

Visions, Discoveries, and Warnings

OF THE

Dreadful and terrible Judgements

UPON

Scotland, England, and Ireland,

WHICH WERE REVEALED TO

JOHN PORTER of *CROSSIBEIG*.

Taken from his own Mouth, (while confined to his Bed, being blind) and attested by himself, as by his Declaration annexed.

JOEL ii. 28, 30, 31, 32.

“ And it shall come to pass, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all
 “ flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your
 “ old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
 “ And I will shew them wonders in the heavens, and in the earth,
 “ blood and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into
 “ darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and terrible
 “ day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall
 “ call on the name of the Lord, shall be delivered.”

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IN a dream, being standing as I thought, upon the Braes of Ayr, I went to a little height near the tower and looking about to the city, I observed two coaches all black, going up the river side towards the south, with such quick motion, as if they had not touched the ground; and as I looked after them, there came one to me, and asked me, What I looked upon? I answered, two coaches, the which I never saw the blacker: He said, I will tell thee what these are, it is the devils going to combine together to go to Rome to make the Pope to send Antichrist to Scotland, to bring on a stroke and get a fatal fall.

2. At another time I apprehended a great light, and in the light I saw before me in large letters, the Lord is about to plead a controversy with SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, and IRELAND, for a despised and slighted Gospel.

3. At another time, being awake, but being incapable to know where I was, I apprehended by a vision of light that I was in the open fields sitting by the highway side and saw a company of men walking by me, and every one of them had in their right hand a large bloody napkin hanging down, upon which I perceived large letters; I asked the meaning of that which I saw upon the corners of the napkin; It was answered, it was the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And looking after them, I saw them come to the gates of the city, and as they entered in, each one took a bloody clout out of his pocket, and threw it down at the threshold of the door, with which they wiped their feet as they went in; then I asked, what meant the clouts? It was answered, it was the custom in noblemens' houses to have old cast clouts laid down at their doors to wipe their feet as they came in: for no unclean thing shall enter into the new Jerusalem; and then, looking in at the gates of the city, I perceived a greater number of people in a large room than I can express, having every one of them a bloody napkin in their hands.

4. After the same manner, I apprehended I was walking through a little town, and saw, as it had been, a few sheep and lambs, forced out of a house, pursued by a dog, and passing by the door, I looked in, and saw a lamb, which I apprehended was not able to follow the rest: then I saw one come to it, which I took to be its mother, and as I looked upon her, I saw one of her sides open, as if it had been the leaf of a window, and thus looking, one came to me, and asked, What I looked upon? I answered, a few sheep and lambs pursued by a dog, he said, I will tell thee what it means; this generation seeketh to destroy my little flock, but, ere long, I will give them another bone to gnaw upon, for I will bring in the king of Spain with an invincible army for the abuse of my gospel, which was the renown of this land, and made it famous in other churches, for the ministers of this church are turned into divisions and factions among themselves; for which I will dash them one against another. And as I looked I perceived a long roll coming to me, which lighted upon my knees, upon which I perceived three lines drawn length ways; I understood the letters, but not the words, upon which a man came to me, and asked, what I was looking upon? I answered, upon a written roll, but could not understand the language thereof: he said, I will shew thee the meaning thereof; I'll bring against this land a people of a strange language and a fierce countenance, whose speech thou shalt not understand, and they shall march through the whole land, to execute my judgements, or broken covenants and bloodshed of my servants; and for despising and slighting of my gospel. I was asked again, what seest thou? I answered, a log of timber, with two running streams, I was asked what was the colour of them? I answered, the one is blackish and dark, the other bright and clear. Then he bade me taste the one that was black; and dipping my finger in it, I found it bitter. Then, he desired me to taste that which was clear; the which when I did, I found it sweet; he answered, the bitter is the cup that is put in the hands of this generation, and the sweet is the cup that the remnant is to receive afterwards. Then he asked what wilt

thou do for me, or rather, what shall I do for thee. Then it came upon my heart with such power, that I cast an open door, to plead both for myself and his remnant, (in which I found great liberty.) that he would spare a remnant and not make a full end in the day of his anger, at the same time I saw four lines drawn before me, which ye will find in Psal. 22d. A seed shall serve him, unto the Lord it shall be for a generation reckoned ages all.

5. Another time I was awakened out of my sleep, with a great voice, which said unto me, this year shall be a year of great confusion, such as was not since the y^e king Uzziah died; for the mother shall forget her suckling child, and the father the son of his old age, for their shall be a cry made, to go forth and meet the Spanish army, and he that goes forth to meet that army, shall not find a man to take him by the hand to ask how he doth; and he will not leave house and family, and go to the field for Christ and his interest: for I will bring a stroke upon the land, and none shall escape from the king to the beggar, and that for the many sins, particularly these three, Broken and burnt covenants, and the blood-shed of them that testified against the same, and a despised and slighted gospel.

