



## THE PROPHETIC WORD

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### The Promise of the Spirit

Joel 2:28-29, 28 "It will come about after this, That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters will prophesy, Your old men will have dreams, Your young men will see visions. 29 And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.



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## IN GRATITUDE

Shortly after getting married, my mother-in-law (who was a Sunday school teacher herself) came to me and gave me copies of her books by a man named Clarence Larkin. They quickly grabbed my heart and my attention. Almost 50 years have gone by and I'm still learning from the gifts she gave me ... Thank you Norma.

This short study is taken in part from Clarence Larkin's book on Dispensational Truth. This is one of the books I learned so much from. Proof of this is that the books are all marked up and the foot notes scribbled in its margins, all from the study of God's word. Thank you Clarence Larkin for the work God has done through you that we may grow in the knowledge of God's word. Let us do as Paul says and press on to maturity in God's word, which is called Sanctification.

### Special Note:

There are times in the study I have added my own comments; these places are marked as such  with this hand symbol.

If the comments are lengthy then I choose to show the start and end points with these brown page break markers.



For those with the study book then notice the "Larkin Page #" where # equals the actual page number in the book where this material is found. I hope this helps while you study this great book by Clarence Larkin.

# *THE MYSTERIES OF GODLINESS*

By Rev. Clarence Larkin "Rightly Dividing the Word"



As the "God-Man," Christ's mind was lucid as the light. With Christ there never was any confusion or hesitation in answering questions. He taught the profoundest truths in the simplest manner. He spoke of things and events in which he was a participant before He came in the world, and prophesied of things that would take place after His departure and in which He would participate.

He never took counsel of others. The wisdom of the ages seemed centered in Him. He exhausted every subject He touched with a single sentence, and His parables are beyond improvement. He never conjectured or supposed, and never asked questions for information but simply to fix attention on what He was about to do. He not only knew men, He knew their character and read their thoughts. Other Bible characters confess faults and sins, Jesus never did. He uniformly expressed a distinct sense of faultlessness and perfection. He never once reproached Himself, or regretted anything He had ever done or said, or indicated that He had taken a wrong step or neglected an opportunity or that anything could have been done or said better than He had done or said it. He said – "I do always those things which please the Father." He never apologized or excused Himself. He asked the Disciples to watch with Him, but never to pray for Him. He never used plural personal pronouns in His prayers. He always said "I" and "Me," and "these" and "them," never "We" and "Us."

He claimed equality with God, that He was the Messiah, that He had power to forgive sins, and that He could give rest. He demanded first place, and said that no one could come to the Father only through Him. He said “I am the ‘Bread of Life;’” “I am the ‘Light of the World;’” “I am the ‘Way,’ the ‘Truth,’ the ‘Life;’” “I am the ‘Water of Life;’ “ “I am the ‘Resurrection and the Life;’ “ ‘before Abraham was I Am,” If Jesus was not the Son of God He was the greatest “Egotist” the world has ever seen, aye! He was more, He was a bad man, an imposter, a perjurer, a blasphemer, and unworthy of acceptance or belief.

He was not a Physician. He never employed a splint, tied an artery, used a knife, nor gave a prescription, yet he cured the sick, cleansed the lepers, caused the blind to see and the deaf to hear, and the dead could not remain dead in his presence. He was not an Author. He never wrote, as far as we know, but a single line and that in the sand that the wind obliterated. The Gospel He preached made such an impression upon the minds of His disciples that they put it into written form in which it has survived down the centuries, and is to be found in the best literature of the world.

He was not an Orator, as the world speaks of oratory, but He spoke as never man spoke, and the common people heard Him gladly. He was a master of every form of human speech, and His parabolic form of speech has never been excelled. He was not a Poet and yet His life has inspired the world’s greatest poets and given us our sublimest hymns and anthems. He was not a Musician, but to Him the great musical composers of the world owe their inspiration. He was not an Artist, but without Him the great Masterpieces of Art would never have appeared on canvas. He was not an Architect, only an humble Galilean carpenter, a maker of wooden ploughs and ox-yokes, but the most beautiful and artistic buildings in the world were designed to commemorate His memory and dedicated to His worship and service.

Who was this man? This man whose coming into the world changed the world's reckoning of the years, and gave to Christendom the festive seasons of

Christmas and Easter? Was He a Fanatic? Was He a Lunatic? Was He a Dreamer? There never was another man like Him. No writer could ever invent such a character. Who was He then? He was a FOREIGNER. He was not the type of man that this world produces. He came from some other realm. He came to make us a "**Kinsman,**" and having done that He went back to His own country again taking our nature with Him. The supernatural manner of His coming demanded the supernatural manner of His going. He was what He claimed to be the "**Mystery of Godliness**" – **GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.**

Grace and Peace to you

## Rightly Dividing the Word of God



or those who trust in God and believe in His name, and have been discipled in the “**MILK of the Word,**” you should now be ready to take the next step into the “**MEAT of God’s Word.**”

Note: The word “*milk*” in the above quote (Greek *gala*, Strong’s Concordance #G1051) means the basic, elemental teachings of true Christianity first learned by new believers. The word “*meat*” comes from the Greek word *Broma* (Strong’s #G1033) and means the more solid, complete and deeper spiritual doctrines of the Gospel.

