

(1). "The Chariots Swing Low!"

You recog. title..Negro Spir..BUT char. not all sweet
Introd:-, (1). Begin with one of most instructive, most
beautiful, and most horrifying stories in Bible. This:-
Luke 16:19-23. Instructive bec. it reveals what is beyond
mortal perception..the after-death state..Beautiful bec.
pictures angels coming for soul of Lazarus..to bear him
to place of comfort, loving care..Horrifying bec. it also
clearly tells of the fearful torments of a man in hell.
No wonder some try hide this away..denigrate..blot out of
reality by calling it parabolic. Jesus said "A certain man
"There WAS a certain man...There WAS a certain beggar..Laz
And angels came for him..I wonder..with a chariot, swinging
low to sweep him up to glory? I wonder who came to drag
rich man to hell?.in garbage wagon? Not angels! Demons!
Horrifying..but true..real..It happened..IT DOES!

(2). It does??? Some deny dark part..But no angels-chariot
came for Judas..to loosen noose round neck...Nor for Nero
..the X'n-burner..And I am sure no angel chariot came for
Hitler..the Jew-hater. Some other creature carried them d
Who will come for you..for me..some day? Better be sure.

I. Now at once we are looking into strange, unseen realms.

(a). Are they real? Anything beyond material, scientific
physical things? Most of you would say "Yes, of course".
What do "out-of-church" people say? Plenty! Crowds have
become utterly disillusioned with materialism..and with
the god "SCIENCE". They know there is something within
that is beyond mere physical mechanisms..and are reaching
for something beyond science..a heart-hungry cry..something
I hear people flocking to see movie "The Exorcist". LET

THE UNSAVED WORLD SEE IT..fearful and filthy though they
tell me it is. IT MAY LITERALLY SCARE THE HELL OUT OF
SOME OF THEM! I already hear of one person coming to X...

(b). What sort of chariots are swinging low over earth
today? Some physical ones..c/f Comet Kahoutek..Others
on way? Imman. Velikovsky.."Worlds in Collision" claims
Venus once a comet..earth brushed by tail..Catastrophes.
Report on CBR..other night..Huge meteor..prob. ~~it~~ on in
nature..over Salt Lake City..north to Canada..prob Calgary

If it had hit us..that chariot would have wiped city out.
(c). Others, called UFO's..reportedly seen. Any of you?
"Hold seats, please"! Are there visitors coming from space
Angels or demons? Chariots or Garbage Wagons?
What did Ezekiel see..written about in Chap. 1 and 10?
He uses name "Qerubims"..and what he saw was either those
angelic beings..or chariots they rode in..or both. THEY
WERE THERE!..VISIBLE TO HIS SPIRITUAL SIGHT. Swinging low!

II. Now at once another very imp. question looms up.

- (a). "Well, suppose there is an unseen. psychic, occult realm beyond mortal sense..So what? Let the UFO's sail around. Let prophets see visions. Leave me alone to grub around on earth for money, pleasure, perversions.. eat, drink and be merry as I can in miserable world."
- (b). IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS THAT! Bec. those two realms.. the natural and the supernatural do not stay apart in own little boxes. THEY INTER*RELATE! Affect each other. Not read Bible far before und. that. Adam knew it..as something serpentlike slid into area of his life..from supernatural. An infernal chariot swung low..and left the deceiver on earth. NOAH knew it..as chariots expelled from heaven swung low and let some called "Sons of God" debark on earth..cohabit with earth women to prod. such unimaginable evil that God drowned the world of men. JOB knew it..when Satan himself swung down from presence of God to torment that saint of God. (None like him..best) READ IT! Best of God's saints can be attacked by Satanic p
- (c). "All ancient history." Right..BUT in our day..there is rising tide of demonism, Satanism, spiritism, a reaching out of disillusioned people for the OCCULT..Something to take place of ^{STABLE} scientific mechanism..and dusty death found in religious liberalism! What an invitation to the chariots of evil to swing low..to meet that heart-cry from human beings..even with signs and wonders! What an opportunity for X'n people to point such people to the all-satisfying Saviour!.. eg. fruit on Malachi 3:12
- (d). And such evil incursions will not end in our day. Remember this fearful warning of proph. Scrip..Rev. 12:7 "There was war in heaven..and the great dragon, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan..was cast out into the EARTH, and his angels were cast out with him...Woe to the inhabitants of the EARTH and of the sea! for the devil is come down UNTO YOU, having great wrath..." In coming days the chariots of wickedness will swing low..and land on earth with demoniac cargo, crew..take over human affairs. Fearful INVASION! Infinitely worse than evil things today

