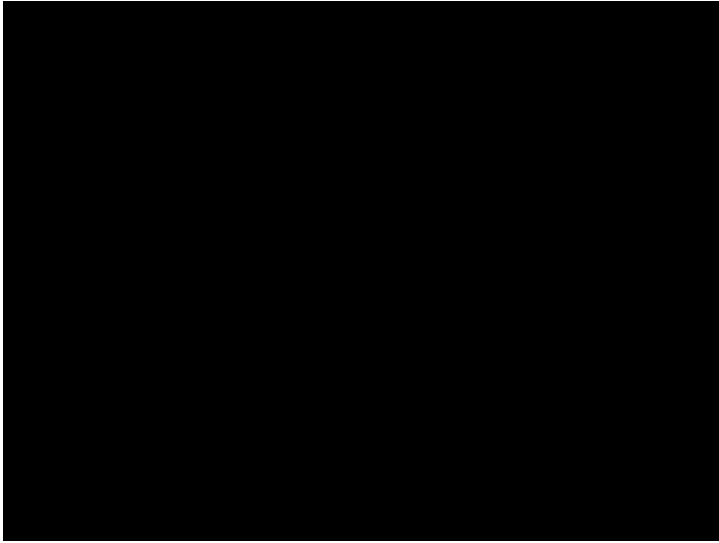




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STUDIES IN THE APOCALYPSE

Class # 5
The Spirit of Life from God

ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἣν ἐδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός, ἡ δὲ εἰς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ ἀποκαλύψαι ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ καὶ ἐστὶν ἡ ἐπιστολὴ εἰς τοὺς ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ Ἰωάννῃ, ὃς ἐμαρτύρησε τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὅσα τε εἶδε . . . ἀκούοντες τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας, καὶ τηροῦντες τὰ ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ γεγραμμένα. ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν. ἡ εὐλογία τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ Πατρὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν. ἀμήν.

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Bro. John Carter:

“Taking a broad view of the history of Christianity with all the divisions, heresies, and conflicts that have arisen, it is pertinent to ask whether anything is revealed which indicates that truth would survive? An examination of the prophecy shows that there are reasons for believing a revival of witnessing of gospel truth would take place prior to the end of the age.

We have first the prediction that the witnesses would be revived in Rev. 11.

Looking at the work of the witnesses and what is written concerning the “slaying” of them, we see that the term covers all who opposed Romish blasphemy. Some resisted by the sword; some by the word of God’s testimony; but all at the time when the witnesses were slain sealed their witness with their lives...

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John Thomas

“Human governments have all been opposed to God’s truth, and they have made war upon all that class of people in their several countries who are entitled scripturally to the designation of the saints. You cannot make peace between them. That is the reason why we who advocate the doctrine of God’s saints are in hostility to the world. Those on our side who would make peace with the enemy are not fit to be on our side. It is war to the knife between the powers that be and all Christadelphians.”

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WITNESSES AGAINST ROME

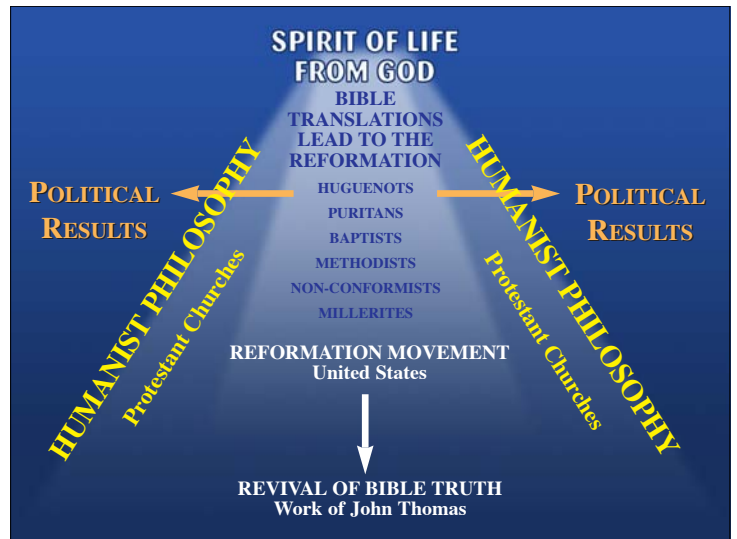
AD 312. Pagan Rome becomes Christian Rome under Constantine the Great. This commenced a period of witnessing against the Roman Apostasy by Donatists and others. The witnessing brought persecution over 1,260 years.

