



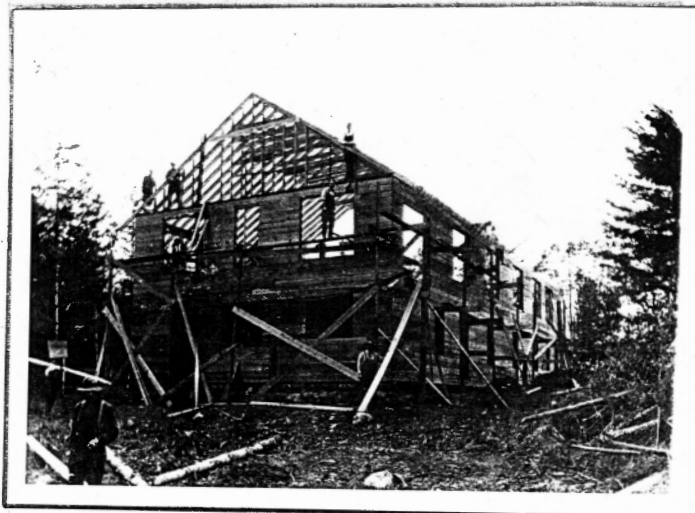
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Number: 2378
 Subject: Standfast Bible Students
 Identification: Millennial Kingdom's First Temple
 Location: Wright Rd. (east)
 Date: 1920's
 Source: Miss Maud Neff
 Address: Seattle
 Indexed Under: Religion; Standfast Bible Students;
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Number: 2376
 Subject: Standfast Bible Students
 Identification: left, foreground-Mary Dumbrek, later Mrs. Foster; 2nd left-Mrs. Bennet, the rest unidentified; 6th left - Bess McKay (Ep) with sewing machines.
 Location: Wright Rd.
 Date: 1920's



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Number: 2384
 Subject: Standfast Bible Students
 Identification: back row, l. to r: Bert Foster, unidentified, unidentified, Jack Maloan, George Biddle, unidentified, unidentified, Tom Bestwick, Willie Diehn, Johnny Bartlett, Percy Rogers, George Sellars; next row: unidentified, Hans Johnson, Harold Maloan, Fred Bulmer, (unidentified) George Meyers, Charlie Herd, Zion Edwards.
 (Daddy Cosuis - Beat Cosuis Dad.)
 Location: Wright Rd.
 Date: 1920's



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Number: 2382
 Subject: Standfast Bible Students
 Identification: The boat crew: 1. to r; Hughie Hannam, Bert Bestwick, Brother William Shepherd, Johnny Wainscot (holding fish), Brother Garfield Zink, George Vance, Brother Olaf Bolstead, Svere Bolstead, Sister Christine Hansen, Barney (Bjarne) Bolstead, Sister Bolstead.
 Location: Wright Rd. (east)
 Date: 1920's

"Let the saints be joyful in glory, let them sing aloud upon their beds." (Psa. 148:3)

Promulgators of Truth
Pertaining to the Estab-
lishment of the Kingdom
of God

Elijah Voice Society

Finally My Brethren Be
Strong in the Lord and
in the Power of His
Might!

Rev. G. 10

July 17, 1924
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General Office and Distributing Center
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Address All Communications
To The Society

"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS
SAINTS" --Psa. 116:15.

Dear Brethren:--

Greetings in the name of God our Father, and Jesus Christ
our Lord and Redeemer.

We write to let you know that our beloved brother and
Servant in the Lord, R. O. Hadley, was suddenly killed at
Banning, California. We quote Telegram received to date:

"Dolton, California, July 16th, 1924.

Mr. R. O. Hadley fell from train at Banning California;
instantly Killed. From D. A. Allen." (the brother that was
with brother Hadley on the tour.)

We are somewhat puzzled to find the brethren were in
California at this date; according to the regular Schedule
(as given in June Special, "V.M.") they were just about due
in Dallas Texas. Our surmise is that possibly brother Hadley
got ill, and they were hastening home, but this may not be cor-
rect. Arrangements for disposal of body are being attended to
by wire, with the help of brother Biglow of Los Angeles, Calif.

No doubt this news will grieve you, as it has us; but let
us take comfort in the thought that our dear brother died in
the service of our King and he is now undoubtedly rejoicing
in the presence of the Lord, in full glory of the saints in the
light.

Brother Hadley's absence will be sadly felt among the
"feet members" who still remain on this side of the veil; his
loving, magnanimous personality, and gracious words have been
much comfort and encouragement to many of God's little ones
during the trying times of the past; we shall greatly miss
his presence and help.

