



THE WHITE ANGEL FLEET

At first thought it would seem entirely unreasonable and impossible to find any connection in the Scriptures between the Bible Church and the airplane. But God has always had some positive manner of identifying His program, and a way to recognize the time and event. Examples of these are found in John's place of ministry; the Christ was recognized by the swaddling clothes and the manger as well as the prophecy concerning His virgin mother. Later, as the Messiah, He was to be recognized as the King of the Jews by riding a donkey; and as the King of the Jews He was crucified.

The Arise, Shine of the Church from the dark ages and the birth of aviation are foretold in ISAIAH 60. Verses 1 and 2 tell of the awakening and reactivation of the Church, and verse 8 records the prophet's astonishment and his question, "Who are these that fly . . .?" Away back in DEUTERONOMY 32:1-3 the prophecy speaks of the doctrine dropping as rain. This has been fulfilled many times when gospel tracts were taken aloft in airplanes and dropped over cities and towns.

ECCLESIASTES 10:20 explains the "bird of the air shall carry the voice," and at different times one of the White Angel Fleet has gone aloft equipped with a loud speaker and carried the voice of a minister and proclaimed the message to those below.

REVELATION 14:6, 7 clearly tells that powerful planes will fly with the everlasting gospel for the nations and kindreds of the earth. It is this scripture that inspired the name for the Church planes. Since the word "angel" designates a minister or messenger of God, it seems entirely appropriate for this purpose. By these scriptures we see that not only the Arise, Shine of the Church is connected with the airplane, but the promotion of the gospel as well.

ISAIAH 43:5-9 seems to go quite well with the verses in Revelation, and indicate that the shaking of the nations by the Lord, as given in HAGGAI 2:7-9, has been done, and the people are ready to receive the gospel and this program of the White Angel Fleet. It is inspiring and encouraging to notice how carefully God has planned His program for the final redemption of the human race.