AD 1572. The Massacre of the Huguenots (Protestants) in France began a “war” against the witnesses (Revelation 11:7).

AD 1685. Revocation of the Edict of Toleration (Nantes) brought the “death” of the witnesses.

AD 1789. The French Revolution brought “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.” Church abolished & period of religious liberty for the common man.

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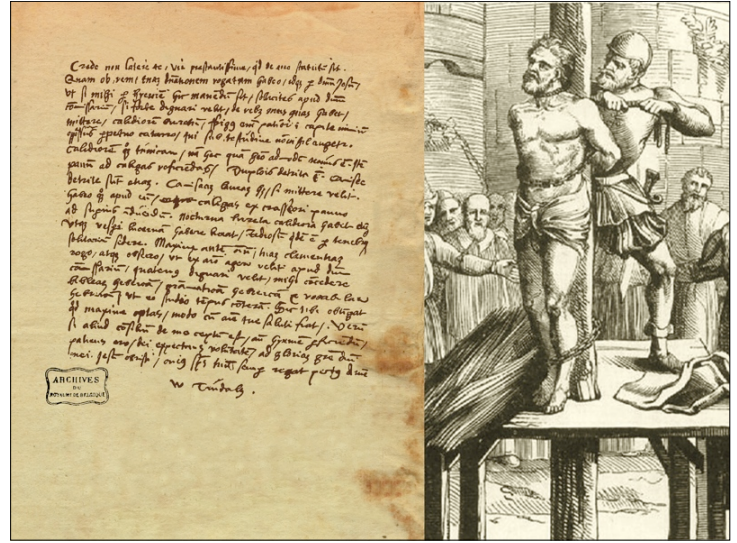


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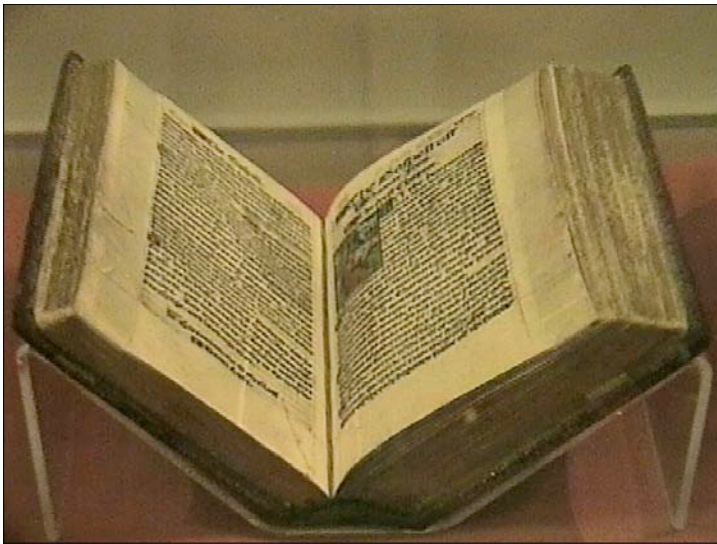
The Spirit of Life from God... The Spirit-Word of Life... John 6:63.



