

Why French farmers are up in arms: fuel hikes, green regulation, EU directives

THE CRIES OF THE REAPERS

This brings to notice a very striking prophecy respecting the closing days of this Gospel age, as recorded by the Apostle James. (Jas. 5:1-9) After calling our attention to the present day and its wonderful heaping together of riches, and after stating that these things are about to bring a great time of trouble, the Apostle gives as the immediate cause of the trouble an unrest in the hitherto conservative class of society—the farmers. He seems to point out the condition of things precisely as can now be seen by all careful observers, adding in *explanation* of the matter—that it is the result of a *fraud*. He says:

“Behold, that reward which you [“rich men”] have fraudulently withheld from those labourers who harvested your field cries out; and the loud cries of the labourers have entered into the ears of the Lord of armies.”

We have seen in the previous chapter that mechanics and labouring men in cities are already suffering to some extent, but that their real sufferings thus far are chiefly *fear* of the very much worse conditions daily developing with the increase of intelligence, machinery and population, under present social conditions. The civilized farmer not only has all this to contend against, but as we shall show he now is burdened by a “*fraud*” . . .

Looking at the facts of the case, we cannot see it to be true that labourers in general, and farm-labourers in particular, defrauded out of their wages by employers in these “last days” of this age. Indeed, on the contrary, we find that laws are more strict than ever before in protecting the wage-earner from loss. He can attach and sell his employer’s property, and, indeed, in most instances is given priority amongst the creditors. We believe the prophecy to apply rather to

farmers in general, who are the world’s food producers, “reapers”; and we should look for some *general* world-wide legislation which would affect all these “reapers” everywhere alike. We should expect to find such legislation secured by trickery or deception, and we should expect to find such tricky legislation or legalized “fraud” secured by and beneficial to the world’s rich men. Such a finding, and none other that we can think of, would meet the requirements of this prophecy. We believe, and shall endeavour to prove, that all these requirements of the prophecy are met in the demonetization of silver.

Let us read James’ prophecy (5:1-9) again:

“Come now, you rich, weep and lament over those miseries of yours which are approaching. Your securities have become worthless, and your garments have become moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver have become rusted; and the rust of them will be for a testimony against you, and will consume your bodies like fire. You have heaped together treasures for the last days. Behold! that reward which you have fraudulently withheld from those labourers who harvested your fields, cries out; and the loud cries of the reapers have entered the ears of the Lord of armies! You have lived delicately, in self-indulgence, upon the land and been wanton. You have nourished [fed] your hearts in the day of [your] slaughter. You [your class] condemned, you [your class] murdered the Just One [Christ], and he resisted you not.” [Can it be that the Lord wished us to notice that the Jewish bankers and financiers, more than others, are prominent in this fraud of keeping back the wages of the reapers? and is there therefore special significance in the words, “You killed, you murdered the Just One?”]

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