Let’s us now look at what Paul told the church in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 6:1-3 (NASB), <sup>1</sup>“Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup>of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and about the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup>And this we will do, if God permits.

You are not here by accident, your appearance on this earth and at this time was not by anyone’s hand, but God’s. By divine providence we find ourselves living out our lives in the closing moments of the time of the “**LAODICEAN CHURCH**” age. According to scripture the “**FIG TREE**” (Israel 1948) has blossomed, an end-times prophecy marker that we may know that we are in the “**LATTER DAYS**” of which was told to Daniel the prophet (Daniel 12:4) calling this “The Time of the End.” Jesus spoke of this time telling us that the generation which sees the **FIG TREE** blossom shall not pass away until all these things be fulfilled.

Note: Psalms 90:10 tells us the length of a generation is 70 years except for good health is 80 years of age.

So, let us listen to the words of Paul the Apostle and begin to move into the weightier matters of the word of God, and to that which pertains to the times in which we live. It’s time to look around you, open your spiritual eyes and see what is going on in this world. The whole world is moving towards that prophetic period of the seven worst years in the history of mankind, known as the time of “Jacobs Trouble.” Come with me and take an in-depth look into

## **DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH.**



# Chapter 1

## THE DOCTRINE OF THE PROPHETIC WORD

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**W**hen we speak of the “**Prophetic Word**” we are speaking of the contents of the Bible which is the **Word of God**, and so let us begin by telling you what the Bible is not.

The Bible is not a systematic treatise on Theology, or Morals, or History, or Science, or any other topic, although in the telling of a story, it does teach on these issues. The Bible is a **REVELATION** of God, of the Fall of Man, the Way of Salvation, and of God’s “Plan and purpose in the Ages.” It expounds for the reader three great Pearls of Knowledge whereby we grow closer to Him.

1. Four Persons – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and Satan.
2. Three places – **Heaven** the abode of God and of the Saints of God who have died on earth, **Earth** the temporary dwelling place of all men, and **Hell**, the permanent dwelling place of Satan and his falling angels, and those who follow him called the unrighteous.
3. The three classes of people – the **Jew**, the **Gentile** (in scripture called Pagans), and the New Testament **Church** of Jesus Christ also called His Bride.

The Bible was given to us in piece-meal: As Paul expounded on for us, he does also teach us.

Hebrews 1:1-5 (NASB), God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <sup>2</sup>in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. <sup>3</sup>And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become so much better than the angels, to the extent that He has inherited a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, today I have fathered you?” and again, “I will be a Father to Him and He will be a Son to Me.”



The Bible has only one source, the Holy Spirit of God, but pinned by about 40 different authors as they were led by God. They were Kings such as David and Solomon; they were statesmen, like Daniel and Nehemiah; priests, like Ezra; they were men learned in the wisdom of Egypt, as Moses; by men learned in the Jewish Law, as Paul; by a herdsman, like Amos; a tax-collector, such as Matthew; fishermen, like Peter James and John; a physician like Luke; and such mighty “seers” as Isaiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah. These men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, during a period of 1600 years, extending from B.C. 1492 to A.D. 100. The Bible consists of 66 separate books, 39 in the Old Testament (Old Covenant) and 27 in the New Testament (New Covenant).

The Bible is not an Asiatic book, though it was written in that part of the world. Its pages were penned in the **Wilderness** of the Sinai, the cliffs of Arabia, the hills and towns of Palestine, the courts of the Temple, the schools of prophets at Bethel and Jericho, in the palace of Shushan in Persia, on the banks of the river Chebar in Babylonia, in the dungeons of Rome, and on the lonely island of Patmos, in the Aegean Sea.

The Book is not a jumbled collection of ancient history, myths, legends, religious speculations and superstitions. There is a progress of revelation in it, in that the Judges knew more than the Patriarchs, the Prophets knew more than the Judges, and the Apostles knew more than the Prophets. The Old and New Testaments are not separate and distinct books, as if the New was taking the place of the Old, but rather they are two halves of a whole. The New is “unfolded” in the Old, and the Old is “unfolded” in the New. You cannot understand Leviticus without Hebrews or Daniel without Revelation, Passover or Isaiah 53 without the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Bible is a revelation from God, it is not written in a superhuman or celestial language, if it were we could not understand it. Its supernatural origin however is seen in the fact that it can be translated into any language and not lose its virility or spiritual life giving power. The language of the Bible is of three kinds. **Figurative, Symbolical** and **Literal**. Such expressions as “Harden not your heart,” “Let the dead bury the dead,” are figurative, and their meaning is made clear by the context.

Symbolic language, like the description of Nebuchadnezzar’s “Colossus,” Daniels “Four Wild Beasts,” or Christ in the mist of the “Seven Candlesticks,” is explained, either in the same chapter, or somewhere else in the Bible.

