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IS AT HAND"

STUDY QUESTIONS

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness."—Matthew 6:33.

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Kingdom Instruction



THE conduct of the study meeting in "*The Kingdom Is at Hand*" should be as follows: At a fixed hour and on a set day, meet regularly, weekly if possible. Conduct the study for one hour. Someone competent should open the meeting with prayer to Jehovah God and in the name of Christ Jesus, the Teachers of Kingdom truth. During the hour make as much progress in the book as is possible by sticking to the study material for the occasion. To that end let each student come prepared.

The study conductor should submit the questions on the lesson as set out in this booklet. Discuss one paragraph at a time. The conductor will ask the question on the paragraph. Any desiring to answer should raise the hand and, when called, answer to the point in their own words. The paragraph may include one or more Scripture texts cited, but not quoted therein. To get the full understanding and breadth of the paragraph the conductor should assign such texts to be read aloud, with what brief comment the readers may feel able to give, to show the bearing the texts have on the subject discussed. Then the study conductor will call for the Scripture texts to be read which are listed after the questions printed herein on the paragraph. The answer to the questions should be summed up by the reading of the paragraph in "*The Kingdom Is at Hand*". At each meeting a capable reader should be appointed to do the reading of all paragraphs.

Having done with one paragraph, then follow the above procedure with each succeeding paragraph in turn through to the close of the hour. All comments or answers to questions should be as brief as proper coverage of the information asked may allow. Proper advance-preparation by each student will work to the liveliness, interest and helpfulness of the study meeting, and will obviate time-wasting hesitation about answering questions, and will thus make for the greatest advance in the study course.

Apply the Scripture rule: "Let him who is being orally instructed in the word have fellowship with him that is so instructing him, in all good things." (Galatians 6: 6, *Bothham*) Thereby each one will contribute or communicate "good things" to the educational instructiveness of the meeting. This will aid in making clear to you and fellow students the truth and will build up in each one devotion to the Kingdom, that all may serve God with integrity, with benefit to all "men of good-will".

NOTE TO STUDY CONDUCTOR: At your first study meeting, read aloud the above foreword before beginning, that all present may be informed how the meeting will be conducted thenceforth.

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CHAPTER I

"The Kingdom Is at Hand"

9¹ At what season and under what circumstances was the message that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" first proclaimed? S. of S. 2:11-13.

10¹ What was the appearance of this proclaimer of the kingdom of heaven, and how did he differ from religious leaders of his day? Matt. 3:4; Luke 1:15.

11¹ What practice did this strange man introduce, and by what name did he become known? Luke 3: 2, 3.

11² To whom was the message of the *Baptistes* addressed, and what was the meaning of the baptism? Mark 1: 4, 5.

12¹ Why was the coming of the Baptizer timely, and what prophecy did he appear to fulfill? Luke 3:4-6.

13¹ What name was given this Baptizer by his parents, and why did he not become a priest and follow the Jews' religion? Luke 1:13, 57-80.

14¹ How did John greet the Jewish religionists who came to him to be baptized, and why? Matt. 3:7-12.

15¹ What instructions did John give to those who were sincere and of good-will? Luke 3:10-14.

15² (a) What great expectation did John's message arouse in the hearts of the common

people? Luke 3:15. (b) How were the political rulers concerned about John's message at first? Luke 3:1.

17¹ What issue could cause John's imprisonment while not embarrassing the religious leaders? Luke 3:19, 20.

18¹ Why must John continue to preach, and what season passed before he realized his mission? John 1: 33, A.S.V.

18² When did John begin his ministry, and what is the proof for that date? Luke 3:1-3.

19¹ Who approached after John had preached six months? and why did a question arise in John's mind? Matt. 3:13.

20¹ Why should Jesus come to John to be baptized? and who witnessed the event? Luke 3: 21.

20² What occurred when Jesus was baptized? and what did John later testify to his disciples regarding Jesus? John 1: 29-36; Matt. 3:14-17.

CHAPTER II

Testing the King's Integrity

22¹ (a) What moved Jesus to go into the wilderness? and what of the wild animals that haunted that lonely country? Mark 1:10-13; Ezek. 34:25.

(b) How many days did Jesus fast, and, having the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, what did he fittingly recall! Matt 4: 2.

23¹ (a) How did fugitive David improve his time in the wilderness? and how did the future King Jesus upon meditation on the situation likely express himself? 1 Sam. 22:1, 2, 5; 23:14, 15. (b) For what purpose did Jehovah anoint Jesus with His holy spirit, and what then was Jesus able to clearly remember? Isa. 11: 2, 3.

24¹ (a) Who was the one that broke up Jesus' meditations, and when did this one make his appearance? 1 John 2:15,16. (b) What devilish tactics for 'lust of the flesh and eye' did the tempter use, and how did Jesus withstand him? Matt. 4:2-7.

25¹ Though Jesus had power, why did he not use it as Satan suggested? and how only could Jesus prove to others that he was the Son of God! John 8:34,35.

25² How was the next test calculated to be so subtle and attractive, and upon what terms was Satan's offer made? Luke 4:5-7; Ps. 72:1,4,7,8.

26¹ What question at issue did Jesus distinctly discern? and on which side of the contest did he remain? Ps. 16: 8.

27¹ What rulership could God offer in contrast with Satan, and why did not Jesus tolerate the presence of the adversary? Luke 4:8; Deut. 6:13; 10: 20.

28¹ What was more sustaining to Jesus than the material food now supplied? and why must he keep on holding fast to this course? Luke 4:13; Matt. 4:11.

29¹ (a) Why were Jesus' decisions on the fortieth day so crucial as to their effects? (b) What great fact is magnified by the tests which Jesus met, and what does this mean to obedient men? Matt. 12:18, 21.'

29² What does the outcome of such tests cause us to recognize, and what further examination is it important and wise for us to make regarding him? Matt. 11:29.

30¹ What is the system followed herein for indicating the further scripture citations and the Bible versions cited in the book? Luke 4:17.

CHAPTER III

Introducing the King

31¹ (a) What important proclamation did Christ Jesus make, and why? Matt. 4:17.

(b) What work did John the Baptist accomplish, and how was such foretold? Mal. 4:5,6.

32¹ What must John yet do respecting Jesus, and how was he tested as to being a false Christ or false prophet? John 3: 28-30.

32² (a) If John was not "that prophet", who was he? Isa. 40: 3. (b) Why did John introduce the King, not to the religious sectarians, but to despised ones? Luke 7: 29, 30.

33¹ (a) Why did Jesus make a back-call on John the Baptist, and how was he greeted? (b) What is the equivalent of the word "anointed" in the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures? John 4:25.

34¹ (a) How was the attention of Andrew, John, and Peter first directed to Christ the King, and with what results? (b) What is understood by the Aramaic name "Cephas" given to Peter by Jesus? Matt. 16:18, *Am. Stan. Ver.*, margin.

35¹ Who next were privileged to become disciples of the King, and how? Acts 3: 20-23.

36¹ How was Nathanael first to confess that Christ was the rightful King? and, as a result, what greater things were promised this disciple? Matt. 10:2,3.

36² How did the work of John the Baptist then begin to decrease, but what joy and privilege did he have? John 1: 30, 31.

37¹ (a) With what all-important declaration did Jesus begin to preach? Matt. 5:1-3,10.

(b) Where did Jesus do his preaching, and why? Matt. 9: 35, 36.

37² (a) What important questions are raised concerning the "kingdom of heaven"? Luke 19:11. (b) Where only will we find satisfactory answers to those questions? 2 Tim. 3:15,16.

38¹ (a) What questions arise as to Jesus' qualifications for office? (b) How did the question arise as to who was his real father? Rom. 1:3,4.

38² Of the two dependable histories which one gives us the authentic ancestry of Jesus back to Adam, and what is peculiar about the names? Col. 4:14.

39¹ With whom does the other historian's genealogy begin, and in whom do they appear to meet finally? John 8:17.

40¹ (a) Upon what five all-essential points do the genealogies of both Matthew and Luke completely agree? Matt. 22:42. (b) After differences, wherein do both genealogies further agree? 2 Sam. 7:12-17, 25-29.

41¹ Why is the genealogy by Matthew shorter than Luke's? Luke 1: 27.

41² Was Jesus actually the son of Joseph, and how does Luke indicate this? 1 John 6: 42.

42¹ What accounts for the difference of the family tree of Jesus as given by Matthew from that recorded by Luke, and how does this explain why Joseph is called the "son of Heli"? Luke 3: 23, *margin*.

42² Was Mary perfect and without sin in herself, and why did this have no effect as to the sonship of Jesus? Rom. 3: 9,10.

43¹ Why was Mary associated with one tribe and her cousin Elizabeth with another tribe? Luke 1: 5, 36.

43² How does Luke's account clearly show that the conception of Jesus was immaculate and that Jehovah was able to bring him forth as the "son of God"?

44¹ How did Mary show willingness to be used by Jehovah to bring forth the promised King?

45¹ How does Matthew's account conclusively show that Jesus was in fact the "son of God" and that Joseph was merely his foster father? Isa. 7:14.

46¹ (a) What is the real meaning of the name "Jesus"? 1 Chron. 7:27, margin, *Both.*; Acts 7:45, *margin.* (b) Whose salvation would this one who was named Jesus accomplish? John 10:16,26,27.

46² (a) How did Jesus have existence before his birth as a man? Prov. 8:22-31. (b) What was he called in his prehuman existence, and of what significance is this? Rev. 19:13.

47¹ (a) What does the apostle John say about the prehuman existence of Jesus and also why he came to earth? John 8:12-19. (b) How does this account in John chapter one shatter the "trinity" doctrine? John 5: 26.

48¹ What additional scriptures prove beyond all doubt that Jesus was the "beginning" of all of God's creation? 1 John 4:9.

49¹ How, and by what active force, did Mary become mother to the perfect Jesus? Gal. 4:4.

49² While on earth why was Jesus not an incarnation, nor part flesh and part spirit? Heb. 2:14,17.

50¹ (a) Why did Jesus never try to be equal or superior to Jehovah his father? John 14:28. (b) For such humble course, how has Jesus been rewarded? Phil. 2:9-11.