Nevertheless, by faith, we believe that the Lord will
overrule this seeming victory of the Adversary (who hath the
power of death) for the good of them that Love God, and for
the furtherance of His Great Plan. Therefore, let us lift up
our heads; let us be strong and courageous, seeking to set
forth still greater efforts in the defence of the Truth and
the regathering of the saints. It will not be long when all
the faithful will "meet the Lord in the air", in full power
and great glory, as we believe our departed brother has done.

Your brethren in sorrow, mingled with Joy.

Elijah Voice Society

E. V. S. Literature

FOR ADVANCED BIBLE STUDENTS

The 12 Stones

Are an endorsement of the Seven Volumes of studies in the Scriptures, especially the
Seventh. Each "Stone" (separate subject) is a memorial to one of the "Twelve
Apostles of the Lamb" and is based on and in answer to a question involving funda-
mental principles which are of vital importance to the Royal Priesthood at all times.
We consider "The 12 Stones" as antitypical of Josh. 4:1-8, 20-24.

The Elijah Voice Monthly

This is our regular Monthly periodical, supported by and devoted to serving the
saints. In this paper we endeavor to set forth and review subjects which seem to
be of special importance at the present time. Following is a list of subjects which
have appeared in this paper during the past: "The New (Law) Covenant Now in
Evidence"; "Five Points--Why We Stand for the Seventh Volume"; "The
Memorial to Future Generations," an endorsement of the truth as foreshadowed in
Josh 4; "The New Name or Apokalyptic Title of The Christ"; "Consideration
of Objections to the Finished Mystery"; "The Outlook," a Discourse; "Judgment
and Its Present Execution," etc. Papers containing these subjects will be sent on
request.

Rev. and Jan. Special Edition

Of The Elijah Voice Monthly contains "E. V. S. Observations of Bible Students."
This is quite an exhaustive exposition or examination of the different kinds or classes
of Bible Students who were originally all united in the E. V. S. A. The paper is
neatly and compactly gotten up, and contains some very valuable records. Write
for one: free on request.

Miscellaneous E. V. S. Papers

There are a number of other papers: "Collateral Evidence"; "Consideration of
the New Tabernacle Shadows"; "The Dawning of Her Morning"; "Behold The
Lord Passed By"; etc.

"Elijah Voice" Tracts

No. 1. "THE KEY OF KNOWLEDGE"; contains the pages 247 to 253 of the
original "Finished Mystery," and a reprint of I. B. S. A.

No. 2. "COMMENT AND CRITICISM" on report of I. B. S. A. Convention at Cedar
Point, Ohio; also clearing up confusing teachings of I. B. S. A. on
Apostles.

No. 3. "AND THERE WAS LIGHT BUT"; Showing Christendom's fall impending.

No. 4. "THE GREAT DAY OF THEIR WRATH IS COME" and "Pulpit Evolu-
tionists, Thieves and Robbers."

All our literature is free on request, and will be furnished for judicious dis-
tribution. The last two tracts are the only ones which would be understood or
appreciated by the public; other literature is for Bible Students. We invite all
brethren to join us in the defense and endorsement of the Truth as contained in the
Seven Volumes of Studies in the Scriptures and especially in the Seventh.

Elijah Voice

SPECIAL SELECTIONS

FROM

"Hymns of the Millennial Dawn"

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise
unto the Rock of our Salvation.

My mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips."

—Psalm 96:1, 68:3.

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If the lecture is of interest to you, come again and bring your friends.
If you have any Biblical questions, concerning the lecture or other-
wise, and wish to investigate these subjects further, we will be
glad to assist you to the extent of our ability. Our infor-
mation is free and we have no literature to sell. Ask
the Usher about it.

ALL HAIL

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Bring forth the evil of sin!
All hail the Lord of all!
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1 JOHN 5:4; EPH. 6:16

"AND TO THE OTHERS HE SAID IN MINE HEARING
Go ye after him through the city, and smite: Let not your eye
spare, neither have ye pity. Slay utterly old and young both
maids, and little children, and women; but come not near any man upon
whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the an-
cient men which were before the house. Ezek. 9:5, 6. G. 419.

AN OPEN LETTER

JULY 1932

From ELIJAH VOICE SOCIETY, 7717 33rd., N. W., Seattle Wn.
To SUPPORTERS OF WATCHTOWER INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST
Maid Office "WATCH TOWER," 117 Adams Street - Brooklyn, New York.