The rest of the language of the Bible is to be interpreted according to customary rules of grammar and rhetoric. That is, we are to read the Bible as we would read any other book, letting it say what it wants to say, and not allegorize or spiritualize its meaning. It is this false method of interpreting scripture that has led to the origin of so many religious sects and denominations. There are three things that we must avoid in the handling of God's Word.

1. The **Misinterpretation** of Scripture.
2. The **Misapplication** of Scripture.
3. The **Dislocation** of Scripture.

The trouble is men are not willing to let the scriptures say what they want to say. This is largely due to their training, environment, Prejudice, or desire to make the scriptures teach some favorite Doctrine.

Then again we must not overlook the “**Parabolic Method**” of imparting Truth. Jesus did not invent it, though He did largely use it, it was employed by the Old Testament prophets. In the New Testament it is used as a **Mystical Form** of imparting the truth. In Mat.13:10-17. A mystery is not something that cannot be known, but something that for the time is being hidden. I hand you a sealed letter. What it contains is a mystery to you. Break the seal and read the letter and it ceases to be a mystery. But you may not be able to read the letter because it is written in a language with which you are not familiar. Learn the language and the mystery ceases. But perhaps the letter contains technical terms which you do not understand, learn their history and all will be known. That is the way with the mysteries of the scriptures, learn to read them by the help of their author, the Holy Spirit, and they will no longer be Mysteries. This brings us to the great question ...

### **Is the Bible God's Book or Man's Book?**

That is, did God write it, or is it simply a collection of writings of men? If it is simply a collection of the writings of men, without any Divine guidance, then it is no more reliable than are the writings of men; but if God wrote it, then it must be true, and we can depend upon its statements. It is clear from the character of the Bible that it is not a work of man, for man could not have written it if he would, and would not have written it if he could.

The Bible details with scathing and unsparing severity the sins of its greatest men, as Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, and Solomon, charging them with falsehood, treachery, pride, adultery, cowardice, murder, and the gross licentiousness, and presents the history of the children of Israel as a humiliating record of ingratitude, idolatry, unbelief, and rebellion, and it is safe to say, that the Jews, unguided and undirected by the Holy Spirit, would never have chronicled the sinful history of their Nation.

How then was the Bible written? The Bible itself gives the answer

**“All Scripture is Given by INSPIRATION OF GOD”** 2nd Timothy 3:16.

## **I. What are we to understand by the "INSPIRATION" of the scriptures?**

We are to understand that God directed men, chosen by Him, to put into writing such messages, laws, doctrines, historical facts, and revelations, as He wished men to know. All Scripture (including **Graph writing**),<sup>1</sup> is given by inspiration (The op-neu-stos),<sup>2</sup> that is, is God Breathed, or Inspired by God.

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### **GOD BREATHED,**

That is, God himself or through the Holy Spirit told holy men of old just what to write. The Bible, in its entirety, **IS** the Word of God. God is a **Person** and can both **Write** and **Speak**. He wrote the two "Tables of Testimony" on Stone (Ex. 31:18; 32:16), and on the wall of Belshazzar's Palace (Daniel 5:5, 24-28). He talked with Moses on the Mount when He gave him the specifications for the Tabernacle and its furnishings, and all of the Levitical law and order of service. He spoke at the Baptism of Jesus (Mt. 3:17) and on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:5), and when Jesus was talking to the multitude (John 12:27-30).

God not only spoke directly to men, but He also spoke to them in the person of Jesus, for Jesus was **God Manifested in The Flesh** (John 1:1-5, 14. I Tim. 3:16). Matthew and John's gospels contain 49 chapters, 1950 verses, 1140 of which, almost 3/5, were spoken by Jesus, and He claimed that what He spoke, He spoke not of himself, but that the Father which sent Him, gave Him commandment of what He should speak (John 12:49, 50). We see then that God can both write and speak, and therefore can tell others what to write and to speak.

## **II. Does the Inspiration of the Bible Extend to Every Part?**

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<sup>1</sup> Graph writing is related to the section of findings, where researchers often present their data in graphs, or tables, or charts and provide a description to highlight the major trends. Graph description is a basic and important skill in academic and religious writing.

<sup>2</sup> “op-neu-stos” θεόπνευστος (theopneustos) meaning, God-breathed, inspired by God [Strong’s Greek:2315] (<https://biblehub.com/greek/2315.htm>)

The answer is yes. From the dry list in Chronicles to the very words of God in Exodus, and through Christ it extends to every sentence, word, mark, point, jot and Tittle in the original writings. When Jesus said in Matt. 5:17, 18, that not one "jot" or "tittle" should pass from the law until all be fulfilled, He referred to the smallest letter (jot) and the smallest mark (tittle), of the Hebrew language, thus indicating that even they were inspired, and were necessary for a complete understanding of God's meaning in his word.