III. A Dark Picture? Indeed that is. Now THANK GOD!

- (a). In that unseen realm..there are other chariots moving Not "Chariots of the gods"..some imaginary superhumans.. but THE CHARIOTS OF GOD. Elisha saw them twice..Once II Kings 2:11-12.."It came to pass as they (Elijah and Elisha) still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha SAW IT, and he cried, My father, my

father. the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen (drivers) thereof." God's chariot..angelic drivers..THIS IS WHAT OUR NEGRO PEOPLE SANG ABOUT AS THEY SUFFERED UNDER WICKED SLAVERY.."Swing low SWEET CHARIOT, coming for to carry me home." The SWEET chariots of God! Agg'in we read of Elisha at Dothan..when king of Syria surrounded city for purpose of capturing..per.murdering Elisha..Young man went out in monning.(to take in Albertan)..saw all host..cried "Alas, my master! How shall we do?" Elisha prayed for young man's spir. eyes to be opened..II Kings 6:17 "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he SAW: and behold, the mountain was FULL of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Those same wonderf chariots mentioned again in II Kings 13:14.

(b). REAL? May God open our spiritual eyes to see them. God's chariots swinging low today? Can anyone deny it? WE LIVE IN GLORIOUS, MARVELLOUS, STUPENDOUS DAYS!

What is happening today was beyond wildest imagining of most optimistic hearts 10, 20 years ago. God's chariots have swung low over what we thought were lowest areas.. areas of least hope, likelielihood of move of Spirit of God

1. Hippie culture..unwashed, immoral, rebellious, drug-soaked multitudes..YET GOD MADE OF THEM..THE JESUS PEOPLE

2. Out in Indonesia..and other areas..where hopeless moslem multitudes lived..unreachable, as many said..and YET GOD'S CHARIOT SWUNG LOW..lit. millions converted.

3. Jewish people.. Never! Iron-bound in Judaism..haters of Christ Jesus..YET GOD'S SPIRIT HAS REACHED SO MANY that Rabbis filled with fear and concern. H. UNIV. INTELLECTUAL

5. Roman Catholic people.. Impossible! Bible-burners even decade ago. Yet God has turned uncounted numbers to simple faith in Saviour..Some ~~who~~ now go to confession,

that's a point - not to tell priest how bad they've been..but to tell him what great things Jesus done for them. Here in Calgary..

sep. schools have opened to Gideons..and Word of God now going into hands of those Y.P..and Sup't even doing what Gideons never been allowed to do in pub. schools..reading Gospel texts to students..telling them that here alone is their hope for eternity. ISN'T THAT A CHARIOT OF GOD

SWINGING LOW? Let's pray with negro spir.."Swing LOW swee

(c). Time not allow tell of all times God has deigned to visit people. How He "came down to see"..to inspect as Judge, the sin of men, at Babel..at Sodom (Gen.11, 18) Or how He came down to instruct Abraham..and His servants He has not changed..still inspects and instructs.

Conclus:- 1. But let me try to sum all this up in signif. words. The first one MUST BE ONE OF GRAVE WARNING

I AM CONVINCED

We live in Climactic days..Hours, last hours of this Age are rushing away..and mighty forces gathering for that final show-down bet. Christ and AntiX..the final Armageddon of all ages. Forces are massing on either side. Struggle intensifying. EV. MAN NEEDS TO BE WARNED. (Heart-rending news other day...2 X in families...simply torn apart by infernal powers of darkness..CHRISTIANS!) Somewhere Satan found entrance. How imp. to heed God.."Give no place (topos, a spot) to the devil." We don't have to. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, ~~walketh~~ about seeking whom he may devour" So God tells us "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." In EVERY WAY..SHUN THESE WICKED OCCULT THINGS. ^{RESIST} ^{IN NAME OF X} 2. Second word MUST be one to encourage our hearts..make us strong soldiers in this fight.