6 At another time, being overpowered with a great light, a considerable writing was laid before me, which I could not understand, but at length I perceived an express, viz. Come hear, all ye that fear the Lord, and I will tell you what I am to bring upon this generation; I have given you my gospel in purity and plenty, for more than thirty years, in which I laid before them, all the blessings pronounced in the book of Deuteronomy, and all the curses pronounced on mount Ebal against the disobedient, yet my gospel lacked some things among them. There was several things laid before me, which I cannot remember; as I was turning from looking upon it, was said, there was one thing that was lacking, viz. The light of countenance. I will raze this generation, as a man razes a piece of ground to provide his turf, I will run upon this generation as a man treading mortar, running back

and forward, treading upon the highest places; And as I live saith the Lord, the house of Eli shall not escape, i. e. The great ones shall not be past for their greatness, nor the poor for his poverty; and that for the following reasons The great ones were concerned in the making of these covenants, and the poor also; and it shall be found that the great ones were concerned in breaking of them, and the poor likewise, and both were concerned in the blood of those, who testified against the breaking and burning of these covenants.

7 I was at another time allowed to proclaim a commission, withal saying, there were ministers in the place, and a set of judicious men and Christians, who were more fit than I, who is both blind and lame: to which I was answered, as it were with an angry countenance, I have laid thee there for seven years on that bed, for that end I have kept thee, which thou wilt not believe; and if thou continue in refusing, I will shew thee examples both from scripture and experience, that I have done to such as would not believe. Then came to my remembrance, what he had done to the unbelieving lord at the gate of Samaria. Then he presented the commission to me, go and proclaim a sacrifice in Bozrah which will come upon the land of Idumea, which is thee, O wretched Scotland For I will call the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field, to eat the flesh of kings, of captains, and of great ones, who have shed the blood of my servants, that testified against the breaking of these covenants, for I am wounded in my members by this generation, and nothing will heal that wound but a plaister of the blood of these that wounded me; which plaister I am about to make up shortly.

8. And at another time I perceived a great army, betwixt Girvan and Ayr, all in black, and observed a moving towards the land. Again I perceived another army of foot, that came and took up their ground, and they stood, each of them upon their own ground: and as I was musing and looking with great concern upon them, I saw one all in white, who said, let that not trouble thee, I will build thee a sure house, better than that of sons and daughters, saith the Lord. Then I heard another saying unto

me, be not a afraid of that great army, for thou shalt see them no more. I had not moved my feet seven years till I saw that army fall to the ground. as if they had been all struck with one stone. Then returned the vision of light, which said, now I have let thee see that great army of 266 000 all fall to the ground.

A memorable instance not to be forgot, but to be a memorial of my return to the poor Church of Scotland, for my return shall yet be great in this land, for I will have more ado with Antichrist in my church, for I will give him a stroke, and the report thereof shall be heard thro' the whole world.

9 At another time, as I was viewing the vision of light I perceived one coming down with a great ax in his right hand, and turning himself upon a step, he set his one foot higher than the other, and the hand with the ax on his right knee, and swore with an oath by him that liveth forever and ever; yea, ere long, Britain shall know what my commission with the ax: but let not that trouble thee for thou shalt not see it.

10. That at another time, I heard at a great distance above me, as it had been one making a great moan, and another saying, what aileth the child, to make such a moan? The child said, we will all be ruined, for our church is filled full of superstition, and damnable heresies. it was answered, that needs not trouble thee, thou hast nothing to do with that, it lies at the door of ministers, let them see to that; the child answered, we sustain the pain and the loss, for we will all be herried, for our church is full of thieves and robbers.

11. At another time, lying upon my bed waking, there appeared to me, the likeness of a woman with a ghostly countenance, which passed with a great motion by my bed-stock to the other side of the house, and looking at me with an angry visage, clapping her hands together, several times at me, and I overheard her, as talking with another, and came over the same discourse I had with another person that Thursday before, and said to the other, he hath made all the honest people that they cannot hear his name named, and others to mock and have him in derision, which will

make him that he had better be off the world than upon it. Then one of them asked me, what was that I had done? and repeated the former discourses to me, and said, since thou hast done so, I will learn thee a way to mind it, deny thou said so, I answered, how can I do that? I have told it to some that will be believed, though I should say to the contrary: but he still continued with temptations and terrible threatnings, to that purpose, till at last I was made to cry out, O LORD, rebuke him, for he will not be rebuked by me. Then all disappeared.

12. That in Nov: 1729, I thought I was standing in the open fields, and saw a man coming to me with a big cup of blood in his hand, which, when I beheld, he told me, he had a commission to divide that cup into lesser cups among five cities: then I saw five cups in his other hand to be divided; he named Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Ayr, as for the other two, I do not positively remember them. Which blood was to purge these cities of blood, for I will purge them till I bring my remnant to say, what have we to do any more with idols.

13. On this same month I saw two living creatures having six wings, two covered their faces, two covered their feet, and with two they did fly, and they cried, Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, glory be to thee who hast said, I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to graven images. I will not give my glory to English nor Irish, to French nor Spaniard, to Pope, nor Pagan, but I will make the glory to myself, and will cover myself with a cloud in mine anger, that they shall not see my face, and I will run upon my enemies, and tread them as mire in the streets, and will satiate the earth with their blood as with dung, and then I will take mine anger and the rod, and tye them together, and throw them in the furnace.