That leads us to another question, what about the words of Satan, and wicked and uninspired Men, the genealogical tables, and the account of the Fall of Man, the Flood, and other historical portions of the Bible. They were inspired of **Record**. That is, the inspired historian was told what the historical facts were to record and what to omit. To one who has read the Old Testament, and also profane history covering the same period, with its legends and traditions and detailed descriptions, it is very clear that the writers of the Old Testament were divinely inspired to record only those things that would throw light on God's plan and purpose of the ages.

### **III. How Were These Men Inspired to Write the Scripture?**

The Bible was written by some 40 men over the course of 1,600 years. Some men were used to write more than one book of the Bible. It would not be uncommon to ask how these men of God were inspired to write and from where did their inspiration come from?

There are some who have suggested that the writers of the Bible must have been in some kind of "spell," or "ecstasy," or "trance," and wrote under its influence whatever came into their mind. We say that it was God through the Holy Spirit, who dictated to them the exact words to use? How else did Moses know what to write concerning creation and what God told Adam and Eve, and the history of man before men began to put thought onto a parchment?

We know that thought can only be expressed in words and those words must express the exact thought of the speaker or writer. We see then that inerrancy<sup>3</sup> demands that the sacred writer be simply an amanuensis.<sup>4</sup> This we see is what the scriptures claim for themselves. In II Pet. 1:20, 21 we read that "no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." That is, no man has a right to say what the scriptures means, according to his own opinion. Why? Because;

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<sup>3</sup> Biblical inerrancy is the belief that the Bible "is without error or fault in all its teaching"

<sup>4</sup> Amanuensis, - one employed to write from dictation or to copy manuscript

"The prophecy came not in Old Time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the **Holy Ghost.**"

This is confirmed by the fact that many of the Old Testament prophets wrote what they did, not themselves understanding. I Pet. 1:10, 11. They must then have been mere amanuenses, recording words that needed an interpreter. That they were mere instruments is shown by the fact that not all of them were good or holy men, as Balaam (Num. 22:38; 23:26), King Saul (I Sam. 10:10-12; 19:20-24), the Prophet of Bethel (I Kings 13:7-10; 20: 22; 26), and Caiaphas, John 11:49-52.

That the Old Testament writers spoke and wrote the exact words that God gave to them is clear from their own statements. Moses declares that the Lord said to him "Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you shall say." Ex. 4:10-12. The Prophet Jeremiah says "Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said into me, behold, I have put **My Words in Your Mouth.**" Jer.1:6-9.

Ezekiel, Daniel, and all of the prophets make the same claim. The Expressions "The Lord said," "The Lord spoke saying," "Thus says the Lord," etc., occurs 560 times in the Pentateuch,<sup>5</sup> 300 times in the historical and prophetic books, 1200 times in the prophets (24 times in Malachi alone), in all over 2,000 times in the Old Testament, thus proving the statement of Peter, that Holy men of God spoke **as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

But you might say, "If this is true how you account for the difference in style of the writers; for Isaiah's style is different from Ezekiel's or Daniels, and Peters from that of John or Paul?" This is easily explained. On the principle that when we wish a legal document written we choose a lawyer, or if a poetical article a poet, etc., so God when He wanted to speak in symbols chose an Ezekiel, a Daniel, a John, or in poetry a David.

How are we to explain the fact that sometimes a New Testament writer in quoting from the Old Testament, instead of quoting literally paraphrases the quotation? For instance, in the book of Amos we read:

Amos 9:11 "In that day will I raise up the Tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old."

But when the Apostle James, in the First Church Council at Jerusalem, quotes this passage, He paraphrases it, saying;

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<sup>5</sup> Pentateuch – Accredited to Moses as inspired by the Spirit of God – First 5 books of the Bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

Acts 15:16, "After this, I will return and will build again the Tabernacle of David, which is falling down; and I will build again the ruins of it, and I will set it up."

Why the change in the wording? Simply because the author of both passages was not Amos or James, but the Holy Spirit and an author has a perfect right to change the phraseology of a statement He may make in the first chapter of his book, or in the 10th chapter, if by doing so, without contradicting himself, He can make his meaning more clear.

That is an illustrating statement in 1st Peter 1:11, where the Apostle tells us that it was the "**Spirit of Christ**" that testified through the prophets of his "Sufferings." That is, the "Spirit of Christ" took possession of the prophets and through them prophesied His "Sufferings" on the cross as in Isaiah 53:1-2.

The question is often asked, "Is there any difference between Bible Inspiration and the so-called inspiration of **Poets, Orators, Preachers and Writers** of today?" In trying to answer the question we must distinguish between "**Inspiration,**" "**Revelation,**" and "**Illumination.**"

As we have seen

"**Bible Inspiration**" is something totally different and unique from the inspiration of Poets, Writers and Public Speakers. It is an inspiration in which the **Exact Words of God Are Imparted to the Speaker or Writer by the Holy Spirit.**

"**Bible Revelation**" is the disclosure to Men of things that they otherwise could never know. Things hidden in the mind of God, such as His "Plan and Purpose in the Ages."