Sirs and Brethren:-

In two leaflets in which you advertise Judge Rutherford's Radio Broadcasts and Books we read:

"It has remained for the lawyer, Judge Rutherford, to clear away from around the Bible the fogs of clerical stupidity, the cobwebs of D. D. ignorance and superstition, the rubbish of creeds and religious fanaticism, and in his writings the grand Old Book takes its rightful place, the unimpeachable, indisputable Word of Almighty God, the very fountain of reason, logic and light! In his books and weekly radio lectures Judge Rutherford conclusively proves that there is a logical, perfectly reasonable and entirely satisfactory answer to every question that any intelligent person has ever asked or can ask about the Bible or about its great theme, life itself, present and future. And, 'Thousands of people are quite willing to admit that since Judge Rutherford's explanations of Bible prophecies foretelling the World War, revolutions, famines and present distress of nations have been so minutely accurate, his declaration that present governments of earth will shortly be smashed and be supplanted by God's kingdom is equally true.'

Additionally, these leaflets contain many interrogations such as: "Is there such a creature as the Devil? and if so, why does not the Almighty God destroy him? If God is love, as the Bible states, why does he not put an end to sorrow, sickness, wars and death? Can the resurrection of the dead to perfect life on earth be proven a practical, reasonable proposition? What is hell? Who are there? Is there any hope of their getting out? Will the earth ever come to a time when there will be health, happiness and life for all? Where are the dead? Is Hell the Grave? Does the Bible teach Eternal Torment? etc. etc."

The inference is given that all these questions are dealt with and explained for the first time in Judge Rutherford's "wonderful books." We quote from the leaflet: "So we could go on with innumerable questions that have been puzzling the human family for thousands of years. Now because Jehovah's due time has come for all people of good will to understand, he has unlocked his word, the Bible; and from the treasure store of truth Judge Rutherford, in simple concise language gives Scriptural answers to every question, answers that you will admit are logical, incontrovertible. Write for his books. Ten of them, etc."

We hold that the author of these advertisements was either badly misinformed or else he is a deliberate prevaricator. Furthermore, we charge that Judge Rutherford and "Watch Tower" Association, being responsible, are guilty of the ignoble practice of misrepresentation in advertising, and the criminal practice of plagiarizing and stealing the honor and credit which belongs to another.

It is almost unbelievable that Bible Students should go so far, and stoop so low, as to thus misrepresent matters and give out the impression that it was Judge Rutherford who cleared away from the Bible the fogs of clerical stupidity, the cobwebs of D.D. ignorance, superstitions, etc.; that it was Judge Rutherford who explained the Bible prophecies, "Foretelling World War, revolutions, famines, present distresses, etc." and that it was Judge Rutherford who explained the "many puzzling questions of life that people have longed to have correctly answered." Shame! Shame! that it should come to this! That Bible Students, who claim to especially represent God's cause in the World, and who arrogate to themselves the title, "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES"

should so far forget and ignore the principles of Truth, Righteousness, Honesty and Christian propriety, as to boldly broadcast such misrepresentations and prevarications to the World!

"OUT OF THINE OWN MOUTH WILL I JUDGE THEE"

All Bible Students, cognizant with the facts, know very well that it is not Judge Rutherford, but Pastor C. T. Russell, to whom belongs this honor and credit of opening the Bible and clearing away the fogs of the Dark Ages, of explaining the prophecies foretelling the World War and the Great Time of Trouble in general, and of answering all those mystifying doctrines and questions which had puzzled God's people for Centuries. All Bible Students know that Pastor Russell labored incessantly, almost night and day, for forty years—preaching 30,000 Sermons, writing 50,000 book pages, directly dealing with and explaining more than 20,000 Bible texts and virtually opening the Bible from Genesis to Revelation; and nobody is more fully aware of these facts than Judge Rutherford himself, as he plainly acknowledged many times in his writings prior to 1918.