- 50**² If Jesus was in fact the "son of God" why should such great care be taken to preserve his genealogy according to the flesh? John 7: 40-43.
- 51**¹ Why is it particularly important for us at this time to determine who has the *divine right* to be King ? and how may we do this ? John 20:31.

CHAPTER IV

The First Kingdom Promise

- 52**¹ Why did Abraham not seek a worldly kingdom of his own! Heb. 11: 8-10.
- 52**² What is the position of the source of the Kingdom of heaven, and what penalty is fixed for rebellion against His domination! Jer. 10:10, *margin*.
- 53**¹ What form of government shall bind the universe into one realm of peace? Jude 25.
- 53**² What government has Jehovah ordained to rule humankind? Dan. 2: 44.
- 54**¹ What position respecting other creatures on earth did God assign to Adam and Eve, and how were they related to his universal organization? Gen. 1:26,27.
- 54**² What family relation did perfect man and woman in the garden of Eden bear to Jehovah and His universal organization, and how? Gal. 4:26.
- 55**¹ (a) Who is the husband of the universal organization, and how? Hos. 2:16,19, 20, *margin*. (b) To have everlasting life, what relationship to the Theocratic Husband must be maintained by all intelligent creatures? Ps. 36: 9.
- 56**¹ What constituted man's local *heavens* in Eden? and what caused Jehovah to covenant with His universal organization to set up a

righteous kingdom over the earth? Prov. 6: 20; 2 Cor. 12:14.

57¹ What was the first world man knew, and of what was it a part? 1 Deut. 32: 3,4.

57² Who led the wicked rebellion against the perfect universal arrangement, and what was his objective? 1 John 3: 8.

58¹ What immediate punishment did Jehovah pronounce upon Lucifer because of profaning himself? Prov. 16:18.

58² How did Satan succeed in causing first Eve and then Adam to violate God's commandment? and with what sentence resulting to Satan? 1 Tim. 2:13,14.

59¹ Who was appointed as the destroyer of all iniquity, and when will Jehovah's judgment of death against Satan and all his workers of iniquity be carried out? Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10.

60¹ What developments did God's words foretell as between His Seed and Satan's organization? John 15:18-20.

60² Why is it that neither Eve nor any of her daughters could be the "woman" from whom would come the promised "seed"? Gal. 4:26.

61¹ (a) What in fact was Jehovah's declaration of purpose in Eden? Ps. 105: 8-10. (b) Why was Jehovah's covenant unilateral, and why does that fact not affect the certainty of its fulfillment? 1 Pet. 1:24,25.

62¹ How does the covenant explain why Jehovah has permitted Satan and his brood to continue to exist? Ex. 9:16, *Leeser*.

62² (a) After his debasement in Eden, how did Satan proceed toward world domination? Eph. 6:11,12, *margin*. (b) What thus passed away,

but of what did God's covenant give promise?
2 Pet. 3:13.

63¹ (a) What was the immediate penalty for man's disobedience in Eden? Rom. 5:12-14.
(b) What caused Cain to murder his brother Abel? and why did not Jehovah appoint some human creature to execute him for this wicked act? 1 John 3:12,8.

64¹ Why did Cain build and organize a city? and what pursuits did his offspring follow? Ps. 10:2-11.

65¹ What began to take place in Enos' day, and how did Seth's descendant Enoch differ from Cain's son of the same name? Ps. 1: 6.

65² (a) What prophecy was Enoch used to deliver? (b) Of what did Enoch have a vision, and how did he escape the pangs of death? Heb. 11:1, 5.

66¹ How was Noah distinguished, and what did Jehovah reveal to him? Heb. 11: 7.

67¹ (a) Before the flood were there kingdoms as well as cities? (b) Who were the Nephilim, the "sons of God", and the "men of renown"? and what conditions did they cause to exist on the earth? Luke 17:27.

68¹ (a) For what two purposes did Jehovah loose the flood on the earth? Matt. 24:37-39.
(b) When the flood swept down on the earth, what happened to the "Nephilim", the "sons of God", the "men of renown", and the eight souls in Noah's family? 2 Pet. 2:4.

68² What perished while Noah and family were in the ark, and what was his first act when he emerged? Gen. 8:13-21.

69¹ What mandate did Jehovah state anew to

Noah? and of what is this event prophetic? Isa. 45:8,18.

70¹ After the flood subsided, what did Satan's demon organization determine to do ? 1 Pet. 5: 8.

CHAPTER V

Theocratic Kingship

71¹ What selfish opportunities loomed before Noah in the postflood earth, and how did he react toward them? 1 Pet. 5:6.

71² (a) How was Jehovah's name viewed in the earth immediately after the flood, and why? Isa. 26:9; Ps. **106:11,12**. (b) What steps did the Devil take to alter this, and what record do we have of it? Rev. 12: 3,4, 9.

72¹ Upon what line of descent did the Devil seize, and, thereby, how did he set forward his scheme of man-made kingdoms on earth? 1 Chron. 1:4, 8-10.

73¹ (a) What was the source of Nimrod's power, and how did he acquire it? Bom. 1:21-24; Isa. 24: 5, 6. (b) How did Nimrod turn his subjugated peoples away from Jehovah? and of what did his capital become symbolic? Rev. 17:4, 5.

74¹ (a) What was the spirit of Babylon, and how was it used of the Devil? Ezek. 21:21. (b) What constituted Satan's postflood world? Isa. 13:1,10,11,13.

74² (a) How long did Noah live after the flood, and did he have anything to do with the newly formed unrighteous world ? Ezek. 14:14, 20. (b) What man of faith in the true God was born through the line of Shem some ten generations later, and what was his attitude toward earthly kingship? Rom. 4:3.

75¹ What course of action led to Abraham's becoming the earthly forefather of the promised ruler of the "kingdom of heaven"? Heb. 11: 8-16.

76¹ (a) What was this covenant God made with Abraham called, and why? Heb. 6:13. (b) What was indicated by the statement that all the families of the earth were to be blessed in Abraham? Rom. 4:16-18, *margin*.

76² What assurance did God give Abraham when he was 99 years old and his wife was 89? Gen. 18:9-15.

77¹ What do the preceding declarations make clear regarding the nature of the covenant and the seed? Ps. 105:6-10.

78¹ (a) What was Ishmael's standing in Abraham's household, and how did God's promise concerning Isaac affect it? Gen. 15:2-4. (b) What were the circumstances of Isaac's birth? Rom. 4:19-22; Heb. 11:11,12.

78² What did aged Sarah's conceiving a seed in her old age picture? Isa. 54:1, 5, 6.

79¹ Whom did Abraham's aged wife Sarah picture? and when did the antitypical Sarah bring forth her seed? Matt. 3:13-17.

79² What were the developments between Ishmael and Isaac? and why are they of special interest? Matt. 21:43-45; 23:37,38.

80¹ What great test of faith was put upon Abraham relative to the Kingdom covenant, and how did he respond to it? John 3:16.

81¹ How did Jehovah then confirm his covenant with Abraham? and to whom does this give hope and comfort? Gal. 3:17-19.

81² (a) What was suggested in the restoration of Isaac? Eph. 1:19, 20. (b) What later assurance was given to Abraham that the covenant

birthright would be passed along? Gen. 24:1-7, 61-67.

82¹ Why did Abraham remain neutral toward the affairs of the Canaanite kingdoms? and how did a test come to him? 1 Pet. 2:11,12; 4:15.

83¹ If Abraham was thus neutral, why did he make war on the captors of Lot? Gal. 6:10.

84¹ What event thereafter confirms that Abraham's fight for the interests of God's people was right and prefigured the course of the seed of God's woman? Ps. 115:13-15.

85¹ What was the significance of Abraham's paying tithes to Melchizedek, and of receiving a blessing at his hands? Mal. 3:10.

85² (a) Having in mind Melchizedek's kingship and the meaning of his name, how do we reconcile these facts with his blessing a warrior? Rev. 19:11. (b) What is peculiar about his kingship and priesthood?

86^{1,2} In what arguments does the apostle show Melchizedek's likeness to Christ?

87¹ (a) What does King-Priest Melchizedek's being a type of Christ Jesus show relative to the Edenic and Abrahamic covenants? Zech. 6:12, 13. (b) What does Psalm 110 show regarding Jehovah's King?

88¹ What do such prophetic previews argue regarding God's promised kingdom? Zech. 9: 9,10.

88² How do the Scriptures show that Abraham, Isaac, and other faithful servants of God looked ahead to this promised kingdom? John 8: 56.

89¹ What promise did God then give Abraham? and what assurance may all those who put their trust in the Kingdom now derive from it? Isa. 41:8-10.

CHAPTER VI

The Typical Theocracy

90¹ What showed the route of the ancestral line of the royal Seed from Abraham to Jacob? and by whom only could its continuation through Jacob's offspring be decided and revealed? Gen. 35: 9-13.

90² What is the deciding factor in the carrying out of God's purposes, and how is this shown in the relationship of Jacob's sons to the ancestral line of the promised Seed? 1 Chron. 29:10-13.

91¹ When, and under what circumstances, did Jehovah reveal his choice of Jacob's sons through whom the covenant privilege would pass? Gen. 49:1,2.

91² In the blessing of Judah, what expressions show him to be the one selected by Jehovah? Ps. 60:7.

92¹ What is the meaning of the name "Shiloh", and what great assignments must this descendant of Judah carry out? Isa. 9: 6, 7.

92² (a) What shows birthright did not determine the choice of Judah? (b) Why are the descendants of Jacob called "the children of Israel", or "Israel", and what is the meaning of the name? Gen. 32:27, 28.

93¹ What action did the Devil take in respect to Egypt, and for what purpose, and with what results? Gen. 42:1,2; 41: 8.

94¹ Whom did the Israelites worship? and what change in their circumstances took place with the death of Joseph? Gen. 50: 24-26.

94² What decree did the ruler of Egypt make, what did the Israelites do, and what was the result to Moses? Gen. 9: 5, 6.

95¹ What were the events leading up to the revelation by Jehovah God of his name to Moses, and what was the revealed name? Hos. 12:5, A.S.V.