"Bible Revelation" ceased with the Book of Revelation. There has been no new revelation from God since then. When men today claim that they have received some new revelation they must be classified as Impostors.

"**Spiritual Illumination**" is different from either Bible Inspiration or Revelation. It is the **Work of the Holy Spirit** in The Believer, by which he has his "**Spiritual Understanding**" opened to understand the scriptures. John 16:12-14. The "Natural Man" cannot receive the things of the "Spirit of God," neither can he know them, because they are **Spiritually Discerned.** I Cor. 2:11-13.

The work then of the Holy Spirit in these days is not to impart some new revelation to men or to inspire them to write or speak as the prophets and apostles of old, but too so illuminate men's minds and open up their understanding of the Scriptures that have been written, that their hearts will burn within them as they compare Scripture with Scripture. God having revealed to them His plan and Purpose in the Ages as it is recorded in His Holy Word.



## Chapter 2

### THE DOCTRINE OF PRE-MILLENNIALISM

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The English theological term premillennialism comes from the Latin elements pre (before), mille (thousand) and annus (year). Premillennialism means that Jesus Christ will return to the earth “before the thousand years begin.”

**T**he time of the second coming of Christ is the key that unlocks all "Dispensational Truth." The vast majority of Christians believe in the personal return of the Lord, but they differ as to the time. They are divided into two schools, the "Pre-Millennialist" and the "Post-Millennialist." The "Pre-Millennialist" believe that Christ will return before the Millennium, the "Post-Millennialist" that He will not come until after. The Millennium is a period of 1000 years mentioned in Rev. 20: 1-7 in which Christ will rule and reign on this earth.

It is a common, but a wholly erroneous impression, that the Pre-Millennialist base their belief mainly, if not solely, on this passage in the Apocalypse. The fact is the question of whether Christ's return will precede or follow the Millennium ante-dates<sup>6</sup> the Apocalypse / Book of Revelation.

The Old Testament prophets in plain language, and in glowing terms, foretold an era or age of universal righteousness and peace on this earth, under the reign of "Messiah the Prince." The disciples were not mistaken in their belief in such an "Earthly Kingdom," ruled over by their promised Messiah, which is evident from the fact that Jesus never corrected them for holding such a belief. And after His resurrection, and previous to His Ascension, when they asked Him if He would "at that time restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6) He did not say, "You are mistaken in your idea of an 'Earthly Kingdom,' the Kingdom I came to set up, and that was meant by the prophets, is a 'Spiritual Kingdom,' but He said "It is not for you to know the times and the seasons." That is when it shall be set up.

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<sup>6</sup> Antedate - a date assigned to an event or document earlier than the actual date of the event or document

The whole teaching of the Old Testament is to the "Coming of the Messiah" and is Pre-Millennial. The only use that Pre-Millennialites have for the "Thousand-Year" passage in Revelation 20:1-7 is to fix the length of that "Age of Righteousness and Peace." In fact, Jewish tradition, based on the sabbatical rest of Genesis 2:1-3, taught that the "Seven Thousand Year" from Creation was to be a period of "Sabbatical Rest." The passage in Revelation simply confirms this tradition. Expunge the passage and you do not weaken the argument; you only leave as uncertain the length of the time that age shall last.<sup>7</sup>

The Apostolic Church was Pre-Millennial, and for over 200 years no other view was entertained. The writings of the "Church Fathers" abound in evidence of that fact. But about A. D. 250, Origen, one of the Church Fathers (185 A.D.), conceived the idea that the words of scriptures were but the "husk" in which was hid the "kernel" of scriptural truth. At once he began to "Allegorize" and "Spiritualize" the scriptures, he then founded the school of "Allegorizing" and "Spiritualizing" becoming interpreters of scripture, from which the Church and the Bible have suffered so much. The result was that the Church largely ceased to look for the Lord to return and set up an earthly kingdom.

When Constantine became the sole emperor of Rome in A.D. 323, being favorable to Christianity, he United church and state. A new difficulty now arose in the interpretation of scripture. If, as was at that time believed, Rome was to be the seat of the Antichrist, then the question arose or rather was suspiciously whispered "Is Constantine the Antichrist?" Such a notion was inconceivable to the Roman Emperor, and so a convenient explanation was introduced and adopted, that the Antichrist was "Pagan Rome" and that the Millennium commenced when gifts and privileges bestowed on the Church by Constantine and led to the claim that the Millennial blessings of the Old Testament had been transferred from the Jews to the Christian Church (which is the erroneous teaching of Replacement Theology.)

But the claim that the "Papal Church" was the Antichrist would not stand. It was found impossible to expunge The Book of Revelation from the sacred Canon, it was decided to lock up the scriptures, and the Bible became a sealed book, and the gloom of the night settled down upon all Christendom. The result was the "Dark Ages." In the mist of the gloom, know that God was not without His witnesses to the truth. The Paulicians,<sup>8</sup> Albigeneses, Waldenses,<sup>9</sup> and other sects, bore testimony to the Pre-Millennial Return of the Lord.