14. At another time it was laid before me, that it was a token of judgements to come upon the land, that the ministers were so unconcerned when the Lord was about to bring a desolating stroke both by sea and land, the smoke whereof shall be seen from one land to another, that in some harbour, there shall scarcely one house be left to tell another, yonder a ship coming into the harbour.

15. It was laid before me, that the Lord was about pursue the blood of his servants, from the year 1661 to this day, and nothing will purge blood but blood, and when it is accomplished, it will be said as the queen of Sheba said to Solomon, that the one half was not told of what she had found. For I have two swords drawn, that of a foreign and that of an intestine enemy, and if ye find a favour it will be at the hand of the foreign enemy.

16. At another time I was awakened with a cry saying this is a second time I have come unto thee, with this warning, but thou regardest more the town talk of this country than my warnings, but I will make thee an iron pillar, and a brazen wall against this generation; speak therefore that I command thee, lest I confound thee before them. I do not say as before, a sacrifice in Bozrah, but I say a sacrifice in thee, wretched Scotland? for I will dye the ground with blood from Gath-hill, to Irvine water, for I will purge my church of popery, and prelacy and all other errors, which are not according to the true principles of the church; for I will bring a small army with a few ministers of the principles of the mountain me some time ago nicknamed whigs, and they shall be the true seed of the church.

17. The reason why I was desirous to acquaint others with what was laid before me, was because of the sore rebuke I had for neglecting it. I apprehended I heard two men coming by the house, the one saying to the other, I have an old blind man in this house, I must speak to him before I go any further; and turning myself on my bed, I saw a young man in bright clothing, who said to me, what I have laid before thee deny it not, but maintain it, and what thou hast not spoken, speak, and what other things I say before thee conceal them not, whether they hear or whether they forbear; they shall know that I have laid thee there for that end, and thou shalt not want a reward, for I never bade any man serve me for nothing; and if thou disobey my commission, I will fill thy bed with a sulphureous smoke, that none shall be able to come near thee, and lest thou be discouraged about where the smoke shall come from, I will open the mouth of the bottomless pit, the ha-

bitation of those that disobey my commands, and let thee see what smoke cometh out of it; upon which I was affrighted, that I came under a solemn promise that what he would keep upon my memory I should not conceal it, though it cost me my life: but it was said unto me, what thou dost not remember I will not charge thee for it. I answered, I wanted health, I wanted sight, and so was unfit to publish it, to which it was answered, I sent them to thy bed stock to receive what thou hadst to say to them, but thou didst not speak but took other obligations that they should not speak what thou told them before.

18. Jan. 12th. 1730. Being awaked, it was said to me, I am as a bear bereaved of her whelps, that can neither meet man nor beast but tear them in pieces, I had once a bonny bairn time of bairns in Scotland, which they bereaved me of, some of them they sent to foreign lands and plantations, others they drowned in the sea, others they killed in the fields upon gibbets and scaffolds, for which I will drive them out of their houses as sheep are driven in a stormy day before the storm, seeking for shelter, but find none. I will cause my mouth to go thro' this generation, as a storm of snow goeth through a wood, where the highest trees and thickest branches, receive most of the storm; I will leave their houses without rib or roof, and their substance, as corn in the fields, that hath neither corn nor chaff. And the same day, about twilight, there shined a great light about me, such as I never saw before for brightness, which so overpowered me, that I knew not whether I was in the body or out of the body, and it was said to me, I am a merciful God, and he that repenteth and fleeth to me for mercy, by forsaken their sins, the generation to come shall not remember that there was such a generation in the place. I have a remnant in this place whom I will whip as a father doth his son that serveth him, I will not deal with this church as I have dealt with other churches, whom I have left never to return again, as the seven churches of Asia, for I have a remnant of men and women in this land, such as I have not found the parrellel of in any church beside, which have taken fast hold of me by their prayers of

faith, they have fastened their grips so that they will not let me go, for the cry of their prayers hath come up before me, and outreacheth the cry of their sins, for which I will make the voice of the prayers of my remnant to be heard in such acclamations of joy, as shall make the very earth rebound and echo, and the delivery so close after the stroke, as can hardly be discovered, a simile was given me, of two bushes growing so close together, that the one could not be discerned from the other, until they were cut down and drawn asunder.

19. Upon Sabbath, about cock-crowing, I was awakened out of sleep with a sharp rebuke, thus, how often shall I rebuke thee for concealing the desolating stroke coming upon the land, which I laid before thee so often, for which thou hast brought thyself very near that word, he that denieth me before men, him will I deny before my Father which is in heaven: yet I own thee to be faithful, particularly the last morning when I sent two men to thy house, thou discovered to them what I laid before thee, that they may know that it came from me; I own that my remnant have taken hold of me by prayer, that they will not let me go, for which my remnant will be so great in the land, that houses to dwell in, or a piece of land will be as ill to get as it is at this day. At the same time it was said unto me, I know the reason thou art so loth to tell my rebukes, it is because of reports and country talk, for I hear it is the report of some, that what thou spake it was wrong; but this generation shall know whether it was right or wrong spoken, but thou muttered it as men do gear thieftolen, which durst not be avowed, but remember, him that confesseth me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven, and therefore lay forth my commission before the world, let them take it as they will.