96¹ How did Jehovah show the import of his name here revealed? Ps. 83:18.

96² (a) What demand did Jehovah, through Moses, make of Pharaoh, and what did Pharaoh do? Ex. 3:18,19. (b) What things followed upon Egypt, from whom were they, and what did they demonstrate? Prov. 29:1, 2.

96³ What was the last or tenth plague upon Egypt, when was it to fall, and what must the Israelites do at that occasion? Isa. 43: 3.

98¹ (a) What occurred on that Nisan the fourteenth, and what is the relationship of that date to the time when Abraham entered the Promised Land, and also to the time when Ishmael began persecuting Isaac? Acts 7: 6. (b) How were the Israelites to observe this date thereafter? Matt. 26:17.

98² What further act did Jehovah perform in making a name for himself, and what was the result to both the Egyptians and the Israelites? Ex. 14:1-31.

99¹ (a) In the victory song recorded at Exodus 15:1-18, what is declared concerning Jehovah God? Isa. 12:2. (b) In Egypt and thereafter, what action did Jehovah take in regard to a covenant with Israel? Ex. 19:1-3.

100¹ To what privilege did the covenant terms point forward, and why is it referred to as "the law covenant" with Israel? Ex. 20:1-23.

100² What facts enabled the nation of Israel to be a typical Theocracy? and of what were they a type or pattern? 1 Pet. 2: 9,10.

101¹ In the typical Theocracy, who was then King? Ps. 24:1-10.

101² What service did God assign to Aaron and to the Levites, and what were their duties? 1 Lev. 8:1-13; Num. 3: 5-10.

102¹ What things did God have prepared for use in his worship, and when were all ready and set up for his service? Ex. 28: 36.

102² In addition to the passover feast, what other yearly feasts did Jehovah ordain for Israel, on what dates were they observed, what did each celebrate, and who were welcome? Ex. 23:14-19.

103¹ What sabbath day and sabbath year did Jehovah provide for them and their land? Ex. 23:10-12.

104¹ What was the arrangement for a jubilee year, how many sabbath years did this give Israel every fifty years, and when did this count of years begin? 2 Chron. 36: 21.

105¹ What purpose did the tabernacle, priesthood, feasts and sabbaths serve! and what is their great value to us at this time? Heb. 9:1-28.

CHAPTER VII

Theocratic Judges

106¹ Why were the twelve spies not in agreement concerning entry into the promised land? Num. 13:25-33.

106² What did the Israelites forget, and to what did they listen? and why were not the Levites involved? Num. 14:1-5.

107¹ For what did the Israelites not stand fast? and, therefore, what did Jehovah decree concerning them? Deut. 1: 22-36.

107² (a) Why is it that many of the Israelites

in line for salvation were destroyed? and what religious doctrine does this disprove? Heb. 10: 38, 39. (b) What admonition, therefore, does the apostle Paul give us? Heb. 6: 4-6.

108¹ (a) To submit to Theocratic rule requires what? but what does Satan seek to stir up? Heb. 11: 6. (b) Why did Moses and Aaron not enter Canaan, and who succeeded Moses? Deut. 1:37, 38.

109¹ What was the purpose of the law covenant made with the nation of Israel, as shown in Moses' final warning to them? Gal. 3:19-24.

110¹ What were the circumstances of Moses' death? and how did he serve as a type? Heb. 3:1-6.

111¹ After Joshua took command, what, briefly, was the progress of events? and who of the Canaanites escaped the decree of extermination? Heb. 11:30,31.

111² What anti-Theocratic military combinations were then overcome, and how? Josh. 23:1-3,10.

113¹ (a) Why was not the destruction of Israel's enemies a breaking of Jehovah's everlasting covenant? Deut. 7:16,23-25. (b) Why did not Jehovah advocate a "good-neighbor policy" toward devil-worshipping religionists? Deut. 7:1-4.

114¹ (a) Why was the eviction of the Canaanites not an act of unjust aggression? Ps. 24:1. (b) Of what was the eviction of the Canaanites typical? Zeph. 3: 8, 9; Rev. 19:19-21.

114² Why was no inheritance given to the priests and Levites? and what purpose did the cities of refuge serve? Deut. 10: 8, 9.

115¹ What count of years must begin on enter-

ing the promised land, and did it? Lev. 25:1-10.

115² After Joshua's death, which tribe was assigned the foremost position, and what success did the offensive have against Jerusalem? 2 Sam. 5: 6; 24:16.

115³ (a) With what gradual progress, and to what boundaries, did God promise to drive the enemies from the land? Ex. 34:11-17. (b) Why was Israel's offensive halted, and therefore what was Jehovah's judgment against them? Josh. 23:12,13.

116¹ (a) What disadvantages did the Israelites suffer for forsaking Jehovah, and how were they repeatedly delivered therefrom? Judg. 2:11-18. (b) What do the deeds of Israel's judges picture? 1 Cor. 10:11.

CHAPTER VIII

Human King Fails

118¹ (a) When and how did the effect of Israel's repeated yielding to religion begin to show up? (b) How did Judge Gideon show himself true to Jehovah in handling the situation? Isa. 33:22.

118² What attempt at kingship over Israel followed Gideon's death, and with what success? 2 Sam. 11: 21.

119¹ (a) What does Israel's history show as to the effect of failure to recognize Jehovah is God? Prov. 29:18,25. (b) What manner of kings did other peoples, such as the Edomites, have? Gen. 10:8-10.

119² How did Theocratic rule and law make Israel remarkably different from all other nations? and to what is failure of that rule among them to be attributed? Ps. 147:19, 20.

120¹ How had Jehovah given forewarning through Moses of Israel's rejection of God as King? Ps. 118:8-10.

120² How did Israel make request for a change of rule, and what did God's comment thereon show such a request to mean? Acts 13: 20, 21, A.S.V.

121¹ (a) What was the order of events to producing Saul for the kingdom? (b) By reason of his anointing, what was Saul called, and hence what was the question that now applied to him? 1 Sam. 24:5,6.

122¹ How was it demonstrated to Israel that God was using Saul? and what national action followed thereupon? Ps. 3:8.

122² With what words did Samuel then point out Israel's rejection of Jehovah as King, and what admonition concerning serving Him thenceforth did Samuel give! 2 Chron. 15: 2.

123¹ (a) How did Jehovah then confirm Samuel's words to the Israelites as to their sin? Jer. 14: 22. (b) Why did Jehovah not forsake or cast them off, and by what conduct of the king was the kingdom fate now to be determined? Deut. 7:6-8.

124¹ What act of presumption by Saul showed he was not a man after God's own heart, and how did the consequences affect Jonathan? Acts 13:22.

125¹ How, in connection with the Amalekites, did another test come to Saul as to his regard for Jehovah's Theocratic instructions? Deut. 25:17-19.

126¹ How did Saul fail in his commission as God's executioner, and with what result to himself, as stated by Samuel? Mic. 6: 6-8.

127¹ (a) What were Samuel's words when his garment was rent at Saul's clutch? (b) How was it then shown that the "Strength of Israel" does not lie or repent? Num. 23:19.

127² (a) Why did Israel's first human king fail, and what course was he displaying thereby! Rom. 6:16. (b) In this instance, in what respect did Jehovah repent and in what other respect did he not?

CHAPTER IX

Covenant for the Kingdom

129¹ Even though Saul's son Jonathan was faithful, why could not the royal line continue through his house! 1 Sam. 13:13,14.

129² Who was selected to replace Saul, and how was this selection indicated, and with what immediate result? Ps. 78:67-70.

130¹ What events now took place, and how did David respond to the opportunity, and with what equipment? Ps. 144:1, 2.

131¹ How did David's reply to the giant's threats show his reliance upon Jehovah and the purpose of the victory? Ps. 79: 9,10.

131² (a) As a result of David's victory what did Jonathan recognize? (b) What covenant was made between the two men! and how did this affect Saul?

132¹ Whose unjust scheme was this against David? and in his outlawed position who rallied to his cause! Ps. 69: 4.

133¹ In what further way did Jonathan show good-will to David in his outlawed position? 2 Sam. 1: 26.

133² What attitude and action on David's part

proved he was not seditious? and what reason did he give for this? 2 Sam. 1:4-16.

133³ What developed to send Saul to the witch of Endor for advice? and what resulted? 2 Sam. 1:17-27.

134¹ (a) What anointing now came to David, and how does it remind us of the anointing of Jesus? 1 Chron. 10:13,14. (b) How did David finally come to be recognized as king of Israel? 1 Chron. 11:1-3.

135¹ How did the Theocratic capital come to be finally established in Israel, and what two names thereof came to be applied interchangeably? 1 Chron. 11:4-8.

135² What repeated action by the Philistines did Satan raise up against this representative of the "Seed"? and with what results? Ps. 2:1-6.

136¹ Where had the ark of the covenant been kept, and under what circumstances was it now being moved? 2 Sam. 6:1-15.

136² In the psalm of David sung by the Levites, what facts concerning Jehovah were made prominent? and what action was due toward him therefore?

138¹ (a) Later, what was David's desire concerning the worship of Jehovah? 2 Sam. 7:1-7. (b) What covenant did Jehovah then make with David? 2 Sam. 7:8-16.

139¹ (a) With what previous covenants was this Kingdom covenant directly related, and since its making from what source only could come the promised "seed"? Matt. 1:1. (b) Of what was this covenant a prophecy, and what must the seed be and do in the reality? Acts 13:22,23,32-34.

139² What was David's response in prayer

over such establishment of the Kingdom covenant? Ps. 89:1-5.

140¹ What absolute assurance is given that, despite outward appearances, the kingdom covenant shall stand? Ps. 132:10-18.

CHAPTER X

Palace of The Theocrat

142¹ To what boundaries did the promised land extend, and what did the extending of David's realm to that extent picture? Ps. 2: 6, 8.

142² How did David react to his keenly felt responsibilities, and with what results? 1 Chron. 20:1-8.

143¹ What were some of the difficulties and temptations marking David's reign, and why did the Kingdom covenant still stand with him? Ps. 34:17-19.

144¹ Of what special work was David mindful, and what course was taken in reference thereto? Gen. 22:2.