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<sup>7</sup> Born: 185 AD, Alexandria, Egypt - Origen of Alexandria, also known as Origen Adamantius, was an early Christian scholar, ascetic, and theologian who was born and spent the first half of his career in Alexandria.

<sup>8</sup> Paulicianism was a Medieval Christian sect which originated in Armenia in the 7th century. Followers of the sect were called Paulicians by outsiders but referred to themselves as Good Christians.

<sup>9</sup> **Albigenses** and **Waldenses** were considered by Protestants as forerunners and as having relayed the truth to them.



But the darkness was not eternal. When in God's good timing there came one who God rose up in the mist of the Reformation. John Wycliffe arose and was soon followed by Martin Luther (1483-1546).<sup>10</sup> The doctrine of the Premillennial Return of the Lord was revived, but the reformers did not go far enough. The period was one of religious strife and the formation of new religious sects. The result was a slow movement of spirituality and the growth of rationalism, which refused to believe that the world was fast ripening for judgment, and a new interpretation of the millennial reign of Christ was demanded.

This interpretation was furnished by the Reverend Daniel Whitby (1638-1726), a clergyman of the Church of England, who claimed that in reading the promises made to the Jews of the Old Testament, that of their restoration as a nation, and the re-establishment of the Throne of David, he believed that these promises were spiritual and applied to the Church. This view he called a "New Hypotheses."

His claim was that Israel and Mount Zion represented the church, that the promised submission of the Gentiles to the Jews was simply prophetic of the conversion of the Gentiles and their entrance into the church. That the lying down of The Lion and the lamb together typified the reconciliation of the old and new natures, and that the establishment of an outward and visible Kingdom at Jerusalem, over which Christ and the Saints would rain, was gross and carnal, and contrary to reason, as it implied the mingling together of human and spiritual things on the Earth.

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His "New Hypothesis" was that by the preaching of the Gospel, Muhammadism would be overthrown, the Jews converted, the papal Church of the Pope or the (Antichrist) would be destroyed, and there would follow 1000 years of righteousness and the peace of the Millennium would be at the door. Ushering in a short period of Apostasy ending in the return of Christ. There would then be a general resurrection of the Dead, followed by a general judgment, the earth would be destroyed by fire and Eternity would begin.

The times were favorable for the "New Theory." A reaction has set in from the open infidelity of those days. All of England was in the religious fever. The "Great Awakening" followed under George Whitefield and John Wesley. At this time Whitby claimed that the Millennium was about to be ushered in. Time has shown that he has mistaken the events of history. Since then, history has shown and is evident that we are not in the Millennium now.

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<sup>10</sup> German theologian, professor, pastor, and church reformer. **Luther** began the Protestant Reformation with the publication of his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517.

Nevertheless, this theory was favorably received everywhere, and it spread very rapidly and became an established doctrine of the Church and is what is known today as the "Post-Millennial" view of the Second Coming of Christ, and supposed to be the orthodox faith of the Church. In short, "Post-Millennialism," as advocated in our day is barely two hundred years old, while "Pre-Millennialism" dates back to the days of Isaiah and Daniel.

The sad thing is that this "false doctrine" of Post-Millennialism is taught in our Bibles by the headings of the chapters in the Old Testament. Examples of this can be seen in the headings of chapters 43 and 40 of the book of Isaiah which read "The Lord comforts the **Church** with his promises," whereas the chapters are not addressed to the church at all, but to **Jacob** into **Israel**, as we see by reading them. The ordinary reader overlooks the fact that the chapter headings of the Bible are put there by the Publishers and should be omitted, as they are misleading, another example is the title to the Book of Revelation which is called

"The Revelation of **Saint John the Divine**," whereas it should be called:

**"The Revelation of Jesus Christ."**

Rev.1:1

Premillennialists are divided into three different "Schools of Interpretation," which are fundamentally antagonistic, known as the "**Preterist**," "**Historical**," and "**Futurist**" Schools.

The "**Preterist** School" originated with the Jesuit Alcazar. His view was first put forth as a complete scheme in his work on the Apocalypse, published in A. D. 1614. It limits the scope of the Apocalypse to the events of the Apostle John's life and affirms that the whole prophecy was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, and the subsequent fall of the persecuting Roman Empire, thus making the emperor Nero the "Antichrist." The purpose of the scheme was transparent; it was to relieve the Papal Church from the stigma of being called the "Harlot Church" and the Pope from being called the "Antichrist." It is a view that now has little support.

The "**Historical** School," sometimes spoken of as the "Presentist" scheme, interprets the Apocalypse as a series of prophecies predicting the events that were to happen in the world and in the Church from John's day to the end of time. The advocates of this school of thought interpret the symbols of the Book of Revelation as referring to certain historical events that have and are happening in the world. They claim that the "Antichrist" is a "System" rather than a "Person," and is represented by the Harlot Church of Rome. They interpret the "Time Element" in the book on the "Year Day Scale." This School had some very prominent promoters. This

view, like the preceding view, was unknown to the early church. It appeared about the middle of the 12th Century and was systematized at the beginning of the 13th century by Abbott Joachin. Subsequently, it was adopted and applied to the Pope by the forerunners and leaders of the Reformation.

