

STUDY VIII
THE CRIES OF THE REAPERS

THE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT OF SOCIETY—PEASANTS, FARMERS—NEW CONDITIONS IN CHRISTENDOM—ITS CAUSES—GOLD AND SILVER STANDARDS ARE MENTIONED—PREDICTION FULFILLING—THESE THINGS RELATIVE TO THE DAY.



"Neither their silver nor their gold shall save them in the day of the Lord's wrath." Zeph 1:18

THE thoughtful student who reads the theme and noting the truthfulness of the history of the world, the conclusions drawn, may still feel that the writer may say to himself, "The writer forgets that the same element which is extremely civilized countries a large, and has always been the backbone of society—the farmers." But not so: we have not forgotten this fact, and we recognize its

James 5:1-9

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

Ye have heaped treasure together for the **last days**.

Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the **cries of them which have reaped** are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton

But behold now, the **judge standeth before the door**.

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Prophecy of the Last Days

1874

*"And this mixed system – **church and state** – the Church nominal wedded to the kingdoms of this world, which the Lord calls Babylon, confusion, presumes to call itself **Christendom – Christ's Kingdom.**" A254*

- Upheaval of Society
- Vol 4 – "The Cries of the Reapers"

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Zeph 3:8

Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to **gather the nations**, that I may **assemble the kingdoms**, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the **earth shall be devoured** with the fire of my jealousy.

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Questions to Answer

- Most Stable Element?
- What happened to them?
- How did it happen?
- Were they alone?
- Did politicians/kings know what was happening?
- Could they fix it?

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Questions to Answer

- Who did it to them?
- How did the monetary system work?
- What was the ultimate result?
- How did this affect Christendom?
- Was there an up-side?
- Was there "justice" in this?
- What about today??

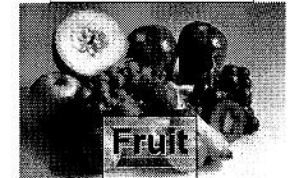
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Most Stable Element

- Farmers - Agriculture
- Create value
–land and labor

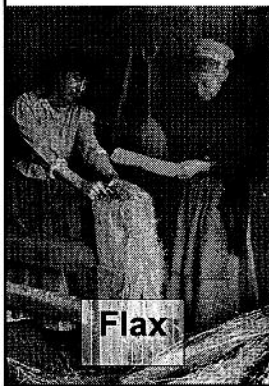
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Food



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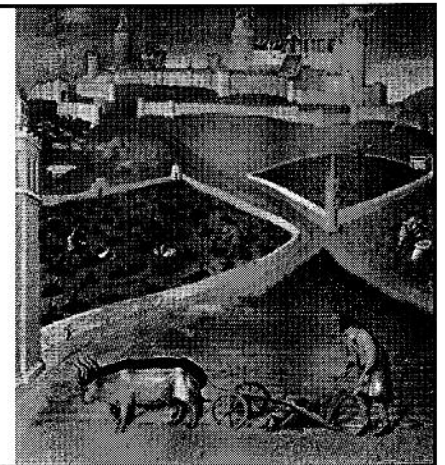
Clothing



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Duke of Berry
France
Book of Hours

1405



Most Stable Element

- Farmers
- Create value - land and labor
- Food, clothing, etc.
- Independent of city strife
- Not rich – but stable

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Time of the End (1799)

- Changes coming
- Wars – draft
- Education
- Industrial revolution
- New ideas
- New opportunities

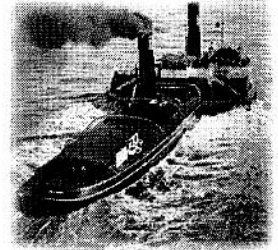
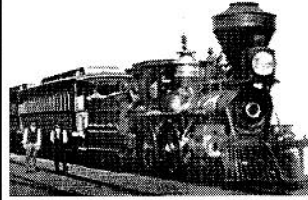
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To and Fro