For instance, it was the privilege and honor of Judge Rutherford to deliver the principal "Oration" at Pastor Russell's Funeral Service, 1916. After reviewing the Pastor's early labors, search and progress in the study and service of God's Truth, Judge Rutherford said:

"He (Pastor Russell) wrote and published a series of books—STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES—in six volumes, which turned a great flood of light upon God's Word. Millions of these have gone into the homes of men throughout the earth, bringing gladness to their hearts. For more than thirty years he edited and published a semi-monthly journal THE WATCH TOWER AND HERALD OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE, wholly devoted to the cause of Messiah's Kingdom. Be it known that this is the only publication on earth that has ever announced the presence of our Lord. The Lord Jesus promised that at his second coming, which should be invisible to human eyes, he would have one wise and faithful servant whom he would make ruler over all his goods to give meat to the household of faith in due season. Christians throughout the world who are familiar with the work of Pastor Russell readily recognize that he has been that wise and faithful servant of the Lord."—Z. 16-373. Reprints 6012

Again, one year later, at the first anniversary of Pastor Russell's death, in a "Watch Tower" article headed: "A TRIBUTE TO THE SEVENTH MESSENGER" we read:

"The great drama of the Gospel Age opened with the Apostle Paul as chief messenger, or angel, to the Church. It closes with Pastor Russell as the seventh, and last, messenger to the Church militant. For the other five epochs of the Church the Lord provided messengers in the order named: St John, Arius, Waldo, Wycliffe and Luther. Each in his turn bore the message due to be understood during the period he represented. The two most prominent messengers, however, are the first and the last—St. Paul and Pastor Russell.

"THAT WISE AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

"The Lord Jesus in his great prophetic statement in Matt. 24:45-47, made known the fact that at the end of the age he would be present and would have a special servant whom he would make ruler over all his house to give meat in due season to the household." For many years Christian people of all denominations have been looking for the manifestation of that promised servant. For several years some have recognized and now many more are recognizing, that Pastor Russell is that servant. Forty years ago (long before Judge Rutherford knew anything about the truth) he (Pastor Russell) noted that the Scriptures held forth the undoubted testimony that, the age would end with a great time of trouble, which would begin with international war; that the war would be followed by revolution; and that revolution would in turn be followed by anarchy, which would wreck all the ecclesiastical and civil institutions of the world, and thus make way for the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom of righteousness, for which Christians have long hoped and prayed. He proved by Bible Chronology the presence of the Lord

from 1874 on, and demonstrated that 1914 would mark the end of the Gentile period and the beginning of the great international conflict. Time and events have proven the correctness of his deductions from the Scripture, showing he possessed heavenly wisdom.—Z. 27-320, or Reprints 9159. Again in "THE FINISHED MYSTERY" Preface, written by Judge Rutherford in 1917 we read:

"Those consecrated Christians who have read and fully appreciated the Truth as contained in the preceding six volumes of STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES readily see and agree that Charles Taze Russell was the messenger of the Church of Laodicea. In the mind of every one who believes, the Bible evidence set forth in this volume will establish that fact beyond the question of doubt.

"Pastor Russell being the messenger to the Laodicean Church, and occupying the position of the Lord's special servant to give the Household of Faith meat in due season, it was to be expected that he would bring forth from the Lord's Storehouse the needed spiritual food for the Church, in harmony with God's will. By the Lord's grace he wrote the six volumes of STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES, which writings aside from the Bible, have gladdened more hearts and thrilled Christians with greater hope and joyful expectation than have any other writings extant. These books have been properly designated 'Keys to the Divine Plan of the Ages.' These 'Keys' have been placed in the hands of thousands of Christian people throughout the world, and have enabled them to unlock the Lord's Treasure-house, the Bible, and there to see some of the 'Treasures of Wisdom' and knowledge of God! Some have been able to use these 'Keys' more effectually than have others. God hath set the members in the body as it hath pleased Him."—G. Preface, By Judge Rutherford.

Brethren, how is it, in the face of such plain statements from Judge Rutherford's own testimony, to the effect that Pastor Russell was the man whom God raised up as "That Wise and Faithful Servant," and through whom all those wonderful Bible Truths were made plain, that now you would appropriate and give all this credit and honor to Judge Rutherford? Brethren, you who support these misrepresentations, can you not see that in this you are not only perpetrating a great fraud on the public at large, and stealing the honor which properly belongs to Pastor Russell, but at the same time you are doing Judge Rutherford himself a very serious injury. (Pride and Headiness are not only the most dangerous foes of the New Creation, but they are also the most difficult for any individual, thus effected, to see in himself, and whenever that individual's friends or brethren encourage him in these evils, they certainly do him a grave injustice. Far better frank, face him with the truth and thus offer him the only assistance possible—and perchance "save a soul from death." Jas. 5:20)

GOOD MOTIVES DO NOT JUSTIFY FALSEHOODS AND WRONG METHODS

"But" you say, "Look at our 'Big work of Witness'; we are preaching the Gospel to all as a witness; Judge Rutherford's books contain a wonderful message of truth which is being distributed world wide. Many people are prejudiced against the name Pastor Russell, and 'The Studies in the Scriptures'; thus it seems wise to keep these in the background or out altogether, etc."

