst men. Since 1874 the King of glory has been present; and during that time he has conducted a harvest and has gathered unto himself the temple class. Since 1914 the King of glory has taken his power and reigns. He has cleansed the lips of the temple class and sends them forth with the message. The importance of the message of the kingdom cannot be overstated. It is the message of all messages. It is the message of the hour. It is incumbent upon those who are the Lord's to declare it. The kingdom of heaven is at hand; the King reigns; Satan's empire is falling; millions now living will never die.

Do you believe it? Do you believe that the King of glory

is present, and has been since 1874? Do you believe that during that time he has conducted his harvest work? Do you believe that he has had during that time a faithful and wise servant through whom he directed his work and the feeding of the household of faith? Do you believe that the Lord is now in his temple, judging the nations of earth? Do you believe that the King of glory has begun his reign?

Then back to the field, O ye sons of the most high God! Gird on your armor! Be sober, be vigilant, be active, be brave. Be faithful and true witnesses for the Lord. Go forward in the fight until every vestige of Babylon lies desolate. Herald the message far and wide. The world must know that Jehovah is God and that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. This is the day of all days. Behold, the King reigns! You are his publicity agents. Therefore advertise, advertise, advertise, the King and his kingdom.

Μετά την παράθεση αυτών «των εκπληρωμένων προφητειών που ενθουσίασαν τους Σπουδαστές της Γραφής» τότε, πώς θα χαρακτηρίζατε την απατηλή περιγραφή που επιχειρεί το βιβλίο «ΔΙΑΓΓΕΛΕΙΣ» σήμερα, εξαπατώντας τους αναγνώστες του, Μάρτυρες ή μη;

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