20. As I said to thee long ago, there was not such a year since that when King Uzziah died, as shall fall out at this time, and in a few years, which is to let you know, that time is my own. No man is to know it further than I please. I will shew particular signs to the world of that year coming, but ye shall not know when they come, nor the nature of them for they shall speak for themselves when they come.

21. Jan 13. At night, being awake, I was instantly cast into a deep sleep, and it was said unto me, I have cast you into a trance to discover things unto thee, and I saw a white sheet, let down from a great height to the bedside, tied at the four corners, and settled, as I thought, upon my knees, and fastening my eyes upon it I saw upon one side, a part of every sort of fowls, and at the other side cut pieces of flesh, and as I was thinking upon it, it was said to me, I will tell thee the meaning, the fowls are the generality of this generation, and the flesh is the remnant, which is to let thee see the good and bad live in one community together, and none of them will escape my stroke that will come upon this land, for I am provoked to anger by this generation in this place by the following sins, pride, whoredom, cursing, swearing, lying, stealing, and walking contrary to my commands every way, that I am provoked even by their buying and selling, for which I have two rods, the rod of mine anger, and the rod of my jealousy, wherewith I will even pursue them to the wilderness of Zin, and there will I let them see the want of bread and water.

22. Another time being awake, there was a voice spoke to me saying, that the isle betwixt Kintyre and Carriek; which should occasion great blood both in the east and west of Scotland, and particularly in the south of Carriek; then I perceived four ships, which received a commission to come to Lochkillicran, called the ships of Tarshish, which were to raze this place by burning houses, which should make the inhabitants to flee to the mountains, they that take hold of me by prayer for their refuge, will be safe; but those that take not hold of me for their shelter, though the common enemy should not pursue them, yet they shall not escape my judgements which I will inflict upon them, whether by pestilence or any other stroke; for there are many ships gathered hither, some for plunder, some for accomplishing the stroke, yet they shall be all broken, and scattered by very small means, particularly I apprehend one small ship, which sought a great parcel of these ships.

23. In the same month, as I was sitting in my bed, I saw as it had been the shape of an ax, laid before me in the bed all crushed together in one lump, and the housel of

it out of all shape, and while I looked upon it, it was said unto me, I will shew thee the meaning: this is the king of France's armies, which shall be made that they shall neither cut nor fell in the time when he hath most ado with them. A little thereafter in the morning, in a surprising manner, it was said to me, I have got more loss in my church by the king of France than by any prince in Europe, for he hath brought my church in that land to a very small remnant (if any) for which I will make him sit upon the top of a rock, that hath neither grass nor earth.

24. Being asleep, I apprehended I saw a man, as I was walking in the fields, coming to me, I asked him, What he had in his hand? He answered, it is a crown. I have often made offer of it to thee, and thou refused it; I said, I do not desire a crown, neither would take it; he replied, Go on in revealing what I have laid before thee, and thou shalt not want thy reward; but if thou refuse to declare what I lay before thee, I will make thee an example, such as there never was the like laid on a bed before thee. Fastening mine eyes on the man at a distance from me I saw a great stone fall on a sudden, as from the very clouds, betwixt him and me, and he said, As thou hast seen this stone fall on a sudden, so I will bring the stroke upon this generation, but yet they will not believe it, till it come to their very door, and thou shalt not see it.

25. Jan 16. 1730. It was said to me, I sent thee one of the bailies of Cambleton, to whom thou discovered many things, which had been laid before thee, and he coming home did not conceal the same, which made the ministers and some others come to thee, to whom thou also gave a large account of things laid before thee, which they have not discovered, except to some principal men of the city, and in so doing they have wronged this generation.

26. At another time I saw a creature, the likeness of a fowl, and as I wondered what it could be, I heard as if it had been the voice of one asking what I looked upon? I said, a fowl, but cannot understand what it is. I was answered, This is the red dragon spoken of in the Revelation, which fought with Michael and his angels, which was the occasion of these bloody napkins on which thou saw the

names of the twelve apostles and the Lamb, which I shewed thee a great while ago. I was asked again, What seest thou? I answered, a white throne; and it was replied, The Lord hath erected a throne upon the earth, for the Lord hath said he will come down, and see if the sins of the land be according to the cry thereof, if not, he will know, for he is about to execute his wrath upon this land, for many sins, particularly for breach of covenants between man and man, and between nation and nation, and personal covenants at his table; but especially the solemn league and covenant, which was made in my name, for which I will pour out my wrath; but I have remnant which shall escape, for these ends, lest the enemy should mock and say to them, is this the reward of your prayers, and fastings, and communions, and all the niceties you have observed, since it fares with you as with us? I have kept you so many years blind, that my remnant may understand, that it was not discovered by any other light, for it is gone abroad among my enemies, That an old blind man that hath lain so many years upon his bed, is made to discover all these secrets and designs, which makes them astonished.