- Train
- Barge
- Ship
- International trade

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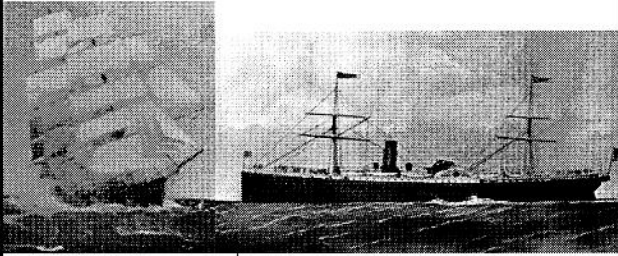
Trains & Barges



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Sail to Steam 1870's

Cutty Sark



1877

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Farm Exports - To and Fro

- Cotton, wheat, etc.
- International trade
- International competition
- Europe, Argentina, India, Australia, Russia, Pakistan, China, etc.
- Markets & prices linked

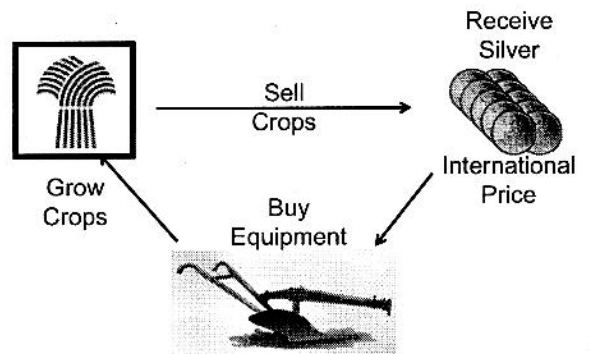
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US vs Europe

- US – large farms – family owned
- Europe – Small farms – rented
- Crop sales → livelihood
- 1873
 - Prices good
 - Sales good
 - Life good

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Farm Trade -1873



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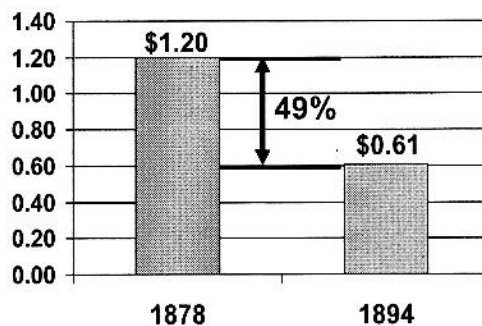
1874 - Changes

- Prices fall
- Later... plummet

Country	Years	Price Drop
US	1873 - 1896	53%
England	1873 - 1894	61%

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Wheat Prices



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Cause??

- Over production??
- Mr. Robert Lindblom - CBT

Year	Million Bushels	Change
1883	1,565	-
1893	1,479	Down 5%

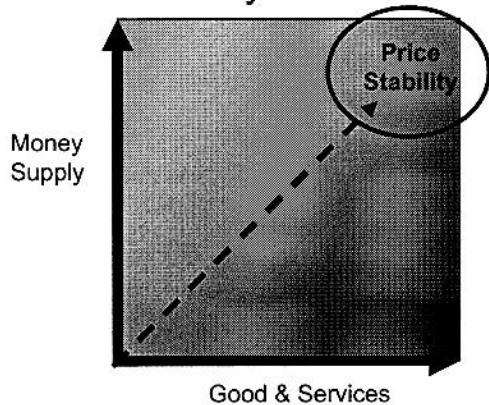
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Manipulation of the Money Supply



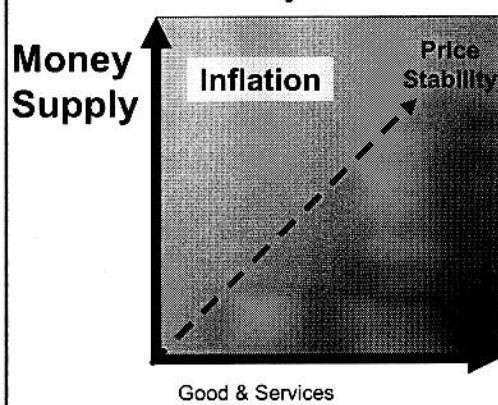
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Money & Value



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