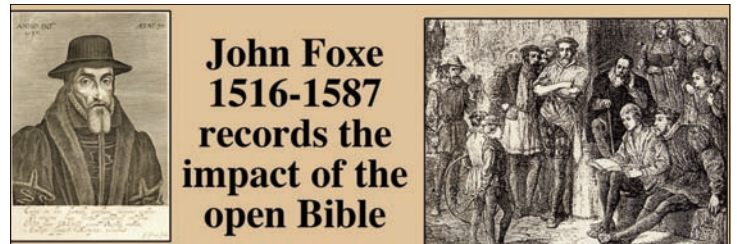
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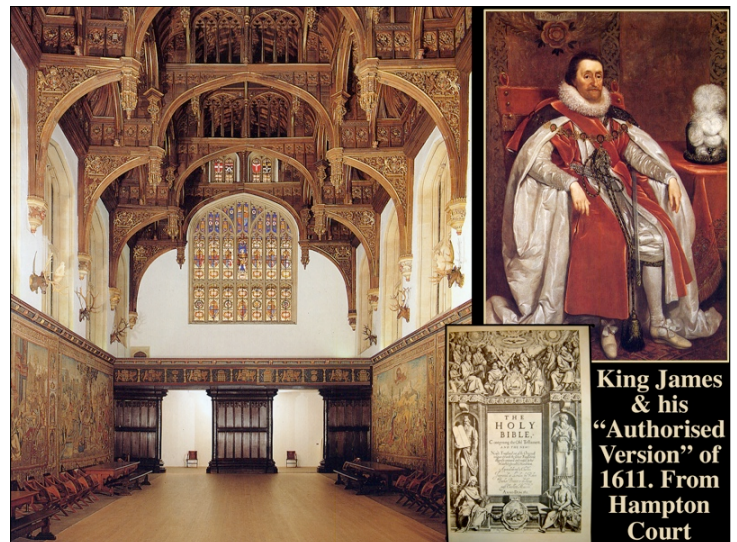
**John Foxe
1516-1587
records the
impact of the
open Bible**

**“These books of William Tyndale being
compiled, published, and sent over into
England, it cannot be spoken what a door of
light they opened to the eyes of the whole
English nation, which before were many years
shut up in darkness.”**

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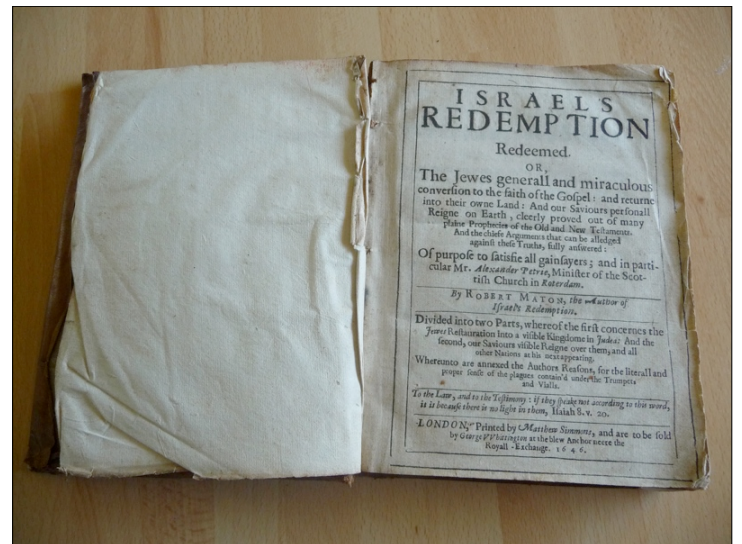
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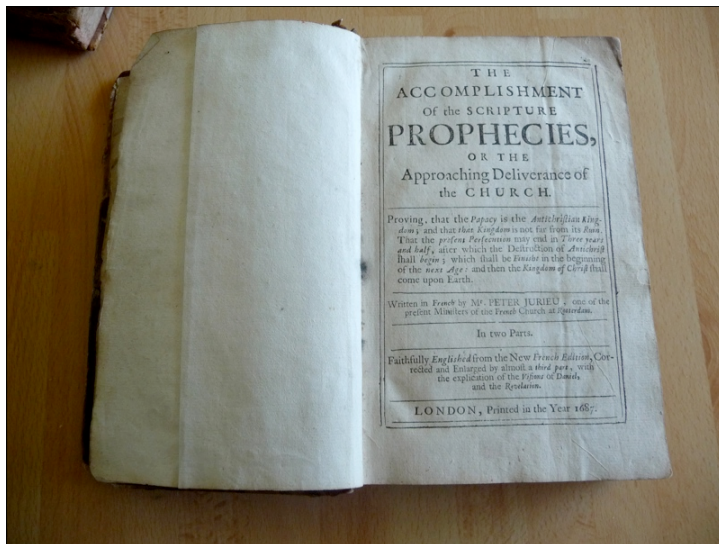
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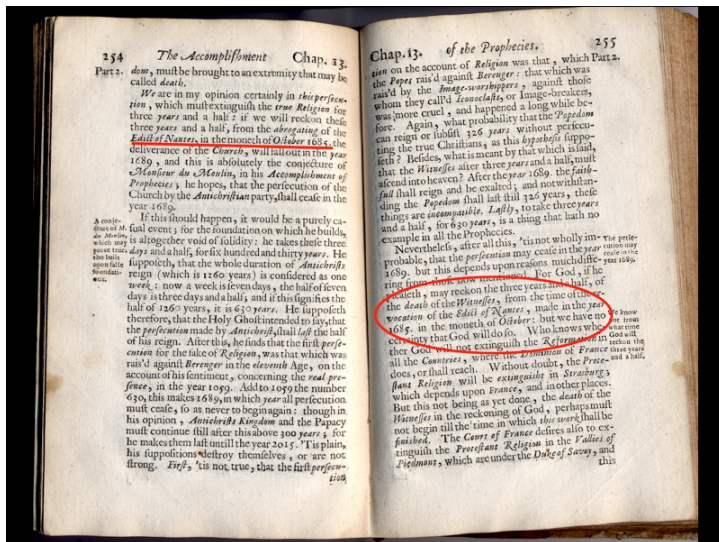


