

racy]: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city [The Theocratic Government]. By faith Abraham, being tried, offered up Isaac: yea, he that had gladly received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; even he to whom it was said, In Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God is able to raise up, even from the dead; from whence he [Abraham] did also in a figure receive him [Isaac] back."—Hebrews 11: 9, 13-19, *Am. Rev. Ver.*

Jehovah's unconditional promise to Abraham is called the Abrahamic Covenant, for the reason that Abraham served to picture Jehovah himself, while Sarah his wife served to picture Jehovah's organization, which brings forth the Seed for Jehovah's purpose. That is a unilateral or one-sided covenant. It is a declaration of the unchangeable purpose of Jehovah to do a certain thing, and the result thereof does not at all depend upon what the man Abraham or any other creature might do or fail to do. That is the covenant that announces God's provision for man to obtain life, for the reason that therein it is plainly stated, "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 22: 18) The blessing of the families or peoples of the earth means that God will give them opportunity to live, and such opportunity must come in his appointed way, to wit, by and through the promised Seed, which is Christ Jesus.

There is no Scriptural reason to conclude that the man Abraham and his fleshly descendants will inherit the earth. God's promise to Abraham was long ago fulfilled in miniature and in a typical manner, but the greater fulfillment in completion is to those of Jehovah's capital organization, of which Christ Jesus is the Head. "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." (Romans 4: 13) Jehovah is the Greater Abraham. "The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Ps. 24: 1, *A.R.V.*) Satan, who as Lucifer was the original invisible overlord of the earth, has now been cast out of heaven; the overlordship of the earth now belongs to Christ Jesus, the Seed of Abraham, whose right it is to rule, because Jehovah has given it to him. Christ Jesus is Jehovah's heir of all things, and those of Jehovah's royal house of sons are joint-heirs with

Christ Jesus. (See Romans 8: 16, 17.) When God said to Abraham, 'I will give unto thee and unto thy seed after thee the land,' clearly the meaning thereof is that Abraham in type was given the land and that the Seed of Abraham, "which is Christ," will possess it for ever.

The position of Abraham and the other faithful witnesses of old, when resurrected from the dead in a "better resurrection" than that of the rest of the dead, will be that of "princes in all the earth", that is to say, the visible governors of earth under the invisible Theocratic Government, the direct representatives of Christ Jesus, to whom God has given the earth as his inheritance; and as such princes these resurrected witnesses of old will rule under Christ and will rule in righteousness. (Note Psalm 2: 6-8; Hebrews 11: 35; Psalm 45: 16; Isaiah 32. 1.)

The patriarch's original name Abram means "exalted father", which name the Lord changed, calling him Abraham. The name Abraham means "father of many nations" This is proof that Abraham was here used as a symbol to represent Jehovah God himself, who alone is the Giver of life, hence the great Father of all those of the families and nations of the earth that live under The Theocracy, and that The Seed is Christ Jesus, by and through whom Jehovah gives life to man. (Rom. 6: 23) When Jehovah said to Abraham, "I will . . . make thy name great," manifestly God meant that he would make his own holy name great. (Gen. 12: 2) The dealing of Jehovah with the natural descendants of Abraham, the fleshly Jews, was for His, Jehovah's, own name's sake. (Ezek. 20: 9) The purpose of the Abrahamic covenant, therefore, was not primarily for man's benefit, but was and is for the vindication of Jehovah's name; and this conclusion is abundantly supported by the Scriptures. A long period of time has been permitted to elapse during which period of time Jehovah God permits Satan to remain and carry forward his nefarious work in order that He, Jehovah, in his own due time may have a testimony given in the earth concerning his name and Theocracy and then may exhibit his power at the battle of Armageddon to convince all creation that he is the Supreme One, the great Theocrat. Let it be kept in mind that the salvation of creatures is entirely secondary to the great purpose of Jehovah by this Theocratic Government.

## MOTHER RELIGION IN MAY

"MOTHER'S DAY" began to be observed in England, in 1913. That same year the United States Congress, by resolution, made the second Sunday in May of each year a national holiday, "dedicated to the memory of the best mother in the world, your mother." That sounds nice, and on the face of it looks nice; but is it sincere? and what is the real purpose thereof? Do the men of England and America love their mothers better since that than they did before? Certainly not. Is it true that every man's mother is the "best mother in the world"? Everyone knows that is not true.

"Mother's Day" was first observed in America in 1914, the very year that the "times of the Gentiles" expired and Satan's uninterrupted worldly rule ended, at which event he knew his time was short to get ready for the great battle of Armageddon between his organization and The Theo-

cratic Government. To induce the people to bestow special honor and worship upon mothers would be one step toward turning the people away from the worship of the great Theocrat, Jehovah God; just another one of Satan's means of preparing for Armageddon. In all the religious organizations today much is made over "Mother's Day", but in not a single one of them are the people told that in respect of the commandment to honor father and mother God is the Father of those that live and His "woman", to wit, his organization, is the mother of those that receive life from God, and that all honor and worship are due to Jehovah God. On the contrary, the men of "Christendom" are taught to pay their honor to creatures, and not to the Creator, and this is taught by clergymen, whose duty and obligation is to teach the people the truth of God's Word. For example, note the following:

The New York *Times* published the following under the date line 'ROME, April 17, 1940': "Today, as he did a year ago, the Pope issued a world-wide appeal for a month of prayer to the Virgin Mary 'for the restoration of peace among the nations.' . . . 'Through you [pastors], we bade the whole Catholic world to offer in the month of May, then close at hand, prayers and fervent aspirations to the Great Mother of God that she might conciliate her Son, offended by our many sins, and that the just settlement of opposing interests and the restoration of confidence to men's minds might effect the return of peace among nations. Now that the situation is worse, and that this terrible war has broken out, bringing with it already untold harm and suffering, we cannot but call again on our children scattered through the world to gather around the altar of the Virgin Mother of God daily during the next month [May], consecrated to her, to offer her suppliant prayer'"

The month of May and of Mother's Day is understood to be named after Maia, a demon worshiped by the pagans. "Her name marks her as the 'fruitful mother'. . . . Maia became by Zeus the mother of the god Hermes."—*The Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

On the face of it the arrangement of Mother's Day seems harmless and calculated to do good. But the people are in ignorance of Satan's subtle hand in the matter, and that he is back of the movement, to turn the people away from Jehovah God. The slogan is: "The best mother who ever lived", the purpose being to establish creature worship, or at least to divert the attention of man from the proper worship of God. There have been many good mothers of men, and many bad ones. Not every man has the best mother that ever lived; and therefore the slogan is false. The woman

that dishonors Jehovah God and blasphemes his name is not a good woman, regardless of how many children she may bear; whereas some of her children may be faithful servants of God. The good mother is the one who serves and honors Jehovah and teaches her children to do likewise, and who renders her proper motherly duties in the home. Real men have great respect and great love for such mothers, but their worship is given to Jehovah God.

Neither the man nor the woman should be worshiped for doing right, because such doing of right is their duty. Creature worship of any kind is wrong and is an abomination in God's sight.—Luke 16: 15.

In "Christendom" men have formed the habit of quoting their mothers as authority for their course of action and of utterly ignoring God's Word. In "Christendom" women teach, preach and prophesy in religious houses, and predict and prophesy in affairs of state concerning peace and war. Women are seducing and misleading men, causing them to mix politics and religion and to compromise their duty toward God in order to comply with the rules of Satan's unrighteous world. Such conduct is "fornication" in the Scriptural meaning of that term, as set forth at Revelation 2: 20: "Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols." Such is contrary to God's rule, as stated at 1 Timothy 2: 12: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

When men and women follow the Devil's subtle scheme, they turn away from Jehovah God; and the farther they go, the more trouble they get into.

## LETTERS

### RESOLUTION

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

The publishers of the Chicago [Ill.] company, South unit, assembled at a regular service meeting Thursday, October 19, extend to you love and greetings, and pass the following resolution.

"Understanding that everything that can be shaken shall be shaken from the Lord's Kingdom Organization, and having received warning from the Lord that in 'this last day' unfaithful ones within the organization would be led to believe a lie and to cause division and strife among the brethren (2 Thess. 2: 11 and Rom 16: 17, 18),

"We firmly resolve to give no heed to such evil and unfaithful ones, nor to any manner of information which does not come through the channel provided by the Lord's Theocratic Government, but to be always alert to receive information and instruction from the temple and in the spirit of Christ to act promptly and in full obedience thereto, thus manifesting love and devotion to our King. (1 Cor. 1: 10; Acts 3: 23) Salvation belongeth to the Lord!

"We resolve to do with our might what our hands find to do and use the equipment provided by the Lord with which to bring the message of hope and salvation to those of good will, or 'other sheep', and joyfully anticipate a most marvelous increase in Kingdom publishers this new year (the Lord will provide the increase).

"We extend to you, dear Brother Rutherford, and to the Bethel family, our utmost confidence and appreciation for the unstinted and faithful devotion you manifest unto the Lord and

for your zeal and courage in leading us, at the direction of the Lord, in fighting this battle against the enemy (Ephesians 6: 12) 'They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for the battle is not yours, but mine, saith the Lord!'

"Deaf and blind to all but the Kingdom interests, we pray the Lord's rich blessing upon you and 'all who are willing in this day of the Lord's power.'"

### EVIDENCE OF INCREASED JOYS

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

We, the Bloomfield, New Jersey, company of Jehovah's witnesses, appreciate your thrilling letter of January 20, concerning the new quota for publishers. It seemed to have an electrifying effect upon us, in more fully realizing our grand privilege in putting forth a greater effort in searching out those who are truly lovers of righteousness.

Your letter, which showed us, as never before, our opportunities of serving in The Theocracy, spurred us on to a wonderful climax of the three-bound-book witnessing period of January. Our report for the month of January is given in further evidence of our increased joys in The Theocracy: thirty-four publishers placed a total of 1,144 bound books; of these there were 358 combinations of three bound books. Note the most interesting of all: we made a total of 410 back-calls, or an average of 12 back-calls per publisher. Thus we mark the results, and now we are conducting 55 model studies each week.

We together send greetings in the Great THEOCRAT's name, desiring to do this one thing, that is, serve faithfully in the Theocratic Government, as your brethren and fellow publishers