144² (a) What counsel did David offer to his successor, and what pattern did he give? Eph. 6:4. (b) How had David received the pattern? 2 Pet. 1: 21.

145¹ Why had David made preparation for the temple, and what further support did he now give to it? Prov. 3: 9.

145² How did the people react to this royal example of devotion to God, and what did it cause David to say? Ps. 110:3.

146¹ (a) To what facts concerning the nation did David's words confess? Ps. 103:19. (b) How were these facts now demonstrated with respect to David's successor? 2 Chron. 13:5, *margin*.

147¹ What attempt was previously made to grab the throne ahead of Solomon, and how was it thwarted? Ps. 75:6,7.

147² How was Solomon blessed? and what were the conditions under his reign? Eccl. 1:16.

148¹ At what point in time relative to secular history did Solomon reign?

149¹ What project made Solomon's rule outstanding, and when did work begin on it? 1 Ki. 5:5.

150¹ (a) Why was it so important that the exact pattern be followed in the temple's construction? Heb. 9:11,23. (b) How did the temple compare with the tabernacle set up by Moses! 2 Chron. 3:3,8; 1 Ki. 6:19,20.

150² What was typified by the temple stones' being made ready before set into place, and how long was the temple under construction? 1 Pet. 2:5.

151¹ At what time of the year was the temple dedicated, and what two thoughts are advanced concerning the year of dedication? 2 Chron. 7:8-11.

152¹ What was now placed in the temple, and how did Jehovah indicate his presence? Ex. 40:34.

153¹ What prayer did Solomon here offer, and to what end? Ps. 99:1-5,9.

153² How did Solomon's prayer show the temple blessings would extend to others besides those of Israel? Zech. 8: 22, 23.

154¹ (a) What further entreaties did Solomon include in his prayer, and what main theme was followed throughout! Ps. 83:18. (b) How did the great Hearer of prayer then respond? Lev. 9:23, 24.

154² What further assurance did Solomon receive that his prayer had been heard? and what two courses were set before him? Dent. 30:19,20.

CHAPTER XI

Reigning Line Interrupted

155¹ (a) Though the royal line from King David to the Seed was unbroken, when was the reigning line interrupted and the typical kingdom overturned? 2 Ki. 25:1-7. (b) Why did Jehovah not east away the Kingdom covenant he made with David? Luke 1: 31-33.

155² After the dedication of the temple what building programs did Solomon forward in the typical kingdom? 1 Ki. 9:10-19.

156¹ Why did the queen of Sheba travel far to speak with Solomon? and what was her comment after talking with this king and seeing his kingdom? 1 Ki. 10:1-13.

156² Of what was all this fame and wisdom and glory of Solomon and the kingdom of Israel typical, and how is the statement 'the half was not told' true antitypically? Matt. 12:42.

157¹ What proves that Solomon's reign was only typical and not a complete realization of the Kingdom covenant? and what instructions and obligations must the king fulfill to have a successful reign? 2 Chron. 9:29-31.

158¹ (a) In what respects did Solomon fail to keep these instructions, into what besetting sin did it lead him, and did he repent? 1 Ki. 10:26-29. (b) As forewarned by Jehovah, how did Solomon's unfaithfulness affect the typical kingdom? Ps. 89:30-34.

159¹ After Solomon's death what events oc-

curred in fulfillment of Jehovah's decree of kingdom partition? 2 Chron. 11:1-4.

159² What promise, and upon what condition, did Jehovah give to Jeroboam? and yet why was this promised thing to be "not for ever"? Jer. 3:17,18.

160¹ How did Jeroboam seal the doom of the new ten-tribe kingdom, as well as of his own dynasty? 2 Chron. 11:13-17.

160² How does the early history of the new kingdom of ten tribes show it was without God's blessing and peace? and how was it that Samaria later became a symbol of this kingdom? 1 Ki. 15:25-29.

161¹ What immoralities and demonism did Omri's son, Ahab, promote in the new kingdom that made his reign exceed in wickedness all previous ones? 1 Ki. 21:25,26.

161² Of what was Ahab's queen, Jezebel, a symbol, what did she attempt, and what was her reward? 1 Ki. 18:4,13; 21:23.

162² To what extent did Jehu destroy demon-worship out of Israel? and why and after how long did the ten-tribe kingdom end? Hos. 13:1-4.

162² When and by whom did Jehovah execute judgment against the kingdom of Israel? and what became of the Israelites and the land they had inhabited? Isa. 10:5-11.

163¹ By how many years did the kingdom of Judah survive the kingdom of Israel? and what handy provision is made to show the kings of Judah and their reigning periods?

163² What usurper of the throne of the kingdom of Judah is taken into account in the list of Judean kings, and what rule proves this individual was a usurper? 1 Tim. 2:12.

164¹ (a) During what time did it seem that the reigning line was interrupted, and yet how was Satan even then thwarted in destroying the royal Davidic line? 2 Ki. 11:1-12. (b) What did Satan then determine to do, by what means, and with what success? Jer. 16:10,11.

165¹ What events served to stem the tide of religion in the typical kingdom of Judah and give Satan and his forces setbacks in their schemes to reproach Jehovah's name? 2 Chron. 34: 2-5.

166¹ What warning, sounded by what agencies, did Jehovah give to his covenant people concerning the typical kingdom? and what was foretold relative to the complete fulfillment of the Kingdom covenant? Jer. 7:13, 25, 26.

166² In the final days of Jerusalem what world powers fought for control of the kingdom of Judah? Jer. 37:1,5,7,8.

167¹ What events and changes in Judean kings marked the struggle between these two ancient powers? and what steps did Nebuchadnezzar take to strengthen his hold on Judah? Jer. 22:18,19,24-30.

168¹ What events just preceded the fall of Jerusalem, and when and in what manner was the prophecy of complete desolation of the land of the typical kingdom fulfilled? Jer. 43:1-7.

168² What warnings to the typical kingdom as to covenant-breaking were sounded by Jehovah through his prophets, and what does the record show as respects the carrying out of these prophecies? Lev. 26: 21.

169¹ Why were sabbath years enforced upon the land, and how many should have been kept up to 607 B.C.? Lev. 26:43.

170¹ Why was the number of sabbath years set at seventy? Jer. 25:11,12; 29:10.

170² During those years of desolation and those that followed, what happened as to the royal line of David occupying the throne at Zion or Jerusalem? and yet what divine message showed that Jehovah's Kingdom covenant with David would be completely fulfilled? Jer. 23:5,6.

171¹ Who was responsible for the interruption of the reigning line, and how long must such interruption continue? Dan. 4:13-17, 23, 25.

171² Chiefly upon what is the chronology of the following chart based, and what chronological advantages are there in the books of Kings over the books of Chronicles?

171³ What was the length of the period of the kings from Saul to Zedekiah, and accordingly what appears to be the date of man's creation!

171⁴ What fact concerning the ancient vulgar year does this chronology take into account, and hence when did the Gentile Times begin and end?

172-175 What facts concerning the typical kingdom, and the kingdom covenant and the true kingdom of God does this chart show!

CHAPTER XII

Rise and Fall of Satan's Kingdom

176¹ The destruction of Jerusalem in 607 B.C. marked the beginning of what un-Theocratic rule! and how long was it to continue! Luke 21:24.

177¹ (a) What rearrangement, both in Satan's demon organization and in the earthly world powers, was marked by Nebuchadnezzar's ascen-

sion to the throne? (b) How was Satan's entire organization thereby pictured? Isa. 47:1, 5, 10-13.

177² (a) What took place during the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, who were among those carried off, and what was their lot at Babylon? Dan. 1:1-6, 17-20. (b) What did Nebuchadnezzar do in his nineteenth year that made his reign thereafter unique? and what notice did God serve upon him? 2 Ki. 25: 8-21.

178¹ What action concerning his dream did the king take on awaking? and thereupon how did Daniel show himself to be a faithful witness? Dan. 2:1-12, 27-30.

179¹ What did Daniel, by the grace of God, reveal to the king as being his dream?

179² How have religious clergymen attempted a private interpretation of this dream? and to what further conclusion, based thereupon, have they come? 2 Pet. 1: 20, 21.

180¹ Of what origin is such interpretation, and how is the true interpretation thereof provided? Dan. 2:47.

180² What interpretation of the image did the great Revealer of secrets give through Daniel? Amos 3:7.

182¹ What was pictured in the dream by the destructive work against the "image"? Matt. 21:42-44.

182² Why is it manifest that this vision of Daniel 2 is fundamental and distinct from others given through the same prophet? and what does the image as a whole represent? Isa. 14: 4, 12-17, 22, 26, 27.

183¹ How was Satan well pictured by the head of gold, to whom had been given a "kingdom,

power, and strength, and glory" ? Ezek. 28:13-15.

183² Although he rebelled, what latitude was Satan permitted to retain in exercise of his world domination? and how was King Nebuchadnezzar a fit symbol of his god, Satan? Matt. 4:8,9.

184¹ To what extent did Satan succeed in the organizing of demons under himself? and after the flood what was he obliged to do, and how is his product symbolically pictured? Jer. 51: 34.

185¹ What is meant by the statement, "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee"? Dan. 10:13,20.

185² What is the "third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth"? and how does it keep in touch with religious human-kind? Isa. 8:19, 20.

186¹ Who are symbolized by the superior metals of the image? and against whom do Jehovah's witnesses fight? Rom. 8: 38, 39.

186¹ How did Satan succeed in getting a new visible earthly organization under way? and how did the terms "the king of the north" and "the king of the south" come to apply? Gen. 12:9-15.

187^J (a) How do both kings and the two legs of the image fit in meaning, and what successive world powers do these picture ? Dan. 11:5,13.

(b) How, then, has the "fourth kingdom" been "strong as iron"?

188¹ What do the feet and toes of iron and clay appropriately picture, and how do these cleave together? Rev. 17:3,16.

188² (a) What is depicted by "the mountain"?

(b) What is 'cut out' therefrom? Zech. 14: 4.

189¹ (a) What is pictured by cutting out the

stone? Rev. 12:5. (b) In the days of what "kings" does the God of heaven set up a kingdom?

189² At what state of the enemy organization is the "stone" cut out, and what office does it fulfill, and for how long? Ps. 145:13.

