

STUDY XV

THE DAY OF JEHOVAH

- (1) What is the "Day of Jehovah," and why is it so called? Page 307, par. 1, 2.
- (2) What other names are Scripturally applied to this same period of time, and why? Page 308, par. 1.
- (3) What responsibility has the world incurred through the witness of the true church of Christ? How may the Day of Jehovah be regarded as resulting from two causes, natural and supernatural? Page 308, par. 2.
- (4) What has been God's message to the church and to the world, respectively, and how have both messages been regarded? Page 309, par. 1.
- (5) What has always been the attitude of the depraved mind with respect to the rights of others? Page 310, par. 1.
- (6) How did this change from original godlikeness to subsequent selfishness come about? Page 310, par. 2.
- (7) During past ages, in whose hands have been found the wealth and consequent power to rule the masses? And how are these conditions being changed? Page 311, par. 1.
- (8) What are the advantages of wealth? Page 311, par. 2.
- (9) How has the general increase of intelligence operated upon the people? Page 311, par. 3; page 312, par. 1.
- (10) What are the signs of the times today, and toward what opposite extremes are both rich' and poor being forced by circumstances? page 312, par. 2.
- (11) In considering the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning Egypt, Babylon and Israel, should we expect to find a symbolic and antitypical as well as a literal fulfilment? Page 313, par. 1.
- (12) How does the Apostle James describe this great Time of Trouble? And what exhortation is given to the "brethren"? Are there any present indications of the near approach of this Day of Jehovah? Page 313, par. 2.

(13) What constituted Israel's "Day of Vengeance," and what is the appropriateness of the prophecies concerning the great Time of Trouble being addressed to that nation and to Jerusalem, more or less directly? Page 315, par. 1.

(14) How does the Prophet Zephaniah describe the Day of Vengeance? (Zeph. 1:7-9, 14-18.) Page 315, par. 2; page 316, par. 1.

(15) In what manner will the whole earth be devoured by fire? (Zeph. 3:8, 9.) Page 316, par. 2.

(16) How do we know that this is symbolic and not literal fire? Page 317, par. 1 and footnote.

(17) What do the symbols earth, mountains, heavens and seas, fire and brimstone represent in Scriptural usage? Page 318, par. 1.

(18) Explain St. Peter's prophecy concerning the Day of Wrath. (2 Pet. 3:6, 7, 10-13.) Page 318, par. 2, 3.

(19) What other office did some of the apostles, notably Peter, Paul and John, exercise? And how has the Lord used this gift for the edification and guidance of the church? Page 319, par. 1.

(20) How does the Prophet Malachi describe the Day of Vengeance? Page 319, par. 2.

(21) What does St. Jude say about the opportunity for pulling some out of this consuming fire? Page 320, par. 1.

(22) What does the Prophet Malachi declare concerning the day of the Lord's coming and the effect of this symbolic fire upon the Lord's people? (Mal. 3: 1-3.) Page 320, par. 2.

(23) How does St. Paul describe the effect of this refining process upon believers in the Day of the Lord? (1 Cor. 3:12-15.) Page 320, par. 3; page 321, par. 1.

(24) In what other way is this great Time of Trouble described by St. Paul? (Heb. 12:26-29.) Page 321, par. 2.

(25) How does the Psalmist give a vivid description of the great Day of the Lord, using the symbols, fire, storm and darkness? (Psa. 50:3; 97:2-6; 46:6; 110:2-6; 46:1-5.) And how are the same conditions re-stated under other symbols in Psalms 46:6-10? Page 322, par. 1 to page 324, top.

(26) What testimony is given in Revelation to prove that the Day of the Lord will be destructive to every form of evil yet not a time of literal burning of the earth? (Rev. 11:17, 18; 19:15, 16.) How does the Prophet Joel describe the same events under similar figures, and why are so many various symbols used in depicting the Day of Wrath? Page 323, par. 1; page 324, par. 1, 2.

(27) Who are the two rival parties in this great battle of the Day of the Lord? What is the present situation and the future outlook, as viewed by these opposing elements of society? Page 325, par. 1.

(28) Why is it difficult under present conditions for both parties to see alike, and how do the wealthy naturally feel about the matter? Page 325, par. 2.

(29) On the contrary, how do the laboring classes reason? Page 326, par. 1.

(30) Is it so much the present conditions, as the fear of future distress that animates organized labor? Page 327, par. 1.

(31) What is the ultimate tendency of many real blessings unless restrained by wise and equitable laws? And what conditions have delayed this injurious result until the present? Page 328, par. 1. ---T32) For example, what is the twofold effect of the production of labor-saving agricultural implements? What similar changes have been wrought in other departments of labor? Page 328, par. 2.

(33) What is the present peculiar situation in the relation of over-production to lack of employment? Page 328, par. 3.

(34) What remedies are being urged by the wageworkers? Page 329, par. 1, 2.

(35) What argument is used by labor against the "watering" of railroad and other stocks? Page 330, par. 1.

(36) What is the declared object of all labor unions? page 331, par. 1.

(37) What happy results might be obtained, if the Golden Rule could be put into practice by both parties to this controversy? And why is this impossible under present conditions? Page 331, par. 2.

(38) What is, therefore, the natural cause of the Day of Vengeance, and what will be its terrible climax? Page 332, par. 1.

- (39) What will be the ultimate effect of this Time of Trouble upon the minds of men, and how will it prepare their hearts to receive the Kingdom of Heaven? Page 333, par. 1.
- (40) What should be the attitude of all, both in the church and in the world, who realize the state of things which shall shortly come to pass? Page 333, par. 2.
- (41) What figures of speech are used in Scripture to describe the manner of approach of the Day of Vengeance? (Zeph. 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:2, 3.) Page 334, par. 1.
- (42) What attempted remedies will be administered to the body politic by society's physicians in the time of her travail, and with what result? Page 335, par. 1.
- (43) Speaking plainly, what will be the effect of the efforts of the masses for deliverance from the grasp of Capital? Page 335, par. 2
- (44) How does the deliverance of Israel from Egypt and from the plagues that came upon the Egyptians seem to illustrate the coming emancipation of the world at the hands of the antitypical Moses? Page 336, par. 1.
- (45) What is the relation of the Day of the Lord to the Plan of the Ages? Page 336, par. 2.
- (46) How would an earlier development of laborsaving machinery have resulted? Page 336, par. 3.
- (47) What unanswerable argument proves that this is God's "due time" for introducing a new order of things? Page 337, par. 1.
- (48) Why is the lifting of the veil of superstition and ignorance most opportune now? Page 338, par. 1
- (49) How will the position of the saints differ from that of all others during the great Time of Trouble? Page 338, par. 2.
- (50) What is the first duty of the saints toward the world at this time, and how can they let their "light shine" to the best advantage? Page 338, par. 3; page 339, par. 1.
- (51) Why should the saints take no part in the present struggle for wealth? Page 339, par. 2.
- (52) Is it because the saints have no ambition that they are contented in the midst of the most unfavorable surroundings? Page 339, par. 3.

(53) Why are some of the Lord's people discontented at present? Page 340, par. 1.

(54) What exhortation by St. Paul is most appropriate for the saints at this time? Page 340, par. 2, 3.

(55) By what example and counsel may the church be most helpful to the world at present? Page 341, par. 1, 2.

(56) In what way may the saints best fulfill their mission as ambassadors of peace? Page 341, par. 3; page 342, par. 1.

(57) With which of the opposing classes should the Lord's people sympathize? And in general what attitude should they take with respect to this Battle of the Day of God Almighty? Page 342, par. 2.