

Rapture 7/17/70 #11

ancestors who worshipped idols. We've had ancestors who worshiped Thor and Odin, the gods of the northland, or the worship of ~~Romoooco~~ Apollo and Diana and Zeus and the other gods of southern Europe. We have had other lords than God, our ancestors have had, whom they worshiped, and we have been converted from them through the preaching of the gospel. I think this verse 13 suggests very definitely that Is^o is looking forward to our day in verses 12 and 13.

Let's go on and see just how much does it fit our day? "They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise:" Who thinks of Thor or of Odin or of Jupiter as rising up today? They have died; they have disappeared, even though we call Wednesday Odin's day, and Thursday Thor's day, and we name days of the week and we name months after these old gods. They are only names to us. Nobody thinks of them as a reality any more. They are dead; they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: thou has visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. "Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth. LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them." Now look at these next two verses: "Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her lpngs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the ~~ix~~ inhabitants of the world fallen." Now these two verses seem to me to fit the situation in the Chn^o church more exactly today than at any other time in history. One hundred years ago, or a little less, they were saying; "the evangelization of the world in this generation, the great modern missionary movement was going out and carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth. In this generation the evangelization of the world." Today there are more heathen in the world than there were a hundred years ago, and today the missionary groups in so many lands that were preaching the gospel fifty years ~~ago~~ are today denying the truth, some even denying ~~the person of Christ~~ a personal God,