27. Feb. 1. About two in the afternoon, being surprised with a great light: it was said to me, Must I be accountable of my delivery to thee, so thou for thy receiving from me, must stand before the judgement seat of Christ, and witness thy delivery to this generation. I know thou hast omitted a great part, which thy memory could not contain, for which I do not quarrel thee. I take heaven and earth to witnesses that I am laying before thee the fall of Babylon, and men of Romish Antichrist. I was so taken with these words, that I made my appeal, that I would conceal nothing that he would keep upon my memory. Then I was answered, I am preparing a sacrifice in Babylon which will make the fowls of the air, and beasts of the field to eat the flesh, and drink the blood of Antichrist, according to that scripture, Rev. xvi. 1. &c For I have a remnant that will take warning, and leave her sins, which will escape her judgements, but there is an unaccountable multitude which I will sweep away in her destruction: For those whom the sword shall leave the

famine and pestilence shall find out, and I will bring a nation, such as was not in my land since the visitation in Ireland. The sun and moon shall be concerned, as they were at the time when Israel avenged themselves on their enemies. All this I had in the vision of light.

28. Another time I saw a man coming to me, who said he had no great commission at the time, only, the devil had taken his journey, to ~~excite~~ excite and stir up the instruments, who were to accomplish the desolating stroke and fall of Antichrist in this land.

29. Feb. 9. After the same manner I heard one saying, I will drive this generation in my anger, as the smoke of a furnace is driven, which no man can gather or bring back where it was; for I will make their ashes like a furnace that burneth; which, when it is past, men go and look into the furnace, and can see nothing but ashes; for the most part of this generation makes a mock at all my warnings of judgements, but they shall all be accomplished within a few years, as I have told thee in some warnings before.

Jan. 13. These sins, breach of covenant, and Satan's sins which cast him out of heaven, &c. At the same time, I saw a man as with a sword drawn in his hand, who said, I am come down to take peace from the earth, and to proclaim war against Antichrist, &c. by Michael and his angels with this sword, with which I have given him one stroke already. And I heard another angel crying with a loud voice, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, Rev. xiv. 8. &c. For Antichrist hath assumed to himself the name of being Christ's Vicar, which is Christ's equal; whereas I have no equal, neither will any man have that name on earth: I will root out Antichrist, and it shall be with him as with the world at the last day, when I shall dissolve it into nothing, it shall never take root again, which I will shortly accomplish.

30. Feb. 11. While I lay upon my bed, about two of the clock afternoon, the vision of light appeared so great, that I thought there was no house above, only clothes, and I heard a voice saying, As I am in heaven and thou upon the earth lying upon thy bed, I will give this generation a stroke, that all the doctors on the earth cannot cure.

Then I apprehended a man walking by me with a seal in his hand, and he stood still, and lifted up his right hand, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, That he had often foretold, but they would not believe, but mocked at all the warnings, neither wilt thou believe thyself; but these that will not believe, I will tread as mire in the streets, which shall be accomplished in a few years. I had also in clear letters laid before me, fight and overcome, three times repeated. And another said, What shall we do? To whom it was replied, he that will not fight shall not overcome.

31. Feb. 17. Near sun-setting, I was surpris'd with a great light, and while I sat beholding it, one appeared to me, saying, I will tell thee the meaning of the light, it is to let the world see, it is not by natural light, all these things are revealed to thee; for I have taken away the lesser light, and given thee the greater instead thereof: I have found thee faithful in proclaiming my commissions, which hath been withstood by some in the place; but be they great or small that withstand thee, go thou on in fulfilling the name of a commissioner, least I call thee by a more dreadful name, and as thou hast discovered great things, I will shew thee greater things, which thou shalt deliver also. That same night I was awakened from my sleep with a great light, I saw, as if the clouds had been open, and in a bright cloud, I heard a voice, saying, Glory be to our God, that is our God upon the throne, and to the Lamb which hath taken into thee thy great power, and hath reigned, who hath judged the great whore that sitteth on many waters, which hath made the kings of the earth drunk, with the wine of her fornication, as she hath made them drunk with the cup, so I will make all the kingdoms of the world with the blood of her destruction. And I heard another say, thou hast rightly judged her, for she delighted in the blood of thy servants, and thou hast given her blood to drink. Then I heard a great lamentation, mourning, and crying, to which, while I listened, it was said, I will tell thee what that great cry meaneth, it is the destruction of those who received the mark of the beast on their right hand and forehead. Then there appeared to me a vast

field of slain men, which none could number, and their blood running upon the earth. Then I saw as it were a throne erected in heaven, and on it, one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to his feet, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle, saying, Rejoice over her, ye heavens, and ye prophets, and ye holy apostles, for God hath avenged you upon her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, to be found no more at all.