Admitting that there may be some truth in your arguments, even granting that you have the best of motives, and still it would not justify such prevarications and misrepresentations as contained in your advertisements. Good motives do not justify wrong methods. God never authorized any one to "do evil that good may come." On the contrary, He tells us, in His Word: "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.—1 Sam. 15:22. "Our heavenly Father wishes us to be very attentive to his Word, and not to think for a moment that we can improve thereon or that times and circumstances will alter the propriety of our obedience to Him."—Manna, May 13th.

(When Satan tempted our Lord Jesus in the wilderness, one of those temptations was an offer of "co-operation in the world's uplift" at the price of a compromise with him—Satan—and his methods. Jesus faithfully resisted this and, all of Satan's temptations,

with the words, "It is written" and "get thee behind me" Satan; but many Bible Students have fallen into Satan's snares—of compromise and worldly methods—at this time. Matthew 4:7, Bi. Com.)

We seriously question the "big work" you are engaged in, and doubt that it is accomplishing so much good as you claim. When we consider the numerous contradictions to the teachings of "The Studies in the Scriptures", in your "Watch Towers" and even in your books and booklets—"to wit": errors such as throwing the devil out of heaven since 1914; the three "wise men" being Satan's deluded servants; the Great Pyramid being of Satanic origin, etc., etc., When we consider these and other errors which you are promulgating, we are inclined to believe the "dust" and confusion which you are spreading amongst the people more than off-set and nullify the good which you would do.

In your advertisements you loudly denounce and condemn the clergy for their "clerical stupidity, cobwebs of D. D. ignorance, superstition, etc." They do deserve severe criticism and judgment, but you should remember that according to the Divine standards those who once were blessed with a knowledge of the Truth, and who then turn from it and pervert and corrupt it, are the most stupid, ignorant and reprehensible of them all.—Matt. 6:23; Luke 12:47,48; Heb. 6:4-8;

Ezekiel 34th chapter, as interpreted in Volume 7, tells us of the "false shepherds" (or clergy class) who after eating the fruit of the "green pastures," and drinking deep of the "clear waters" of God's Word of Truth, then turn and tread down those pastures and muddy those waters with their feet, human theories, speculations, etc. So today Judge Rutherford and other prominent leaders among Bible Students who once ate and drank large and deep of the glorious message of "Present Truth" as contained in the "Scripture Studies" and kindred writings of "That Servant", have turned and trod this message under foot; muddying and befouling it with their "strange finds" and "new light" "nocturnal hallucinations."

Brethren, in conclusion, do you not see where these things are leading you? Can you not see that you have turned aside from the "straight and narrow way", and that you are walking in dangerous and forbidden paths—which persisted in will surely end in total unbelief and the Second Death! (Prov. 14:12; Lev. 16:1,2 Bi. Com.) Do you not see that the great Adversary and his evil hosts who ensnared you into the compromise in 1918, have been leading you step by step farther and farther into error and away from the precious truth which originally illuminated your heart and mind and brought you, and all of us, Bible Students, the wonderful "blessedness" foretold in Daniel's prophecy? Surely it is high time to awaken from slumber and sleep, and hear and heed the "Word" or "Voice from behind thee."—Isa. 30:21,22.

In closing, dear brethren, kindly let us assure you that this letter is not an expression of ill will and bitterness towards you but a desire to warn and help you.

Jesus said: "AS MANY AS I LOVE, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN, BE ZEALOUS, THEREFORE AND REPENT.—(G. Comment): "The lawyer who makes legality his test instead of justice; the merchant who is satisfied simply to conform to the code of his trade, whose excuse for any dishonesty is, 'They all do it'; the 'gentleman' or 'lady' who puts good form and manners in the place of sincerity and kindness of heart, and politeness in the place of courtesy—all are alike animated by the ecclesiastical conscience. It was this ecclesiastical mind and this ecclesiastical conscience which crucified Jesus Christ. (Rt. Rev. Chas. D. Williams, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Michigan.)—Z. 15-339." G. 68. See also Rev. 21:8, G. 319)

With prayers and Christian kind wishes, we remain

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