190¹ Why is it imperative that the "stone" take action against the "image"? 2 Cor. 6:14,15.

190² (a) In what order and to what extent will the Stone destroy the terrible image? Rev. 19:19-21; 20:1-3. (b) How does the 'stone become a great mountain and fill all the earth'? Dan. 7:13,14.

CHAPTER XIII

A Remnant Returns

191¹ (a) In what prophecy was Daniel interested, and what did it mean to a remnant of God's covenant people? Jer. 25:12,13; 2 Chron. 36:21. (b) How did the Lord favor Daniel for faithfulness in prayer, but how was Daniel severely tested thereon? Col. 4:2.

192¹ In Babylon, what words of King Solomon did a faithful remnant recall, and why? Jer. 29:10-14.

192² (a) To what extent, and why, was Jehovah prepared to answer the prayer of the faithful remnant? Ps. 25:11; 79: 9-12. (b) Although Jehovah foretold a remnant would return, what was Babylon's attitude toward this remnant? and what resulted to her? Jer. 50: 4, 5, 33, 34.

193¹ What did Jehovah, by Isaiah, forecast concerning Babylon's conqueror? and how must this be fulfilled? Isa. 44: 28.

194¹ According to Isaiah 52:1-8, what must

befall captive Jerusalem? and what does its typical fulfillment mean for a faithful remnant now on earth? Ps. 126:1-4.

195¹ (a) In what order did Cyrus come to power, and what did his first year mark in fulfillment of prophecy? Dan. 9: 1; 1:21. (b) Why did Jehovah restore the captive Israelites? and their full restoration would prove to the heathen what great fact about Jehovah? Ezek. 20: 41-44.

195² (a) If not for political independence, what was God's purpose in releasing the faithful Jewish remnant? (b) How did King Cyrus cooperate with that purpose? Ezra 5:13-17.

196¹ (a) The return to the homeland was made by how many? Ezra 2: 64, 65. (b) Who of the reinstated remnant was made governor, and how was he related to King David? Matt. 1:6-12.

197¹ Who was associated with Zerubbabel in the temple work, and why was the return of the remnant so remarkable in its timing? 2 Ki. 25:22,25,26.

197² Joshua and Zerubbabel were types of what great builder, and how did Zechariah refer to them prophetically? Jer. 23: 5; Zech. 6:12.

198¹ What prophetic messages did Jehovah send to them by both Zechariah and Haggai?

199¹ How did the Gentile nations work in opposition to the temple building, and successfully for how long? and how was the temple work revived? Ps. 33:10-12.

199² To whom, and with what argument, did the temple builders appeal legally, and what did legal investigation uncover? Acts 25:10,11, 25.

200¹ How did the temple work then proceed to a conclusion, and what did its dedication vindicate? Ps. 127:1.

200² (a) Who then visited Jerusalem, and for what did the letter he brought with him provide? (b) What literary work followed from his time? Acts 15:21; 17:11.

200³ (a) What news did Nehemiah receive about Jerusalem and the remnant there, and what did the king give him the privilege to do in behalf of Jerusalem? Neh. 1:1-4; 2:1-6. (b) What important prophetic time-period, therefore, did the twentieth year of Artaxerxes' reign open up?

202¹ How did Nehemiah proceed respecting the walls of Jerusalem, and what did he soon experience? Neh. 2:12-20.

202² (a) How did Nehemiah meet the opposition to the wall-builders, and how did he encourage his people? (b) What enemy schemes and propaganda then failed, and when therefore was the wall finished? Ps. 147:12,13.

203¹ (a) With the Israelite remnant safe in their cities, what instruction and help did Ezra and Nehemiah give to the people? (b) What further action was taken toward the temple service and the guarding of the remnant from religion? Matt. 17:24-27.

204¹ How did the prayer of Nehemiah and the prophecy of Hosea indicate the "times of the Gentiles" had not yet ended? Luke 21: 24.

204² In the process of time how did dominion over the restored remnant change hands? Rev. 17:10.

CHAPTER XIV

The King at Hand!

205¹ Who was the last of the old prophets before the A.D. period? and for what special rea-

son did his prophecy urge for a clean priesthood and pure worship? John 4: 25, *Diag.*

206¹ What did the prophet Malachi further foretell as due to come, and how was such to be preceded? 1 Thess. 5: 2-6, 14.

206² To whom did Malachi's prophecy have a partial application, and to what did such partial fulfillment point forward? Luke 1:60, 76-79.

207¹ (a) Where had David been born, and what did Micah prophesy concerning the place? (b) When was the birth of the promised One due to occur, and what did such birth there mark? Luke 1: 26, 27, 30-33.

207² What occurred to effect the Son of God's change from heavenly form to flesh form? Heb. 2:9, 16, 17.

208¹ What were the circumstances and events attendant upon the birth of Jesus? Ps. 25:14.

209¹ What, then, was the shepherds' means for identifying the newborn future Messiah, and how did they become witnesses of the birth? John 7:42.

209² (a) How did Jehovah evidence wisdom in choosing shepherds instead of religious dignitaries as witnesses of Jesus' birth? 1 John 4:5, 6.

(b) What was Satan's desire in exciting interest regarding Jesus' birth? Acts 4:26, 27, A.S.V.

210¹ What two persons at Jerusalem were favored to become witnesses of the birth, and how? Ps. 25:3.

211¹ (a) How was Hosea's prophecy, "Out of Egypt have I called my son," fulfilled respecting Jesus? (b) Where was Jesus then brought up, and what things later developed respecting Jesus due to this fact? Matt. 21:11.

212¹ What is the meaning of *Messiah* or *Christ*?

and therefore what essential action was necessary for Jesus before becoming King, as pictured in the case of David? 2 Sam. 2: 4; 5: 4.

212² How did Jesus symbolize his consecration to God, and to what end did he consecrate himself? Matt. 3:13,15.

213¹ What immediately followed Jesus' baptism, and thereby who had now come, and what did God give him and do? Ps. 89: 3, 4.

214¹ Why was Jesus anointed to the Kingdom not as a human creature? and how is his becoming a sacrificing high priest related to that fact? 2 Cor. 5:14-16.

214² By reason of what was it that Jesus was a "new creature" at his anointing, and how did God then attest to that fact? Matt. 3:16,17.

215¹ As what must Jesus enter into the Kingdom, and hence what act of God toward him was necessary? 2 Cor. 5:17.

215² What selfish desire did the common people show toward Jesus, and why did he treat it as he did? John 18:36.

216¹ By his acts down to John's imprisonment, how did Jesus show he had perceived and determined upon his real mission? Luke 4:43.

217¹ Where and how did Jesus disclose what he was primarily anointed to do while on earth? John 18:37.

218¹ How did Satan there seek to bruise the heel of the woman's Seed, but without success? Mark 6:1-6.

218² How did Jesus now proceed to call more Kingdom publishers, and why? Matt. 9:36-38.

219¹ What miracle did Jesus then perform, and with what effect upon those about to be called? Matt. 14:33.

219² (a) How was the invitation then expressed, and who responded? (b) Who else were then called, and for what were they organized? Matt. 13:47,48.

220¹ During Jesus' discourse on the mountain, what did he make plain about participation in the Kingdom, and what blessednesses did he utter? Luke 6:20-23.

221¹ What did Jesus state should be foremost in prayer? and how can one's harmony with such prayer be demonstrated? Luke 11:1, 2.

221² Why will the mere calling of Jesus "Lord" fail to gain the Kingdom for the religionists? Matt. 25:11,12,44,45.

222¹ Why did Jesus use parables in stressing the Kingdom? and how did he show whether the righteous men of old would be members thereof? Acts 2: 29, 34.

223¹ Who was Jehovah's chief witness for the Kingdom, and where and in what manner did he carry on the educational work of teaching the Kingdom message? Acts 20: 20.

224¹ What instruction did Jesus give his twelve apostles in regard to their manner of preaching, and, after sending them, what did he himself do? Luke 9:1-6.

225¹ How did Jesus then expand and speed up the work, and what instructions did he accordingly give? Matt. 23:34.

226¹ Why were Jehovah's witnesses not mistaken in then announcing "the kingdom of heaven is at hand", since Jesus did not at that time begin reigning as King? Mark 11: 7-11, *Roth*.

227¹ In answering the unbelieving Pharisees what did Jesus state proving that 'the kingdom

was at hand'? and how was his statement true? John 1:37.

228¹ When, and why, would the message "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" not be announced? Mark 2:19,20.

229¹ When falsely accused for casting out devils, how did Jesus further make plain to the Pharisees that the Kingdom was at hand? 2 Cor. 4: 2-4; Num. 23:21.

229² When the King was at hand how was his presence distinguished? Luke 19:38-40.

CHAPTER XV

Bruising the King's Heel

230¹ How did the Serpent and his invisible seed manifest their hatred for the seed of the "woman", and why? Gen. 3:15.

230² Whom on earth did Jesus identify as of the seed of the Serpent? and what warning did he give them? John 8: 44.

231¹ How did Jesus prepare his disciples for the bruising of the seed, and why was it necessary that he do this? and what correspondingly was required of those desiring to share his kingdom? John 15:18-25.

232¹ Failure to preach the good news of the Kingdom and to confess its King results in what? 2 Tim. 2:12.

232² Jesus' words that 'some would not taste death until they had seen the Son of man coming in his Kingdom' had what symbolic fulfillment? Matt. 17:1-8.

233¹ (a) Why were the Moses and Elijah that the disciples saw neither flesh-and-blood resurrected men nor ones that had come down from

heaven? Matt. 11:11. (b) What miniature fulfillment did Malachi's prophecy concerning the coming of Elijah have? Luke 1:13-17.

234¹ Why, then, did those prophets appear in the vision? Rev. 2:20-22.

234² (a) Who, did Jesus say, determines the positions in the Kingdom, and what incident called forth this expression? Heb. 5:4. (b) What does this show regarding the claims of any religious pontiff to canonize "saints"? Luke 16:15.

235¹ When and under what circumstances did Jesus reach the town of Bethany, east of Jerusalem? Ex. 12:3-5.