31. Feb 21. It was laid before me in printed letters, That the Lord was about to plead with Antichrist for the bloodshed of his servants by him, since he had a beginning, which he would instance in these nations following, Germany, Bohemia, Piedmont, France, Spain, Britain, and Ireland, and particularly the bloody house of Austria, and for what was done in the Netherlands, which was made desolate not for their own quarrel, but for mine, because they would not deny me, and acknowledge the Pope to be head of my church. At the same time it was said, I will raze the kingdom of Spain as the top of a rock that hath neither food for man nor beast, but I will first bring him to Britain to avenge me of mine enemies, and for the injuries done me and my church there, and then I will take the rod and throw it on the fire, and cursed be that man who refuseth to go forth, and bathe his sword in the blood of Antichrist.

33. At another time I perceived a man walking with an ikehorn by his side, and a pen in his hand, and when I fastened my eyes upon him he said, I am to set a mark and seal upon the followers of the Lamb to distinguish them from those that have the mark of the beast in the approaching and desolating stroke.

35. At another time it was laid before me, by three similes, what he would do with Antichrist, the first was a fisher dracing his net, and every fish that wanted fins and scales, he threw it to the bottom of the sea, where they were never found any more: the second was of a man taking a handful of sand, and throwing it against the winds, that it was never seen nor heard any more: the third was a man cut-

ting down a field of corn, who left some stalks standing and some falling, and afterwards seeking for feed in these stalks, he found them all consumed and rotten in the heart. At the same time a great light appeared unto me, which made me much concerned, and it was said to me, I have touched thy lips for this end, that thou may accomplish the commission I have delivered unto thee; declare thou to this generation, that they shall look to the south, and see the Spanish army great and very cruel; for they shall do according to the scripture, Amos v. *The city that goes out by a thousand shall leave a hundred, and the city that goes out by a hundred, shall leave ten to the house of Israel, saith the Lord;* yet notwithstanding I will cause my remnant in this land to bathe their swords in the blood of Antichrist, I saw in a vision that Christ's church must go into the furnace, and there be purged, for he will have a pure church, or no church at all; for he will have his church purged from all the defiling errors and superstitious heresies which she hath been often brought under by Antichristian prelates, for he will have his church and spouse a chaste brice unto him. Then I saw a man coming unto me with a crown in his hand, who said, This is the crown which Christ's church should receive in the day of her espousal unto him, because Antichrist hath enlarged hell with the souls of those whom he hath drawn away with his superstitious idolatry, I will take unto me my great power and reign, and throw him into the lake of fire, which burneth with fire and brimstone.

35. March 21. I saw a man passing by me, who asked, What I saw in his hand. I said a crown. Immediately he returned the same way, and I saw something in his other hand, but could not understand what it was, whereupon he answered, Ye have an old tradition in your native land. That the righteous heir to the crown is commonly known by the star on his side, so this in my hand is the star whereby I am known to be heir of my father's crown. There is an Antichristian party, who design to rob my father of his kingdom in this land, and I am my father's only son, the son of his love, and who hath holden forth to the world, and who is more obliged to stand for the interest than the heir? They have defamed my spouse and

bride, by calling her a monstrous woman, with whom none may converse, and who is obliged to own the bride, but the bridegroom? As I live, I will ride my horse to the girths in the blood of Antichrist. For as great as their army is which is combining among the antichristian party, I can break them all without the stroke of a sword; and for as low as they think my interest in this land is, I will let them see, that I have a party that will appear against them whose armies I make to prosper.

36. March 22d. There appeared a man walking by me, and I asked where he was going? He answered, ask a blessing for this land, before the storm and cloud break upon it, which is just at the breaking. Another answered and said, it is well done, for there will be need for it, for before the storm be at an end, there shall be many broken planks and boards among us. And passing by again, he was asked whither he was going? He answered, he was going to beg the Spirit of God to this land and ministers, for it was withdrawn at the time. Then he passed by me again, and had like a piece of a broken pitcher in his hand; and being asked what he was going to do with it, he replied, he was going to make it new again: the other answered, it was never known that any old broken pitcher or pot was made new; but he passing on, returned immediately with it whole in his hand, and said, this is to let you see, that altho' they should break all my church to shivers, I can renew it again. Then it was said, all that is good, but that doth not satisfy us, if thou return not thyself again, he answered, I will certainly return; for I will be brought back by the wrestling and prayers of the saints.

37. March 24th. It was said to me, I have laid before thee the many similes which was thought strange. I will tell thee another strange simile, concerning the men who depend on the world for their shelter in the ensuing stroke: I compare the world to an old rent mantle, which a man taketh about him, in a stormy day, he draws it up to cover his head, and his feet are all bare, and when he wraps his hands in it, to cover himself before, it is riven all behind, and his back is all bare, it is so narrow, let him do what he will, there is more bare than covered.