And two matters here:- *history*

a. The sweetest low-swing of God's chariot ever known. It happened at dividing of years..that hour bet. BC and AD..when God's chariot came down..with honour guard of singing angels..and from it there stepped God the Son..onto earth..into body of Babe of Bethlehem..to become the Saviour of any and every man, woman who will in simple faith trust HIM..believe His Word..and claim His shed blood as their own sin-price..paid in full for them.

b. The second one is the swinging low of God's chariot 50 days after our Lord Jesus smashed the power of death and walked out of His grave...Pentecost was the day..when disciples waiting in upper room. The chariot of God came..with manifestation of flame..thundering wind of its arrival..and THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD..stepped out ..to live here on earth..with trusting men, women..giving them POWER..to be witnesses..to resist the devil..live for their Lord. TO FIND VICTORY IN THE BATTLE OF AGES.

Prophecy 3. One day..one glorious moment..God's chariots will sweep very near to His people..even to sweep them up..to meet Him in the air. Soon. We look for that moment at ANY MOMENT..He has thousands of chariots (Ps.68:17) so that there will be room for all!

Notes 4. Until then..what? What is your relationship to the Saviour who came to earth..specifically to buy you..pay for your salvation? LET HIM INTO LIFE..TO TAKE OVER..LEST THERE BE AN EMPTY HEART OPEN TO SATANIC POWERS. What is your relationship to that second HEAVENLY VISITOR the Spirit of God? Has He also been welcomed..to give power to become strong for God..to count for Him against evil powers..live for Him until chariots come for us? Will you pray it with me? "SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT"..Come into my Heart as Saviour. Fill me with Thy Spirit.

Diff. bet "what" + "why" - "Why" always? ^{inward} - ^{inward} - ^{inward} 273 on Bible - ^{inward} ^{inward} ^{inward}
TOPIC (1). "How will we answer God's most solemn question?"
JUL 21-10

Introd:- (1). I can scarcely imagine any greater verity of human life than the FACT that there is a set time..day and hour..when ev. one of us..individually..will STAND BEFORE GOD. Unmistakeable. Rom.14:12 "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Scare you? It ought to. Do you know what God will say to you..me? Ask His most solemn question..With my life-record before Him.."WHY HAVE YE DONE THIS?"^{4NE} Tell me, what shall I say? Not "Have you done this?" Recorded..BUT WHY? What can I say..what shall I say?!!!! Begin to weep?

(2). That ques. is recorded in Bible..Read ~~out~~ with me.. Judges 2:1-2. That was a fearful confrontation bet. angel of the Lord and Israel. For that "angel" was God Himself..See how identified.."I made you to go up out of Egypt." Who? "I Brought you unto this land which I swore unto your fathers". Who took that oath..and fulfilled it? "I said I will never break my covenant with you" Who? Little wonder that we read this in vs.4⁵ Began to weep! What will it be like when I meet face to face with God.. and hear this question at His judgment seat..? "WHY..THIS It means I shall answer for the MOTIVE of my life! WHY?

I. This is unpleasant, isn't it? Uneasy? Let's face it.

(a). Take time get story in perspective. First thing God said to these people.."I made you to go up out of Egypt." He did. Remember those gripping stories..of Moses going before Pharaoh..demanding release of his people from slave ?? How God sent ten fearful plagues,,clouds of flies.. frogs in bed, bread..locusts eating..hailstones (prob meteoric shower, with fire).disease..darkness..last of all death of ev. firstborn. AND GOD BROUGHT HIS PEOPLE OUT ON PASSOVER NIGHT..Blood of lamb marking doorway..and no destroying angel could walk in!

(b). About now ev. X'n ought be ready let go with a "glory hallelujah"! You know why? Bec. that is exact pic. of what happened to us in spir. sense..for we read "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We, born into slavery of sin..perishing ..fearful..oppressed of devil.. came to und. that Jesus shed His blood..God's Lamb..to redeem us..our Substitute Passover Lamb..and we came to shelter underneath that blood..Let Him apply it to heart and life..AND NO DESTROYING ANGEL OR DEVIL CAN GET IN! Isn't it wonder^{ful} to be saved..redeemed...a Christian?

(c). SO out of Egypt went Israel..to begin new journey.. just as we do,,Born again..to walk a new kind of life..

Another Hallelujah? - c/o Ekem - Desert - They on cross.

First place they came to was Succoth.. "A flimsy booth of woven branches". Orthod. Jew today keeps this in rememb. every fall at Feast of Tab. No permanence.. They were on a journey. SO AM I.. "I'm on my journey home!"..