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As we have seen, two years after 1685, Peter Jurieu proclaimed to the world, truly, that the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes signaled the death of the witnesses; and three years after the decree restoring to them their unsold confiscated estates; that is, in 1793, Mr. Bicheno, pastor of a Baptist church in Newbury, England, who, though cloudy upon some points, was sufficiently sound to be regarded as one of the resurrected witnesses, proclaimed his conviction in a pamphlet styled, "The Signs of the Times," that 1789-'90, was the year of their standing again upon their feet; and that the 105 years then terminating were the full measure of the "three days and a half."

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THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven."

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Bro. John Carter:

...The revival took place in the French Revolution when forces were liberated which have done much to restrain the Roman Church, and which have entered largely into the shaping of the events of the last 150 years.

But coincident with the uprising of the political witnesses a revival also of the true witnesses might be expected. Such a view indeed receives specific endorsement from a warning of Jesus which is connected with his reappearance on the earth. "Behold, I come as a thief; Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Such a prophecy requires that there shall be living at the second advent some who are waiting and looking for Christ, who know God's way of salvation and have been "clothed" with God's righteousness."

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PURITANS - NONCONFORMISTS

INDEPENDENTS & SEPARATISTS

ANABAPTISTS

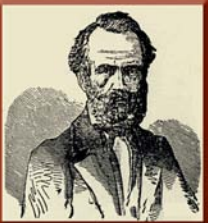
BAPTISTS
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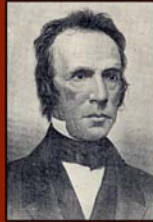
CHRISTADELPHIANS

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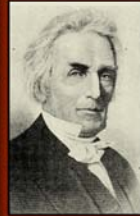
THE STRUGGLE FOR BIBLE TRUTH



John Thomas (left) was persuaded by Walter Scott (right) to be baptized in 1834



While editing The Herald of the Future Age (left) John Thomas came into conflict with Alexander Campbell (right) editor of The Millennial Harbinger & questioned the validity of his earlier baptism



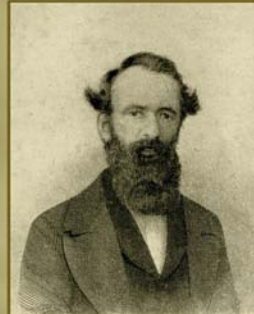
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Dr. Thomas: His Life & Work

by Robert Roberts

Chapter XXIV

"Re-immersed for the hope of Israel"



"Step by step we neared the precipice over which our profession was to be dashed to pieces. We continued our argument, showing that none other than this was saving faith; *'for we are saved by hope.'* — Romans 8:24. "This was the turning point. 'Saved by hope,' said we. 'What hope?' Hope may comprehend a multitude of general matters—saved by hope of what?... Accordingly we turned to the original, and found that he had said, 'THE HOPE;'... This was very definite."

