

MYSTERY BOOK

OF THE BIBLE

Sunday School Lesson For Sunday on Chapter One of Revelations

(By William T. Ellis.)

Because faddists and eccentric folk misuse it, and because most of its figures of speech pass the knowledge of us occidentals, the Book of the Revelation is one of the neglected portions of the Bible. Avowedly a mystery book, with hidden meanings, it is yet meant as a revelation. It was written by one Christian to other Christians to convey comfort and instruction. Any open-minded person who will read it through the entire Revelation at a sitting, as it was originally meant to be read, will find it full of clear teaching. In addition to the passages that are veiled, it is a book of revelation, and not of obscuration.

Several times during the present year these comments have pointed out the extraordinary and providential timeliness of the current Sunday School Lessons. None have been more so than the three studies in the Book of Revelation. Now, as perhaps never before within the memory of man, the world is in a state of religious bewilderment. People are wondering what the spiritual significance of the universal upheaval can be, and what the future will be. Usages and institutions which were thought to be permanent are tottering. A vast and fundamental questioning of old beliefs is abroad among men. Not a few thoughtful and reverent spirits, appalled by the awfulness of the world tragedy, are even asking whether there can be a God; or whether He cares for mankind. The cloud that overshadowed the minds of Christians in the terrible days of the persecutions under Domitian, when this book was written, is now resting upon man in the church to-day. May John's message serve the same purpose to-day that it served at the end of the first century of the Christian era.

It is only the man that is baffling. So the first reasonable step in approaching the study of the Apocalypse (and it is well to remember that apocalyptic literature, though not now in vogue, was a common vehicle of teaching two thousand years ago) is to fix firmly in mind the mundane and historical facts in the case. Let us get the book down out of the realm of unreality.

A real man wrote it. He was our old friend John, author of the Fourth Gospel and of the three New Testament letters that bear his name. This is the same John whom we call the "beloved disciple" and who reposed on the breast of Jesus at the Last Supper. He had the clearest comprehension of the mind of Christ on earth, and now it is given to him to see farthest into the purposes of Christ in heaven. They who are closest to Christ best understand His will. John was the minister of the apostle. He had been minister of the Church at Ephesus, and had been exiled to Patmos by the anti-Christian persecution that was harrying all the Christians.

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It is an unsafe record for one without a sense of proportion. Nothing is easier than to exalt one's own time and place into undue importance. Also it is essential to a proper reading of this book to recall the heavy drafts that the writer makes upon Old Testament figures of speech, especially as drawn from Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel and the Psalms.

KUNKEL ORATORICAL CONTEST JUDGES ARE APPOINTED
The judges for the Kunkel oratorical contest, to be held at Central high school on December 15, were announced this morning. They will be Carson Stumm, president of the School Board; William M. Hargest, Deputy Attorney General; and Ross A. Hickok. The contest was appointed by Samuel Kunkel, donor of the cup, the second by Professor H. G. Dibble, and the third by the two former.

The preliminaries will be held Thursday morning, December 7, when the eight orators will be chosen for the final. The judges of the preliminaries will be Professor Frank C. Roth, Professor Karl E. Richards and Professor William Melker of the Central faculty. Among the contestants are: Thomas Lantz, Richard Upton, Willard Smith, William Kay, Thomas Caldwell, Thomas Nevitt, Otto Lippman, Benjamin Wolfe, Alex. Schampan and Simon Brenner.

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7 Counsellor Cigars
6 Cincio Cigars
25c Bromo Seltzer
Azuleta Sachet, 1-oz. bot
25c Laxative Bromo Quinine
10c Soda Mint and Charcoal Tab.
25c Omega Oil
25c Olive Tablets
10c Snokoc, for cutnails
25c Bulls Cough Syrup
25c Limestone Phosphate
Rhinitis Tablets, 1/2 strength, 100

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Dr. Zimmerman Goes Back to Land of the Poncas
Dr. Charles Leroy Zimmerman, physician and surgeon at the Ponca Indian Agency, White Eagle, Okla., returned Wednesday after a short vacation at his home, 214 Pefferstreet. While in the city Dr. Zimmerman took a post-graduate course in surgery at the Harrisburg Hospital.

80c Lady Helen Chocolate Cherries, 39c
60c Maybelle Chocolate Cherries, 33c
80c Cretonne Chocolates, assorted, 39c
60c Lady Mildred Chocolates, assorted, 29c
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80c Martinique Assorted Chocolates, 39c

Penn Squad Plans to Live on 29 Cents a Day
Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—The Chicago diet squad is to have a rival in the shape of a University of Pennsylvania diet team if plans now well under way are carried through. Dr. Simon N. Patten, professor of political economy, assisted by the members of the Williamsport Club of the University and Professor Alonzo E. Taylor, of the department of physiological chemistry, has formulated plans by which it is thought possible the record of the Chicago squad may be beaten more than 11 cents a day.

HOT TEA BREAKS A COLD—TRY THIS!
Get a small package of Hamburgs Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Tee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.

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50c Formamint Tablets
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25c Malena Pills
60c Daggett and Ramsdell Cold Cream
\$1.00 Foley's Kidney Pills
50c Baume Analgesique Bengue
10c National Corn Remover
25c Sloan's Liniment
\$1.00 Delatene
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35c Fine Combs
25c Infant Syringes
25c Ear and Uicer Syringes, 13c
50c Bulb Syringes
\$1.50 Fountain Syringes
25c Tooth Brushes
10c Chamols Powder Puff

\$1.25 Ice Bags 68c
\$3.50 Whirlpool Spray Syringe 98c
\$1.25 Fountain Syringe, 2-qt., two hard rubber pipes 48c
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Caused a small fire last evening about 9 o'clock. The Goodwill Fire Company extinguished the blaze when Mrs. Mary J. Hall, 512 Brown alley, chemicals.

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