(d). Time forbids tell whole history. They crossed the Red Sea... a pic. of water bapt.. (I Cor. 10).. God led them that way for own good. There was another way round. A PERSON DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BAPTIZED TO GET TO HEAVEN! (Some teach, Greatr.. BUT GOD LED THEM THAT WAY! Which way lead you? Diff? So thru. wilderness they went.. headed for a glorious PROMISED LAND. A young man in crowd.. keen.. sharp.. smart.. vigorous.. Became assistant manager under Moses.. Finally succeeded. Born in Egypt.. slavery, like us. Nearly all people who entered prom. land were born in wilderness.. so missed first baptism exper.. SO God had to take them thru. another water crossing.. Jordan. I guess Caleb and Joshua.. two surviving.. bapt. twice! Real SOAKING WET BAPTISTS!.

II. Now nearly ready pick up story read in Judges 2.

(a). Second part of what God said fulfilled.. "I have brought you into the land which I swore unto your fathers." Under leadership of Joshua.. good share of land possessed.. conquered. Led across Jordan.. AND CAMPED EAST OF JERICHO AT PLACE CALLED GILGAL. Note this! THEY HAD ARRIVED! Where God wanted them. And this full of spir. significances. When crossed Jordan.. left 12 stones in stream bed.. to be buried. Typical of fact they had left an old life behind.. reckoned dead.. Then this: Josh. 4:19-24. Symbols of the new life in the new land of promise.. victory.. AND SET AT GILGAL.. where Israel camped. And Gilgal means "ROLLED AWAY".. Again:- Josh. 5:2,9,11

An act of separation to God... and again the Passover kept. (b). Stop a while. HOW FAR HAVE WE GONE ON OUR LIFE JOURNEY TOWARDS PLACE WHERE GOD WANTS US? Out of Egypt by blood? Led by God thru. the water? To place of sep. unto God? Reckoned dead to old life.. now living resurrection life in X? Have we come to our GILGAL..? Place of victorious living? God grant! We are to be steadfast but not stuckfast!

As land before Israel - World before us - God's plan

III. But (THEN) Israel confronted by angel of the Lord.

(a). I don't think Joshua alive.. or only just. He seemed to have diff. time getting dead and buried.. c/f Josh. 23:1-2, 24:29 Gone! But Judges 1:1.. 2:6-9 At last! But appears again vs. 21,23. AND ISRAEL SLIPPED BACK.. Began get involved with world.. vs. 10.. Critical 3rd gen.. Moses.. Josh.. and 3rd. Began worship what world around worshipped.. Lived for SELF. AND US? Isn't it easy to go that way? World lives to GET.. but God lives to GIVE. Which way we go?

(b). Israel had moved from GILGAL...place where world rolled away. Moved to BOCHIM. AND BOCHIM MEANS "WEEPERS" And the weeping came when faced God's soul-searching question.. "WHY HAVE YE DONE THIS?" NOT....THERE WAS NO ANSWER GIVEN!

Conclus:- 1. Do I have to press this any farther? Are you out of Egypt? Saved? Jesus cleansed you by His own blood? Are you SURE? If you are..then on journey thru. life...to life of victory that God has ready for you..Possible to leave old life behind...come to your Gilgal..strong in the Lord ..life given to Him... *Gratitude*
2. BUT possible to move to Bochim..Gilgal to Bochim..the place of weeping! How? Forget what Jesus done for you.. Live for NOW..for SELF-LIFE. Grab..get..for ME! And let rest of world go to hell! God forbid!...

3. WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS? There's a lost world waiting for what you and I can do...Today. And if I do it..I shall never have to go to Bochim..WEEPING in shame. Thank God for what we can do. TIME IS SHORT..WE MAY WELL BE THE LAST CHRISTIANS. I bel. God in our day in gathering in last loads of sheaves..last harvest..We are told 55,000 people become X'ns ev. day!..WE HAVE PER. ONE FINAL GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY..To go, the give, to pray. Many of you ought to go. Most of us ought to give..and All of us must, MUST pray. (~~Save thyself~~) THEN WE SHALL HAVE AN ANSWER TO GOD'S QUESTION! YES!...."Lord Jesus, I did THIS..this going and praying and giving..because I love you..and bec. I loved the souls of men." And He will say....???..."My son..my daughter.. enter thou into the JOY of thy Lord." No weeping! JOY! Illus:- Girl and bank book..less than \$50.00..to John..R.

By God's help - keep the light shining! This may be last formal deposit in BK of Heaven.

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