It is frequently called the Protestant interpretation because it regards the office of the Pope as exhausting all that has been predicted of the Antichrist power. It is a powerful and formidable weapon in the hands of the leaders of the reformation, and the conviction of its truthfulness nerved them to "Love not their enemies unto the death." It was the secret of the Martyr heroism of the 16th century.

The "**Futurist** School" interprets the language of the Apocalypse literally, except where such symbols are named as such. It teaches that the whole of the book, from the end of the third chapter (Message to the Churches), is yet future and unfulfilled, and that the greater part of the book from the beginning of chapter 6 (ie: the 7 Seal Judgments) to the end of chapter 19, describes what shall come to pass during the final days of Daniel's 70th Week prophecy (Dan. 9:24-27). This view, is really the most ancient of all three views, and is held in many of its prominent teachings by the Church Fathers. It is one of the early interpretations of scriptural truth that sunk into oblivion with the growth of the Papacy, and that has been restored to the church in these times in which we live.

In its present form, the teaching may be said to have originated at the end of the sixteenth century, with the Jesuit Ribera, whose motives were the same as the Jesuit Alcazar, being they sought to rid the Papacy of the stigma of being called the "Antichrist," and so referred the Prophecies of the Apocalypse to the distant future. This view was accepted by the Roman Catholic Church and was for a long time confined to it. But, strange to say, it has been wonderfully revived since the beginning of the Nineteenth Century and that being among Protestants.

It is the most largely accepted of the three views. It has been charged with ignoring the people and the Muhammedan system, but this is far from the truth, for it looks upon them as being foreshadowed in the scriptures, and sees them in "Type" of those great "Anti-Types" yet future, ie: the "**Beast**" and the "**False prophet.**" The "**Futurist**" interpretation of scriptures is the one employed in this writing.

The Second and Premillennial Coming of Christ is the key to the Scriptures. This is a dark world and the "Sure Word of Prophecy" is given as a light to show us the way over the stormy area of time.

II Peter 1:19, "And *so* we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts."

The prophecy of II Peter 1:19 is not a haphazard guess, like our weather probabilities, it is

### **History Written in Advance.**

The moment we grasp this idea of Prophecy and clearly see the relation of Christ Premillennial Coming to scriptural truth, the Bible becomes a new book, and doctrinal and prophetic truth at once fall into their proper place, and our theological system is no longer a chaos but an orderly plan.



## **Chapter 3**

### **MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF PROPHECY**

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he Bible is unlike all other sacred books in that it bases its "Authenticity" and "Authority" on **PROPHECY**. All other "sacred books" contain no predictions as to the future. If their authors had attempted to foretell future events, their non-fulfillment would, long reveal this, and have discredited their writings. Fulfilled prophecy is stronger evidence for the "Inspiration and "Authenticity" of the Scriptures than miracles. Prophecy is not a "haphazard guess" or even a scientific projection as in a weather prediction. Prophecy is

### **“History Written in Advance,”**

Or, as another has said, "Prophecy is the **MOLD OF HISTORY**." The importance of the study of the prophetic scriptures is seen when we realize that two-thirds of the Scriptures are Prophetic, either in type, symbol, or direct statement; and more than one-half of the Old Testament prophecies, and nearly all of the New Testament, point to the events yet future. Then this is a "Dark World," and men need the "**SURE WORD OF PROPHECY**" to **LIGHT** them over the stormy "**Sea of Time**" 2 Pet. 1:19. When men see that God has a "Plan and a Purpose" in the "Ages" they take heart and have something to pin their faith to. It was because the religious

leaders of Christ's day were not students of the Prophetic Scriptures that they failed to recognize him when He came, and if the religious leaders of our day despised and reject the study of Prophecy, they will not be ready for Christ's Second Coming.

There are four Prophetic Periods clearly outlined in the scriptures.

1. **PATRIARCHAL** . . . . . B. C. 1921-1491
2. **MOSAIC** . . . . . B. C. 1491-1370
3. **JEWISH** . . . Post Exilic. B. C. 500-400  
Exilic . . . . . B. C. 600-500  
Pre-Exilic . . B. C. 900-600  
(400 years of silence)
4. **APOSTOLIC** . . . . . A. D. 27-100 (The Times of the Apostles)

These Prophecies divide themselves into three grand divisions:

1. **PAST** – Fulfilled Prophecy
2. **PRESENT** – Fulfilling Prophecy. These are the prophecies that refer to the Jews, the Nations, and the moral and religious character of the times.
3. **FUTURE** – Unfulfilled Prophecy. The “Requirements” of a Genuine Prediction / Prophecy are five in number.
  1. It must have been made known **PRIOR** to its fulfillment.
  2. It must be beyond all human foresight
  3. it must give details
  4. A sufficient amount of time must elapse between its publication and fulfillment to exclude the prophet, or any interested party, from fulfilling it.
  5. There must be a clear and evident fulfillment of the prophecy.