236¹ What took place on the tenth day of Nisan A.D. 33, and what prophecy had thereby fulfillment? Isa. 62:11.

236² (a) Instead of also hailing Jesus as King, and anointing him, how did the religious leaders react to this expression of joy on the part of the multitude? Acts 4:11. (b) Why did not Jesus heed the objections of those leaders and still the coronation shouts! Ps. 8:2.

237¹ (a) Upon entering the temple the following day, what condition did Jesus find there, and what did he do about it? Jer. 7:11. (b) What prophecy had thus a partial fulfillment, and when was it to have a complete fulfillment? Hab. 2:20.

238¹ Why was Jesus perfectly within his rights by taking such action as regards the temple and preaching in it?

238² (a) Why did not Jesus answer the challenge of the religionists as to the authority for his preaching and his actions? Prov. 26:4. (b) Through what parable did he expose their antichrist intentions? and what alone kept those

religionists from assaulting him? Mark 12:12.

239¹ (a) How did Jesus foil the attempts of the Herodians to entrap him? Matt. 10:16. (b) How are his words in this connection to be understood and applied 1 Rom. 13:1-3.

239² (a) How had Jerusalem failed at her judgment? and what pronouncement of doom did the King make regarding her? Matt. 12: 41, 42. (b) How only could the Jews thereafter discern the Messiah? Rom. 11: 23.

240¹ (a) In response to his disciples' inquiry as to when these things would be, what long-range prophecy did Jesus make? 1 Cor. 10:11. (b) The fulfillment of this prophecy would be an indication of what fact, and a reason for what course of conduct? Luke 17: 30-33.

241¹ In the meantime, with whom did the conspirators strike a bargain, what prophecy were they unwittingly fulfilling, and when did their opportunity come? Ps. 41: 9.

242¹ (a) How was it possible for both the typical and the antitypical passover lamb to be sacrificed on the same day? Gen. 1: 5. (b) At Passover Jesus revealed to Judas that he had knowledge of what fact? and what further facts did he reveal to his disciples after he had dismissed Judas? John 13:21-30.

242² While instituting the new observance, what did Jesus say? and what assurance did he thereby give his disciples? 1 Cor. 10:16,17.

243¹ (a) What rule did Jesus lay down regarding who would be the greatest in the Kingdom? Matt. 18:1-4. (b) What assurance did Jesus give his disciples that they would be with him in the covenant for the Kingdom and also share in the Kingdom itself? Rev. 3: 21.

244¹ (a) In harmony with his words of comfort what did Jesus' prayer reveal regarding the relationship of his followers to him? John 15:1-11. (b) What immediately followed that prayer! Matt. 26:30-50.

244² How did Jesus rebukingly answer the mob that came to take him? 1 Pet. 2: 23.

245¹ Instead of calling angels to his rescue, what did the King choose to do, and because of what determination? Isa. 53: 7.

245² (a) How did the Serpent and his chief earthly seed proceed with the religious trial of the King, and what was manifest thereby? Ps. 35:15,16. (b) What fearless testimony did the King there give, and how was it misconstrued? Isa. 50:6-8.

246¹ (a) What was their true motive in demanding the death of the King? and by what move did those religious hypocrites seek to cover it up? Ps. 94:20. (b) To what course did these events prompt Judas Iscariot, and how did he act like his prototype? 2 Sam. 17: 23.

247¹ How did they then proceed hypocritically to brand the King as a political offender, and why?

248¹ (a) For his faithfulness, what great opportunity to witness came to Jesus? Rev. 1: 5. (b) How did he answer Pilate's inquiries, and with what effect? 1 Tim. 6:13.

249¹ (a) Why did Pilate send Jesus to King Herod! and what treatment did that ruler accord Jesus? Luke 23: 6-12. (b) By what efforts did Pilate seek to release Jesus? and what testimony concerning supremacy did Jesus then give? Acts 3:14.

250¹ (a) How were Pilate's efforts countered

by the Jewish leaders! and what almost unbelievable stand did they take in their efforts to destroy the King? Isa. 53:3,8,12. (b) What caused Pilate finally to yield? and where was Jesus nailed to the stake! Matt. 27:33; Luke 23:33.

251¹ What charge did Pilate keep posted above Jesus on the stake, despite objections, and of what should this have reminded the Jews? Ps. 22:12-18.

251² (a) What reproaches did Jesus endure while impaled upon the stake? Ps. 22:8. (b) Why did he not accept the challenge to prove that he was the Son of God by freeing himself? Heb. 7:26, 27.

252¹ How did one of the malefactors impaled at the side of Jesus show that he was an honest man and of some faith? John 11: 24.

252² What reply did Jesus make to the malefactor who showed good-will? and why cannot his statement be taken as proof that both went to heaven that day? John 20:17.

253¹ (a) Instead of going to Paradise that day, what do the Scriptures show as to where both Jesus and the malefactor did go that day and for how long? Acts 2: 27; Rev. 20:13. (b) What question will the awakened malefactor have to answer, and with what result? Rev. 22:14,15.

253² What unusual phenomena marked the bruising of the heel of the seed of the "woman"? and how was the death of the King foretold in Daniel's prophecy? Matt. 27: 45, 50, 51.

254¹ (a) What did Jesus provide by his death? and what effect did this have upon the typical sacrifices offered by the Jews? and how was this

also foretold by Daniel? Col. 2:14. (b) Why must the heel wound thus inflicted be healed?

CHAPTER XVI

Keys of the Kingdom

255¹ Why was Jesus buried on the same day of his death, and why was he hanged on a tree as a 'man accursed of God'? John 3:14,15.

256¹ What covenant relationship and responsibilities of the nation of Israel to Jehovah God made it necessary for him to be made a curse for these natural Jews? Lev. 16: 20-22.

256² Where was the dead Jesus, and on what marked day was Psalm 16:10,11 fulfilled toward him? Matt. 28:1-8.

257¹ What testimony have we from Peter that Psalm 16:10,11 had its fulfillment in the resurrection of Jesus? Luke 24: 44.

258¹ How was Jesus' being raised from the dead distinctive, and of what was it the beginning? Acts 26: 23.

258² As what kind of creature was Jesus raised from the dead, and why so, and what Scripture testimony have we to that effect? John 3: 5, 6.

259¹ By what process did the resurrected Jesus manifest himself to his disciples? and how did he appear to Saul of Tarsus, and with what effect? Matt. 28: 9,10,16,17.

259² How and when was Jesus completely begotten of God's spirit and given "the sure mercies of David"? 2 Sam. 7:12-17.

260¹ How was Jesus made a priest like Melchizedek in a lasting way, and what is the Scripture testimony thereon? Heb. 6: 20.

260² When did Jesus ascend to heaven, and, before so doing, what command did he give to his followers? John 14:16,17, 26.

261¹ (a) Because not understanding, what question did they put to Jesus, and how did his answer point out a tremendous work to be done? Luke 24:47-49. (b) Under what circumstances did Jesus ascend into heaven? and in what manner must he come again? Luke 24: 50-52.

262¹ (a) Did the resurrected King Christ Jesus immediately set up the Kingdom in full operation, and why so? Matt. 22:41-45. (b) How have religious clergymen contradicted the words of the apostle Paul at Hebrews 10:12,13? and what facts definitely prove their interpretation false? John 18: 36, 37.

263¹ (a) On Nisan 16, how was the type of the "firstfruits" fulfilled, and what began counting that day? 1 Cor. 15:23. (b) What must the High Priest Christ Jesus do at Pentecost?

264¹ What miracle took place on the day of Pentecost?

264² What manner of baptism was this, and of what fact was it visible evidence? Acts 2:32,33,38.

265¹ What is represented by the two loaves of Pentecostal firstfruits offered by the high priest, and the fact that they were accepted even though made of leavened bread? Heb. 10:10.

265² (a) What is pictured by the fact that there were two loaves? Eph. 2:11-16. (b) As what kind of creatures were the antitypical two loaves offered, and as proved by what scriptures? 1 Cor. 12:12,13.

266¹ (a) What prophecy did Jehovah cause his

inspired servant to apply at Pentecost, and who are the ones upon whom it was fulfilled? (b) What proves that the manifestation at Pentecost was only a partial fulfillment of this prophecy? Matt. 5:18.

267¹ Who gathered to witness this manifestation, and why were they amazed? 1 Cor. 14:21,22.

268¹ According to Jesus' words, who were to be denied the privilege of explaining this manifestation, but upon whom was the privilege to be conferred? Ps. 25:14.

269¹ (a) How is it Scripturally shown that Peter was not the "rock" meant in Jesus' words? 1 Cor. 3:11. (b) What does the term "keys" indicate, and how did the binding and loosing in connection therewith apply till Pentecost? Acts 1:8.

270¹ How did Peter use the first of the keys?

270² Thereupon, what did the Jews ask? and what was Peter's answer? Acts 3:19, 25, 26.

271¹ (a) Why could Peter have no successor to use that first key? (b) Why was there no manifestation of 'fiery tongues' or a 'rushing wind' when converts received Jehovah's spirit after that first spectacle? Acts 2: 41; 4: 4.

271² (a) What did Jesus do after his anointing with Jehovah's spirit, and how likewise was the outpouring of the spirit at Pentecost and thereafter marked? Acts 5:42. (b) Why did the apostles thenceforth not preach "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Acts 17: 2, 3.

272¹ (a) When was the midst of the seventieth week, and what things had been accomplished up till then in fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy? (b) How much time had this week yet to go, and

what was to be confirmed for this week? Gal. 3:15-18, 29.

273¹ (a) During the first half of this seventieth week, to whom did Jesus confine his preaching, and why? (b) For the remainder of this week after his death, why was Peter bound from carrying the Kingdom message to the Gentiles? Acts 3: 25, 26.

273² (a) Had a sufficient number responded, of what special opportunity would the Jews have availed themselves during that seventieth week, but how many did respond? (b) With the close of that week, what change of procedure must take place? Acts 13: 46.

274¹ What were God's dealings with Cornelius and Peter that led to Peter's visiting Cornelius' Gentile home? Luke 7:1-7.

275¹ What took place when Peter and Cornelius met, and how did Peter then use the second 'key of the kingdom'? Acts 11:1-4,18.

