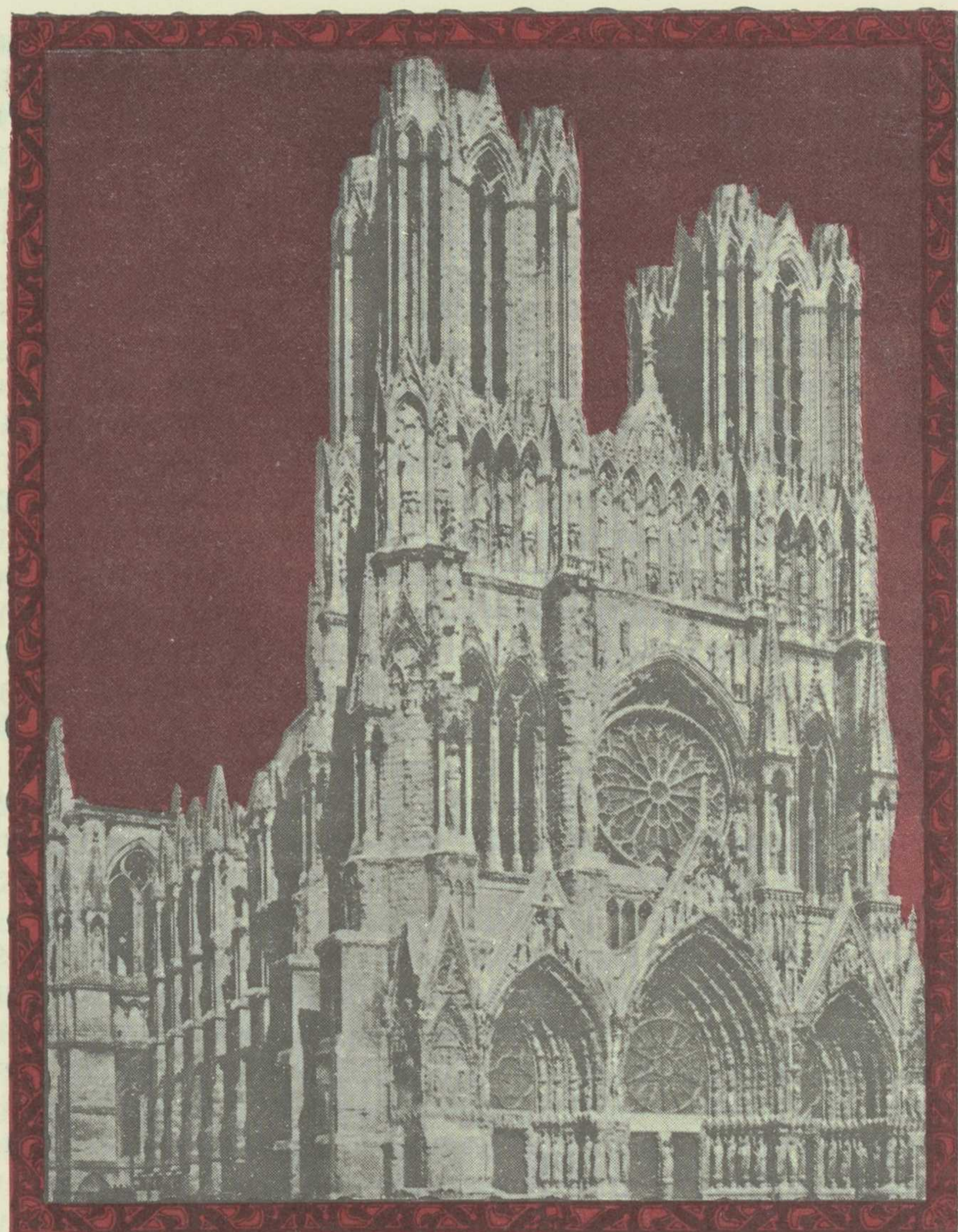


JESUS SAID

THAT SATAN WOULD HAVE a CHURCH and GOVERNMENT

In the kingdom of Heaven, Satan stated that he would take God's place, and of course he failed. Satan took away the earth's rulership that God had given to Adam by deceiving Adam's wife. Eve then deceived Adam, through Satan, and communication of man to God was over. In mercy towards us God devised a redemptive plan for those who would believe Him instead of Satan. God's Son had to die and shed His blood to bring the plan of salvation to reality. This **ONLY** method that God devised must be made obscure, out-of-focus, or blurred by Satan or his rulership would be over. To do this efficiently, Satan must first convince people that he doesn't exist (and he has done a good job of this). In heaven Satan converted one-third of the angels (they believed this weak liar instead of the powerful, truthful God) and they were all cast down from heaven to earth. Satan saw the beauty and splendor and heavenly bliss which God had created in the Garden of Eden, and with envy and hatred Satan viewed the two innocents that God had blessed and to whom He had given dominion of all this world. Satan observed that in the cool of the evenings, Jesus would come into the garden to commune with the couple. Before their sin, there were no barriers between man — God's creation — and God, and they spoke frequently as friends, creation speaking to their wonderful Creator, unafraid. Their communion with Christ was the high point of every day, and they would learn from Him the glories of God, the meaning of all things, and the assurance by this fellowship that God really loved them. They were told the consequences of disobedience of the one command to not touch or eat from the tree in the midst of the garden (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil). Satan knew that in heaven, his cunning was such that it had enabled him to deceive one third of its population to his pointless cause and destructive end. He felt that having had that much success in heaven, even though he had ultimately failed, he may be able to succeed in taking away from the two innocents in the Garden of Eden the control of the world that God had given to them. The scriptures say that to whosoever's voice you will listen, that he is your master. **"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God"** (John 8:47). And by Satan's



cunningly disguising himself as a special angel of light from God (II Cor. 11:14), he caused Eve to disregard the warnings from God, the Son, which He had commanded to them on one of his evening visits. Thus Satan became Eve's master. She immediately became Satan's first evangelist and Adam her convert. Thus, rulership of the world belonged to Satan, and a wall of partition between God and man was fixed.

The world was now dark, and communication between God and man over, unless God's redemptive instructions be followed exactly. The plan was instituted, and it was called the plan of salvation. God's Son must come to die to show all humanity the awfulness of sin and hell. Also, God must show by this unparalleled sacrifice His unspeakable love for mankind that passes understanding (II Cor. 9:15). Burnt sacrificial offerings and altars were instituted as a symbol for man to show by faith that God was going to send His only begotten Son, Christ. If a man believed that God would surely send His only begotten Son to die on the cross and shed His blood for the forgiveness of the soul of mankind, then he was to show his belief by taking the best of his flock, one without spot or blemish, slay it, sprinkle its blood on the altar (the altar being a figure symbolic of man's heart), and then burn the sacrifices with fire by friction. The smell of the offering would ascend to heaven as a sweet smelling savor unto the Lord. This showed God that this man loved and believed God and not Satan. Satan hated this plan of salvation because it reunited man with God and it took away Satan's lordship over man. The wall of partition that separated one from the other now had a door — the belief that faith in God through Jesus Christ, the Door, the Way, the Life, the Truth, the Alpha, the Omega, the Beginning, the End, the Rose of Sharon, the Bright and Morning Star, the Lily of the Valley, the "I AM," the Prince of Peace, the Prince of Life, the Saviour, the Lord, the Creator of the world and all that is therein, the Author and Finisher of our faith, is the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him are we complete, reunited with God.

Yes, Satan hated the plan of salvation that was set up for mankind. All those who peopled the earth were on their way to hell unless the plan of escape (redemption) was presented properly in detail by concerned ones who had already found