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The Angels of Mons – Our Protective God

*“Shining Angels throw a protective curtain around men from the Lincolnshire Regiment at Mons.”
Illustration by Alfred Pearse published in *The Chariots of God*, by A. Churchwoman, 1915*

“What hath God wrought!” Numbers 23:23

During this the 100th anniversary of the Great War 1914-1918 it is well to remember the great deliverance that God wrought for the British nation at that time and which resounds for the English-speaking peoples to this day. That deliverance centred on the first major action that the BEF, British Expeditionary Force, fought against the enemy, near the Belgian town of Mons in August 1914.

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Bible-believing researcher Bruce Horner¹ writes as follows concerning the vivid depiction² above.

In 2 Kings 6:17 we read,

“And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. 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”...

[W]e are similarly instructed of deliverance by the Psalmist in Psalm 50:15

“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”

During the World War of 1914-18...God fulfilled His Promise, as far as Great Britain was concerned, in a most noticeable manner. In the early months of World War 1 the contemptible little British Army, as the German High Command termed it, was hurriedly equipped and sent across the Channel to support the French and Belgian Allies; but these combined forces were far weaker in guns and man power than the Germans, and so, fighting a dogged rearguard action, they fell back before the terrific impact of massed enemy attacks. Serious defeat and tremendous losses appeared inevitable;

but, during two days fighting around Mons, the German advance was halted long enough to allow the British Expeditionary Force to withdraw...

[T]he “*Angels of Mons*”...[was] an event claimed to have been seen in late August 1914...

While a detachment of British soldiers was retiring through Mons under very heavy German artillery and machinegun fire in August 1914 they knelt beside a hastily erected barricade and endeavoured to hold up the enemy advance... See graphic.

Suddenly, firing on both sides stopped dead and a silence fell...the astonished British saw four or five wonderful beings much bigger than men, between themselves and the halted Germans. They were white robed and bareheaded, and seemed rather to float than stand. Their backs were towards the British, and they faced the enemy with outstretched arm and hand as if to say: “*Stop. Thus far and no further*”...Next thing the British knew was that the Germans were retreating in great disorder...

Before the surprised British were able to realise what had happened, the whole of the apparently victorious enemy force were retreating in great disorder. This allowed the British and the Allied Armies to reform and fall back upon a line of defence several miles further west, where they “*dug in*”. Then began... “*trench warfare*” which continued for over three years...until the Spring of 1918.

“A succourer of many” Romans 16:2

Mr Horner describes a second great deliverance that God wrought for Britain and her allies in the summer of 1918 that was instrumental in breaking the deadlock of trench warfare on the Western Front and led to the Allied victory in November 1918. See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/1918 and God's Deliverance](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/1918%20and%20God's%20Deliverance). Though four long and terrible years were to elapse between the two deliverances, the Lord was nevertheless “*a succourer of many*” in individual distress. One account from 1915 by researcher Mr Harold Begbie³ is as follows.

“Wounded for our transgressions” Isaiah 53:5

Rev. R. F. Morton said...“Now and again...a wounded man on the field is conscious of a comrade in white coming with help and even delivering him. One of our men who had heard of this story again and again and had put it down to hysterical excitement had an experience...he himself fell...as he lay helpless...he saw one in white coming to him... The white-robed came near and bent over him. The man lost consciousness for a moment, and when he had come round he [was] out of danger. The white-robed still stood by him, and the man, looking at his hand, said, ‘You are wounded in your hand’...He answered, ‘Yes, that is an old wound that has opened again lately.’ Never forget:

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” Isaiah 53:5.

‘The Angel of the Covenant’

Begbie reports further There is a wonderful story of a man called by the soldiers ‘A Comrade in White,’ who is going about at the front, helping the wounded...many soldiers [had seen] Him. He was supposed to be ‘The Angel of the Covenant,’ our Lord Himself. Our covenant⁴ with ‘The Angel of the Covenant’ is “*the royal law*” James 2:8 the King James Bible. It must be kept for deliverance.

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Observe therefore last part of Psalm 50:15. Rest assured no “*peace on earth*” without “*glory to God in the highest*” Luke 2:14 and similarly rest assured no deliverance from evil without exaltation of “*the God of my salvation.*” “***The LORD liveth...and let the God of my salvation be exalted. Great deliverance giveth he to his king...and to his seed for evermore***” Psalm 18:46, 50.

Therefore, individually and nationally “***Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God***” 1 Corinthians 10:31 especially keeping “*the royal law*” James 2:8.

References

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