275² Why did Peter need no successor in the use of the keys, and how did heaven confirm his use of the second key, and why was this no second Pentecost? Eph. 3: 5, 6.

276¹ (a) What did Peter then command for those Gentile believers? (b) How is this shown to be not John's baptism, but what command of Jesus here began taking its full sweep? Acts 13:24,25.

277¹ From the time of Peter's mission to Cornelius onward what privilege was extended beyond just the natural Jews, and how is this confirmed by both Peter and James? Rom. 11:11-13.

278¹ What privileges became the portion of those Gentiles upon whom the spirit was poured

out, and what was the general result, as attested by Paul? Col. 1:25-27.

CHAPTER XVII

The Royal Family

279¹ What two mysterious questions coupled together stood for thousands of years after God's prophecy in Eden? 1 Pet. 1:10-12.

279² (a) By what important events did the hidden mystery become solved? Eph. 6:19.

(b) What was the mystery finally revealed, and understood by God's faithful servants? Col. 4:3.

280¹ According to the mystery revealed, of whom is the royal family made up, and how is it like the perfect human organism? Eph. 5: 29, 30, A.8.V.

281¹ What position or situation does the royal family occupy in God's universal organization? Phil. 2: 9-11; John 17: 24.

282¹ Why did failure by the Jewish nation not frustrate God's purpose to complete the membership of the royal family? Acts 13: 46-48.

282² How is the number twelve fitly associated with spiritual Israel? and how many will make up the royal family? Rev. 21:12,16, 21.

283¹ What further precludes the idea that millions of men will become members of the royal family in heaven? Luke 13: 23, 24.

283² What did Jesus emphasize to Nicodemus, and why will those of mankind who stay humans not be a part of the heavenly kingdom? Matt. 11:11.

284¹ Who are debarred from being born again, and to whom must men be drawn and by whom be taught? John 3:36.

285¹ How are men drawn to the Lord and taught of Him? Bom. 10:14-17.

285² Why must we come to Christ Jesus, and what does belief in him mean? 1 John 2: 3-5.

286¹ Why did Jesus wholly consecrate himself to God's service and become baptized? Heb. 10:5-10.

286² How does one deny himself as Jesus said and obtain acceptance of his act? Gal. 2:16.

287¹ After a consecration based upon faith in Jesus' blood, what standing does the creature first acquire before God? 1 John 1: 7.

287² What does his justification make possible, what does God then do, and what does the justified one become? 1 Pet. 1: 3,4.

288¹ By what specifically is the begettal brought about? and by what gracious provision is the consecrated one enabled to live as a new creature? Bom. 8:1-4.

288² In what way, then, are the justified ones born again and born of water and spirit? 1 Pet. 1:23.

289¹ Why is God's organization now all spiritual, and how do the spirit-begotten ones become children of it? Bom. 9:8.

290¹ To whom is the call to the kingdom of God extended? and does being a Jew or a Gentile affect the matter? Heb. 2:13.

291¹ What evidence does God give that one is elected or chosen to be of the Kingdom company? and with whom are they elect? 1 Cor. 1:27,28.

291² What did God predestinate or determine beforehand concerning his elect company? and with what result? 1 Pet. 2: 9.

292¹ What requirement did God predestinate

for his chosen ones, and when? John 15:16,19.
292² In the order shown at Romans 8:28-30, how does God justify and glorify his elect? Ps. 149:4-9.

293¹ (a) How are these anointed? (b) What pledge or assurance does God give his chosen ones that they have the hope of being with Christ in the Kingdom? Heb. 6:17-19.

294¹ Why is there no hope for those anointed who are willfully unfaithful and turn against the enlightenment of God's spirit? 2 Pet. 2:20-22.

294² What must those anointed do who will finally receive the prize of the Kingdom? John 15:1-8.

295¹ According to recorded historic facts, why is it necessary for the followers of Christ Jesus to be baptized? Matt. 16: 24.

296¹ In view of all examples of baptism, when should the consecrating one be baptized in water? Acts 2:38,41.

296² What further baptism comes upon those who are taken into the Kingdom? and yet, why is there said to be but "one baptism"? Eph. 4:4,5.

297¹ By what were they baptized into one body, and how is this fact manifested? 1 Cor. 12: 4-10.

297² What does the baptism of the holy spirit mean as to the fleshly organism of those who are new creatures? Gal. 5: 24; 6:14.

298¹ Why does baptism into Christ's death bring distress" and difficulty upon the consecrated one? John 15:19; 1 John 3:13.

298² Of what does one who becomes a member of Christ's body also become a member, and how? John 3:1, 2.

299¹ (a) Who is primarily the "seed", and how does Paul explain the way others become part thereof? (b) Into what covenant are such ones taken? Heb. 2:10-12,16,17.

299² What is the test of integrity that comes upon the heirs of the Kingdom, and why is it necessary? 1 Pet. 1:7.

300¹ What does the Lord say to aid his body members to hold fast their integrity, and in what privilege do the overcomers have a part? Rev. 3:10,11.

301¹ What course must be taken by those who would make their calling and election sure and be saved? Matt. 22:14.

301² What must be the constant endeavor of those who hope to share in Christ's resurrection? Heb. 12:1,2.

302¹ What is the royal prize finally attained by those who refuse to compromise with Satan's world? Rev. 2:10,26,27.

302² Why is their resurrection spoken of in the Scriptures as the "first" resurrection? Rev. 1: 5, 18.

303¹ How does the apostle Paul describe the first resurrection of Christ and his body? 2 Cor. 5:1-4.

303² What is the mystery of that resurrection, and what great victory is won by the resurrection of the body of Christ to immortality? Hos. 13:14; Isa. 25:8.

304¹ Why will those of the first resurrection remain forever invisible to human eyes? John 14:19; 1 Tim. 6:16.

305¹ (a) How will the royal family share and reflect the heavenly glory of the head Christ Jesus? Col. 3: 4. (b) What judgment does Jehovah

give them, and to what place does He assign them? 2 Tim. 2:11,12.

CHAPTER XVIII

Theocracy's Ambassadors

306¹ (a) By what was Jesus' coming as Messiah the Prince preceded, and why? (b) What is of still greater importance, and why? Ps. 22:27, 28.

306² (a) Why, therefore, should the message "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" be now proclaimed? (b) By whom did Jehovah promise to give warning? Ezek. 3:17-21.

307¹ What facts show that the work of John the Baptist was only a miniature fulfillment of the Elijah prophecy? Luke 19: 41-44; 21: 5, 6.

307² Now, nineteen centuries later, what is again the message proclaimed? and what questions arise? Rev. 12:10.

308¹ What does Elijah's name mean, and what outstanding things did he do respecting religion? Jas. 5:17,18.

308² Who carried on after Elijah, and what does his name mean? 2 Ki. 2: 8-15; 9:1-3.

309¹ How was the work of John like that of Elijah? and who followed him in proclaiming "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Luke 1:13-17.

309² (a) By whose works, therefore, was the work done in connection with the Kingdom's establishment foreshadowed? Luke 4:27. (b) Who, then, is the Elijah that Jehovah promised to send? and what sign is provided through the antitypical Elijah? Zech. 3:8, *margin*.

310¹ (a) What magazine began to appear in July, 1879, who were back of it, and to what event did it early point? (b) What companion publications of like import appeared shortly thereafter, and what effect did the message have on the religionists? Acts 13: 40,41.

311¹ (a) How in 1918 was the work of publishing the Kingdom stricken low? Matt. 24:9-13. (b) In this stricken state what comfort did the publishers receive from God's Word! and, accordingly, what was destined to happen to the work? Prov. 24:16.

312¹ (a) How did the revival of the Kingdom work in 1919 compare with the events of A.D. 33? Ezra 5:1, 2. (b) How did the events 3^{1/2} years after 1919 compare with those of A.D. 36? Acts 15: 7, 8,14,17.

313¹ What followed from and after 1922? and what prophecy has therefore been undergoing final fulfillment since 1919? Matt. 28:19,20.

314¹ How do the 'young men see visions', and the 'old men dream dreams'? 1 John 2:13,14, 20,27.

315¹ Upon whom is the final outpouring of the spirit fulfilled, and how do they act in the capacity of ambassadors? Luke 14: 31, 32.

315² Should the ambassadors of God's kingdom expect to be received in a friendly manner by all, and since 1914 what are the facts? Mark 13:9,10.

316¹ How many are now such ambassadors, and of what significance is it that "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" is widely proclaimed by them? Isa. 52:7,8.

CHAPTER XIX

Consider the Evidence

317¹ What is the "kingdom of heaven", and where do we learn of the heavenly events concerning it? Rev. 4:1, 2.

317² How had Daniel pictured what occurred in the heavens at the time The Theocratic Government was established with respect to the earth? Ps. 72:1,2,7,8.

318¹ (a) Of what was Daniel's vision a preview? and why did Jehovah's King not exercise his right till then? Heb. 10:12,13. (b) What, therefore, does the empowering of his King mean? Ps. 103:19.

319¹ (a) What jubilant proclamation is made in the heavens at the time Jehovah begins reigning over the rebellious portion of the universe? Heb. 1:6; 2:8. (b) To whom was that information duly transmitted? Rev. 11:11,12.

320¹ What is represented by Daniel's "thousand thousands", what is the name thereof, and how does their action correspond with that depicted in chapter 12 of Revelation? Isa. 66: 7.

320² How is the deadly foe of the woman and her seed described? and yet what takes place? Rev. 12:13.

321¹ (a) How was that picture of Revelation 12:1-5 fulfilled in 1914? Gen. 3:14,15. (b) What must follow in heaven, and what is the fitting name of the one taking action? Rom. 16: 20.

321² What was the outcome of the war in heaven, and what loud proclamation was made in heaven? Isa. 14:12-15.

322¹ What does Psalm 45 make clear as to the

state and conduct of the nations from and after 1914?

322² What is the "goodly matter" with which the psalmist's heart overflowed?

323¹ Who is the King's bride, and why is she also called "the king's daughter"? John 3:29.

324¹ What is the relationship of the daughter organization to the mother organization, and by what related women were these organizations foreshadowed? Isa. 66:8-10.