38. March 26th About the middle of the day, I saw a man in a vision. a man of a very high stature and angry countenance, saying, that this land and people had wronged him of his name and title, which pertained to him, as supreme head of the church, in that they had nicknamed him by the name of the cursed prelate, and hath given me another name, which they call Fanatic. Then there appeared to me another man, of a very comely gesture, who enquired, who it was that spoke with me? I answered, I cannot tell. He said, I will tell thee, it is Antichrist, who is displeas'd for wronging his name, and then spoke thus. praise be to him that rides in heaven, by his name JAH, his name for ever and ever shall endure; and repeated many names which the Lord takes to himself: he was such a shining gesture, as I cannot venture to express. This I saw under the vision of a great light.

39. That same night, about ten o'clock, I was awakened out of sleep, with a surprising light, as if there had been no house above me, but the clouds all in light; and while I was admiring it, I heard one saying to me, look about thee, which, when I did, I saw a great cloud coming from the south, very black and great, it neither touched the clouds above, nor the earth beneath: then he said, that cloud is a combination of France, Spain, Italy, and Rome, for ruining Britain, and Ireland: I answered what shall we do in such a dark time, of such a dark cloud, which we are not able to resist? He said, ye must do as a man doth that hath a great swarm of bees, which he cannot get commanded: he taketh a vessel, and casteth water among them, by which he maketh them fall to the ground, and so they neither sting nor wrong him, until he putteth them into the skip which he had designed for them. Then I said, what water can we cast upon so great an army that can harm them? He answered, the vengeance of Almighty God: to which I answered, can we take the water, or command the vengeance of Almighty God? He replied, You must call to God, by prayers in faith, for he keeps the cup of vengeance in his own hand, and will throw it in among them, which will make them all fall to the ground like bees, and they shall not move until he put them into

the place which he hath prepared for them, which is the bottomless pit; there they shall sting his people no more: For the Lord will do with this great army as a man cutteth down his harveit; when a storm ariseth he gathereth neither bigness nor foulness, so that he cutteth down more in one hour than he did in a whole day before. Then said I, Lord, what will I do in such a dejected condition, for I promised that I will conceal nothing, and I know they will not believe me. And he said, ye have an old proverb, Seeing is believing all the world over; I will let them see it, and if seeing will not make them believe it, I will make them feel it, for that which toucheth a man he believeth it. Then I said, How can I discover it when my memory cannot contain it by a great part? He answered, I create the ear to hear, and will give thee memory that thou mayest deliver to this generation as much as will leave them without excuse, or to say, that I brought a stroke upon them, without giving them warning: I know many will mock till they be infatuate, that they shall not know their enemies from their friends: therefore, go thou on in warning, and I will make good my word to thee. Then I said, I have found more of thy word in former discoveries than I can find in this; upon which these words were laid before me. *God my salvation is become,* &c. And further, he said, This maybe among the last I'll trouble thee with, though it be not the least. I am fully assured, I was not asleep at this time, but received the commission, and saw the vision with such deep impressions under that light, which I forbear to express to the world.

40. April 2. About ten of the clock at night, a great light shining about me, it was laid before me, that he was bringing a great army of French, Spaniards, Romish, and a part of every nation about them, to bring a stroke on this land for broken covenants, or slighted gospel, and the abounding sins of the land, and the blood of those who testified to the covenants, for, saith he, I will make the earth full of the blood of my enemies in this land! But I know a great many of this land will join with them, but such shall fall with them, so as to have neither name nor remembrance in it afterwards. But I have reserved 7000

men that have not bowed the knee to Baal, which shall be the seed that shall do me service in this land. I will have a glorious church in this land, which shall be admired of all the earth.

41. April 24. It was said to me, How long shall this generation defer to hear my warnings? I will make this land without bread or water, for I am more concerned for this land, while they forbear to hear my warnings, than for the wilderness of Zin, wherein no man dwells. This land shall be brought to that pass, that one shall hardly find a man to ask how he fared in the storm.

42. April 5. About the middle of the day, there appeared to me a great light, and it was said unto me, I have no great commission for thee at this time, being to go to the north of Scotland to tell them, That now their cup is full, and ere long it shall be as empty as ever it was full; for many of them shall never have a full cup in this place again, and it seems to be one of the last warnings.

43. April 15. It was said unto me, I have given out a long roll of warnings, but this generation hath mocked at them, and now I am to go to the main land of Scotland, and to tell them, that those warnings they receive from this place darkly, shall shortly be accomplished, for I have a remnant of tender-hearted Christians here, who will lay it to heart, but this place is hardened by mocking and scoffing, so that any tender-hearted Christian dare not let it be known they lay it to heart, lest they be mocked by their neighbours. But this generation shall have few more warnings, till they be warned by the sword in their own bosoms! The first year shall lay the land desolate. Their design is to put their pretended king upon the throne, but they shall as soon put the wild fox that runs in the wood upon the throne, as they shall put him or any of that race upon it, as my servants hanged on gibbets for adhering to my interest, having testified and declared.

44. April 21. In the evening of this day, I saw the appearance of a man, who said unto me, You have had a long summer season in this land, but ye have been like the sluggard, when he said, Consider the ant, thou sluggard, which prepareth her food in the summer, and is fixed for

the storm. A truly good husbandman, when he meets with a good season, does not ly by and misimprove his time but cuts down and gathers in till he have all secured within the fence, and closeth up the flaps, and then he is fixed for the winter distress, I would ye were often with Gideon and David in the field of prayer. I have given thee two warnings to the north of Scotland already, I will give you another, the barley cake tumbling into the camp of Midian, and turning down their tents.