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ELPIS ISRAEL;

A BOOK FOR THE TIMES;

BY

AN EXPOSITION

OF THE

KINGDOM OF GOD,

WITH REFERENCE TO

"THE TIME OF THE END,"

AND

"THE AGE TO COME."

BY JOHN THOMAS, M.D.,
BIRMINGHAM, THIRTEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED.

"For the time of [Israel] I can hear with the church"—Psalm.

LONDON:

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1905.

The Truth Revived in The Latter Days

"We have, then, arrived at a great truth, namely, that the *"one hope of the gospel"* preached by the apostles to the Jew first, and afterward to the Greek, was *"the hope of Israel;"* that the subject of it was *the kingdom of God and Shiloh;* and that these were the matter of promise made to the fathers."

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John Thomas: *The Book Unsealed*



The Tuileries, Paris, scene of the Revolution & Political Resurrection of the Witnesses

"We (the Christadelphians) live in the epoch of their resurrection. We belong to the same class of people. Before 1789, the witness-class existed, but were unable to deliver their testimony. We exist, but our testimony is free, and no man can stop us. This means something. The class to which we belong was prevailed against by the powers that be, and continued in political death...from 1685, when their death was accomplished, to 1789, when the French revolution released them from their death-state, and caused them to stand upon their feet..."

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John Thomas:
The Book Unsealed

**Plaque (Paris)
celebrates the
Declaration of
1789.**

**"THE LIBERTY
& RIGHTS OF
MAN"**



That was the political resurrection of the witnesses, preceding their spiritual resurrection. The one resurrection had to take place before the other was possible. We have lived to witness the spiritual sequel to the political resurrection of the witnesses. A resurrection has been developed before your eyes of the testimony which was originally set forth in the gospel preached by Jesus and the apostles 1,800 years ago."

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WHO ARE THE
CHRISTADELPHIANS?

"They regard the Roman Church as "the Mother of Harlots," and the Papal dynasty as "the name of blasphemy," seated on the seven hills of Rome (Rev. 13:1; 17:9), and the paramour of the Old Mother. They hold, also, that their harlot daughters answer to the state churches of anti-christendom; and "the abominations of the earth," to all the dissenting names and denominations..." John Thomas in 1869.

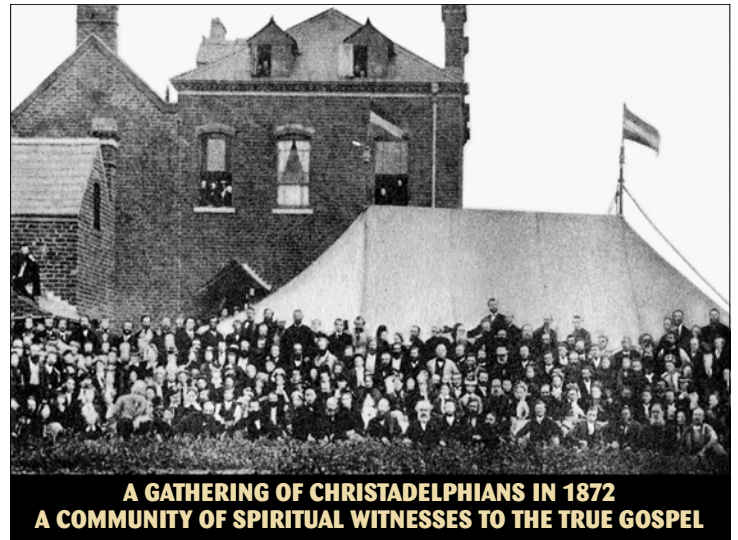
"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:10.

**"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS"
REVELATION CHAPTER 17**



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**A GATHERING OF CHRISTADELPHIANS IN 1872
A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL WITNESSES TO THE TRUE GOSPEL**

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