324² (a) Who compose the "new heavens" with respect to our globe, and why is it called "new"? Rev. 20: 6. (b) How does the Revelation account show that the daughter organization takes the name of the mother, and also when the marriage of the daughter to Christ takes place? Isa. 62:1-5.

325¹ (a) Did Christ's body members have part in the "war in heaven"? (b) What is Jehovah's temple, who is its chief stone, and when does the messenger of the covenant appear there? Eph. 2:19-22.

326¹ (a) How does God's Word identify the temple, and the living stones? (b) How is the chief cornerstone regarded by religionists, and by the believers? Isa. 28:16.

327¹ How do Solomon's building of the temple in earthly Zion and Malachi's prophecy of the Lord's coming to his temple have a first fulfillment at Christ's presence in A.D. 29-33? Zech. 6:12,13.

328¹ In the complete fulfillment, what correspondence exists in the time feature, and what announcement accompanied the fulfillment? 2 Tim. 4:1.

328² (a) What came upon the nations, but what

was seen respecting God's temple in heaven?
 (b) What then occurred to begin the "marriage of the Lamb"? Hag. 2:6,7.

329¹ (a) How were the last members on earth of the body of Christ put to the test? (b) How did the Judge at the temple deal with each of the two classes that developed? Isa. 65:13-15.

329² What has since been the most plain-speaking evidence that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? and who presented this evidence, and under what conditions? Luke 21:12,13.

330¹ What do the physical evidences within the nations show respecting the Gentile times and Satan's rule and organization?

330² How is the beginning of the King's righteous reign and Theocratic warfare illustrated in Revelation 6:2? Ps. 21:1,3,8,12, A.8.V.

331¹ How is the setting up of Kingdom rule thus indicated, and with what victory does it start off? Ps. 2:6.

331² How did the consequences of the dragon's opposition to the King appear in the earth? and how was this pictured in the reign of King David? 1 Chron. 14:8-16.

332¹ What did Satan do to suppress the good news concerning the Kingdom's establishment, and how far did he succeed? Zech. 14:1, 2.

332² How is that total warfare and regimenting of the people shown in Revelation 6:4?

333¹ (a) What shift in place in the "dragon" organization had taken place before 1914 and affecting also the earth? Rev. 13:1, 2. (b) What proof that the "time of the end" began in 1914 then occurred, and how does Daniel describe the opposition of the totalitarian power to Jehovah's King? Rev. 13:3.

334¹ Of what was that world war a visible sign? and what other sorrows must also come, and for whom are they not sorrows? Luke 21: 28.

334² How was great scarcity and famine attending the total war prophetically pictured? and what frantic schemes are put forth to overcome such? Luke 21:11.

335¹ What was revealed with the opening of the fourth seal? and what does this portend with respect to postwar global peace and security? Ezek. 7:15.

336¹ (a) Since apostolic days whose blood has been sacrificially slain, and for what does it cry to God? (b) How was it foretold that more such blood would be shed in the "time of the end"? Ps. 72:14.

336² What prophetic vision was seen with the opening of the fifth seal? and till when will divine vengeance linger? Isa. 26:21; Ps. 9:12.

337¹ What is signified by the "white robe", when was it given, and what takes place when any of the remnant finish their earthly course faithfully thereafter? Rev. 19: 8.

338¹ Why can there be no stability now in the organization of men under the demonic heavens? and how is this threatening condition viewed by men and by the people of God? Isa. 2:10-21.

338² What are the figurative sun, moon, and stars experiencing? and how will the crisis upon the demonic heavens and upon Satan's earth terminate? Hag. 2:6,7.

339¹ What was the apostle John privileged to see with the opening of the sixth seal, picturing the above-discussed things? Isa. 34: 4, 5.

340¹ (a) Who is the one seated on the throne,

and who is his Executioner? Rev. 5:1-7. (b) As such, what issue will he settle, and how? John 5:22,27.

340² (a) Who are the ones that wail because of the King's coming, and why? Rev. 18:9,15, 16,19. (b) How have they 'pierced the King', and where are they seeking hide-outs? Luke 23:29,30.

341¹ (a) What is the towering mountain under which mankind seeks to hide, and what do its supporters reject? Isa. 8: 9-12. (b) How is this mountain camouflaged, who inspired it, and what does it counterfeit? 2 Cor. 11:14,15.

342¹ What organization did Jesus foretell as a positive evidence that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? and how did he warn against it, and why? Mark 13:14.

343¹ (a) Where must those who seek everlasting life find urgent shelter? Joel 2: 32. (b) How did the "abomination of desolation" first appear, when did it go into the abyss, and in what form does it come out? Isa. 24:17,18.

343² (a) What does the harmony of prophecy with modern history prove and guarantee as to prophecy and its interpretation? Luke 24:19. (b) What, therefore, is near? Jas. 5: 8, 9.

344¹ (a) What do all facts put to the front, and what will the understanding ones announce? Dan. 12:3. (b) What, then, is "this gospel of the kingdom"? and till when shall it be preached, and why? Mark 13:10, 30, 31.

CHAPTER XX

Subjects of The King

345¹ (a) What is a vital requisite now and in the postwar era for those who will become

worthy subjects of the King of the New World?
1 John 2:15-17. (b) What role has religion played for millenniums, and under what name is she symbolized?

346¹ How is the exalted position of religion in the postwar era pictured in Revelation, and with whose position is such in contrast? Ezek. 16:24-26.

346² What is the position and condition of the true church! Eph. 5: 25-27.

347¹ Into what conflict does religion goad on the world-rulers in the postwar era, and against whom! Eev. 17:7-12.

348¹ (a) How will destruction come upon religion, and when? (b) What will her destroyers do toward God's remnant and their companions? Ezek. 23:17, 22-35.

349¹ How is the fiery end thereafter of Satan's "old earth" figuratively portrayed! Ps. 11: 2-6.

349² How does Peter describe the fiery end of the old world? and at that time what will God's "cut out" Stone do! Zeph. 1:14-18.

350¹ What further work of destruction follows the annihilation of Satan's visible organization? and how does the prophetic foreview thereof picture it! Ezek. 39:1-6.

350² Under what conditions and associations will Christ Jesus then rule, and thus what will be functioning toward mankind? Rev. 20: 4, 6.

351¹ What is meant by the Scriptural term "new earth", and of what will it be composed? Ps. 96:10.

351² What group of faithful men will compose the "new earth"? and how will this be possible? Heb. 11:13-16.

352¹ By receiving life through the reigning

King, what relationship will be reversed respecting the ancient servants of God? and how does Isaiah 9:6,7 agree therewith? Matt. 22:41-45.

353¹ (a) How does Jehovah's manner of communication between himself and Israel in the typical Theocracy illustrate communication in the new world? (b) What will be the official position of those representatives, and as what will they be to obedient humankind? 1 Sam. 12:1-5.

354¹ What will constitute the creating of the "new earth"? and thereby what will have been regenerated? Rev. 21:1.

355¹ What does the original Greek word translated "regeneration" mean, as shown by modern translations?

355² Why did regeneration become necessary? and when did it begin, and when does it end? 2 Pet. 3:13,14.

355³ (a) In evidence of the Kingdom's presence, how does the King use his angels in behalf of the elect? Mark 13: 26, 27. (b) What does the angel in midheaven preach, and what does the "midheaven" picture? Matt. 24:14.

356¹ What results does the preaching by the remnant produce in proof of the Kingdom at hand, and since when have such results been manifest? 2 Ki. 2:13,14.

357¹ Who are the "goats", and what is their fate, and why? John 13: 20.

358¹ Who are the "sheep", and into what does the King invite them, and why? Matt. 10: 40-42.

358² Besides their destiny under the Kingdom, what great blessing will the enthroned King ex-

tend to many of the "other sheep" during Armageddon? John 11: 25, 26.

359¹ What is the course of action taken by these "other sheep" that brings such blessings, and how is it pictorialized? Isa. 25:9.

359² Of whom do they become service companions, and how does Psalm 45 symbolize them?

360¹ How were they and their privileges foreshadowed in Noah's day? Gen. 7: 7; 8:18; 9:1.

360² How do the "other sheep" show now their genuine love for righteousness? and what are some outstanding typical examples in David's day prefiguring them? Heb. 10: 33.

362¹ In King Solomon's time and in King Jehu's time how were they and their course of action prefigured? 1 Ki. 8: 41-43; 10:1-9; 2 Ki. 10:15-28.

363¹ As the foretold "men of good-will", what do they now enjoy, and what do they hear and pass on to others? Luke 2:14, *Douay; Botherham*; A.S.V., margin.

363² In Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians what general hope is set forth proving that others besides the "princes" and the "other sheep" will become loyal subjects of Jehovah's King? Acts 24:15.

364¹ How and when will the last enemy, death, be destroyed? Isa. 25: 8.

364² What final test will be imposed at the end of the thousand-year reign, and for what purpose, and with what lasting results? Ps. 72:7-9 19.

365¹ (a) What will the reign of Christ then have effected and attained? (b) What course will the Seed of God's "woman" then take? Eph. 3:21.

CHAPTER XXI

"Jehovah Reigns"

366¹ Why does the reign of Jehovah begun bring a joyous echo of praise from heaven to earth? Rev. 12:10-12.

366² (a) How does Jehovah reign, and why now can we be thankful for that? Rev. 11:17,18. (b) What do people, nations, and rulers do, and yet what fact remains? Ps. 29:10; 93:1-4.

367¹ (a) Who are the true "higher powers", and why are they not recognized by the rulers and people in general? 1 Chron. 29:11. (b) What class discern the real Higher Powers, and how does this affect their course of action in obeying them? Dan. 3:17,18.

369¹ What Theocratic instruction did both Peter and Paul write for the keeping of order and unity within the Lord's organization today? and how do the faithful comply therewith? Eph. 4:1-3.

369² How do Christians now pray 'for kings and all men', in harmony with God's will? and why should they continue to pray "Thy kingdom come" when the Kingdom is already established? Rev. 20:1-4.

370¹ Why is Jehovah's kingdom of such world importance, and what should all who desire life do to live in it forever? Ps. 145:1-13.

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