45. In the evening of that same day, the light was exceeding great for a long time, I beheld a roll, but could not understand a word of it, upon which one said to me, I am sent from heaven to tell thee, that this is the light of heaven but I am to give warning of a dark night to come on Britain and Ireland! I condescended not long ago, to lay out signs and proposed months and days, but ye mocked and made light of it, but I shall now give a sign, and ye shall nowhere know years, months, weeks, nor days, but when it comes you shall all see it, for the sun and moon shall fall in one course, but what further is to be seen I will refer till the vision speak for itself, for there was never man saw such a night of darkness, for there shall neither be moon-light nor star-light, through the whole three kingdoms, from the one end to the other, and all shall feel that darkness.

46. May 6th. It was said to me, arise and appear as if thou were about to prepare a ship, and when this generation shall ask what thou meant? thou shalt answer, it is for you to go to the South sea and view what a great fleet is preparing to invade Britain and Ireland, and if they regard not thee, prepare a second, and when they ask the meaning, answer in the like manner, and if they regard not that, make a little boat which needs no sails, and if they ask, what thou meant by such a little boat, then say thou, the least fishing boat that goes about the rock to catch fish shall serve you to go the length to see that fleet which is coming, lay this before this generation, lest they say that I came upon them without warning.

47. May 7th. In the morning there appeared before me, a light, and two men walking before, the one had as it were a sword in his hand, and as I looked at them, all disap-

peared at that time: and in the latter part of the day, the vision returned; and fixing my eyes upon the two men, the one had a great sword in his hand, that had neither hilt nor bars, upon which I was asked, what I thought of that man with the sword in his hand? I could not tell, for he looked like a gourd angry man, and had steel harnessing from head to foot, he replied, this is to tell you that he is a man able for all that oppose him, and needs neither hilt, nor bar, to cut down this generation and save a remnant, then I answered, I cannot see how a man, with such a sword and in such a rage, as he seems to be, can save a remnant, to which it was replied, I will let thee see that presently, then I saw at a distance from me as it had been a company of men, and he said, there is a company of men, and the man with the sword had one son in the company, upon which I saw the man begin and cut down the company with the sword, and none escaped till he came to his own son, and as he was fetching a stroke at him, he did not run away nor resist, but grasped him in his arms, and cried, be merciful father, I am your own son, and when he heard the voice of his son, he let the sword fall till the point stuck in the ground and never touched him, then I heard as if the one had said to the other: How can we believe such warnings as these spoken by such a man, when it is reported by men of great skill that he is out of order and of a light brain? The other answered, I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star, I hold the seven stars in my right hand, who dare say unto me what doest thou? And when I have a warning to give I choose whom I please, to give forth my warnings, if my warnings bear not my seal, and be not according to my word, they quarrel it, but they are not concerned with the commissioner, what condition he be in, that is nothing to you, and you have no more answer to expect from me at this time.

48 Upon Friday following, I was warned by a voice, that he was preparing a sacrifice in the islands of Britain and Ireland, particularly in the highlands of Scotland, then I heard one saying, O that this generation, both men and women would believe this and lay it to heart, what a time this will be when they shall be awakened out of

their sleep, and possibly see nothing but their neighbours' houses all in a flame, if not their own. This I have laid before you in the name of the Lord.

49. In 1736 in the vision of light, I thought I was in a pleasant field, and there appeared unto me a man in white shining raiment, saying unto me, What seest thou? I answered; A bush full of branches and blossoms. Then he bade me draw near, and lo! in a moment it all withered and decayed, except the heart of the bush: I stood still till the bush was cut down by the root as with a scythe, at which I wept sore. But, in a little time I beheld a bush spring up out of the heart of the stock, far more beautiful and glorious than the first, then I asked him the meaning he answered, The first bush thou sawest is the present degenerated and apostatized church of Scotland, which I will sweep away in mine anger, and whereas thou saw a bush spring up from the root of the former bush, this is the remnant that I have reserved to myself in the desolating stroke which shall be the seed of my church, whose purity, beauty, and glory shall be so great, that the very hills and mountains shall ring with the report thereof. Amen.

The request of JOHN PORTER, to all who shall have occasion to hear or read the foregoing Discoveries and Warnings.

I earnestly desire all who shall either hear of, or shall have occasion to read what has been discovered to me, and I, in obedience to the command given me, have communicated to others from first to last, according as it is revealed in these few pages. That they receive them not as the product of my own contrivance, or invention from lightness of brain or melancholy, as some have taken the liberty to forge; for I declare that notwithstanding of my blindness for so long a time, am ripe in my memory and judgement, and I am fully assured of the way they were delivered unto me. I attest that I received them with such power as I cannot express; and that I do not offer to impose upon the present generation, I dare appeal with confidence unto God, to whom I must shortly give an account of my receivings and discoveries, and not to any man.

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