

determination that a line would be preserved. It was God's determination that though Melchizedek and Job and others might give a wonderful witness which endorse certain instances and disappear, that there should be kept alive one line through ^{which} the message of God was to be preserved, through which He would give His revelation for people to follow and through which He would prepare a way for the coming of His ~~of~~ Son into the World. ^{And so} ~~Though~~ we have God's determination shown in the lives of the patriarchs, and then Israel was sent down to Egypt where ^{they could} ~~where~~ under better economic and ^{climatic} ~~the~~ ^{would-} ~~situation~~ (609) the little group ^{many} would grow into a great ~~one~~, and there in Egypt they ~~fell~~ fell into terrible persecutions and terrible suffering and God came down and poured out His mighty work to bring them out of the land, but more than that to impress upon their minds His greatness and His power, His reality so that they would be the bearers of the message of the truth of God and then He poured out when they got into the wilderness there ~~He~~ almost ~~the~~ the whole nation turned against God, and He let them all die in the wilderness, and two of the generation lasted to go into the land of Canaan, but ~~the~~ God preserved the ~~of~~ testimony and God was determined that His witness ~~was~~ should be preserved in the world, and so He brought them in with the mighty miraculous acts into the land of Canaan. ^{And} There in the land of Canaan the history of Israel is the history of great leaders who looked to God and led the people, of a nation sinking ~~lower~~ lower and lower and God sent another leader and then one after the other. That is ~~the~~ the history of every one of us, of every Christian group. Only if we keep our eyes on the ^{ed} Lord that we can go forward, and ~~per--~~ ~~if only then we--~~ He permits ~~the~~ the group to die and disappeared, but He was determined to preserve a witness.