The value of the argument for the inspiration of the scriptures from prophecy is evident when we study the law of

### **“COMPOUND PROBABILITIES.”**

If I were to predict an earthquake in Philadelphia next year the chance would be 1 in 2 that it would occur. If I should add another prediction, that it would be on the 4th of July, the chance is decreased to 1 in 4. And if I added another detail, that it would be in the daytime, the chance then becomes 1 in 8. And if I should add a fourth detail the chance would be 1 in 32. And if the details were 10 in number, the chance would be 1 in 1024.

Now there were twenty-five specific predictions made by the Old Testament prophets bearing on the betrayal, trial, death, and burial of Jesus. These were uttered by different prophets during the period from B. C. 1000 to B. C. 500, yet they were all literally fulfilled in 24 hours in one person. According to the law of "Compound Probabilities," there was one chance in 33,554,432 that these 25 predictions would be fulfilled as prophesied. If one prophet should make several predictions as to one event, he might buy collusion with others bring it to pass, but when a number of prophets, distributed over several centuries, give detailed and specific predictions as to some event, the charge of collusion cannot be sustained. It is a fact that there were 109 predictions literally fulfilled at Christ's First Advent in the flesh. Apply the law of "Compound Probabilities" to this number and the chance is one in **BILLIONS** that they would be fulfilled in one person.

### **THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

In Luke 24:13-35 two men, the scripture calls disciples, were walking on the road to Emmaus, when suddenly Jesus comes up from behind them (they did not know who He was) and begins walking with them. Then Jesus asked the two men what is it that you are talking about? The two men began to tell Him the news of the last few days in Jerusalem; how the Romans had crucified Jesus the Nazarene, but their hope was that He would have redeem Israel. But Jesus called them foolish men, for they were slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken, saying "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to come into His glory?" Then He spoke to them of the prophecies beginning with Moses and the Prophets, explaining to them the things that were about Himself in the scriptures.

It would be interesting reading, and amazingly helpful if Luke would have included in his Gospel a full report of that afternoon's conversation. The two disciples were familiar with the things that occurred the previous week at the arrest, trial,

crucifixion, and burial of Jesus, as well as the rumors of his resurrection. It was not difficult therefore for Jesus to take those things and by quoting from the Old Testament scriptures show that they were just what the prophets had foretold would happen to the Messiah when He came. He reminded them of what the prophet had said, that the Messiah should be sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12), be betrayed by a friend (Psa. 41:9), forsaken by his disciples (Zech.13:7), Accused by false Witnesses (Psa. 35:11), be dumb before his accusers (Isa. 53:11), be scourged (Isa. 50:6), his garments parted (Psa. 22:18), mocked by his enemies (Psa. 22:7-8), be given gall and vinegar to drink (Psa. 69:21), not a bone in his body broken (Psa. 34:20), die with malefactors (Isa. 53:12), that the price of his betrayal should be used to purchase a "Potter's field" (Zech. 11:13), and that He should be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isa. 53:9).

But assuredly Jesus did not stop with simply proving that the crucified Christ fulfilled all of the requirements of Prophecy. As it was a long walk they had to Emmaus, approximately six miles. Jesus must have joined the men soon after they left Jerusalem, so He had plenty of time in which to outline the "**Prophetic Portrait**" of the Messiah. Referencing Genesis 22:7-8, He pictured Isaac as a "Type" of Christ, and that God spared Abraham's son, but did not spare his own son. He then called attention to the institution of the "Passover," and recalled the fact that in preparing the lamb for roasting, two spits were used, one thrust lengthwise through the body for support over the fire, and the other across the shoulders for turning, thus symbolizing the cross on which the Lamb of God was suspended.

He then reminded them that Jesus had said in one of his discourses "And I, if I be **LIFTED UP**, will draw all men unto Me" (John 12:32). And having refreshed their memory, he took them back to that incident in the history of the Children of Israel of the "Brazen Serpent," and pointed out that that was a type of how men are bitten with the Serpent's of sin and they need a Savior, and how Jesus by being lifted up took the place of the "Brazen Serpent," and that all who look to him in faith shall be delivered from the results of sin.

Then Jesus spoke of the prophet Jonah, and what befell him, and recalled His own prophecy, which doubtless that they had heard, but had forgotten, that "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40), thus showing them that since it had been three days since His death, they should not have been surprised at the report from the women that morning, that Jesus had **RISEN FROM THE DEAD**.

Is it any wonder that as Jesus continued outlining the "Prophetic Christ" and comparing Him with the "Historic Christ" they had known and loved, that is what made their own hearts "**BURN WITHIN THEM**" as He walked with them by the way and opened up to them the **Scriptures** (Luke 24:32). How easy a mystery seems when we know the answer, and how simple the Scriptures

become when we see Christ in them, for the **“TESTIMONY OF JESUS”** is the **“SPIRIT OF PROPHECY”** (Rev.19:10). That is the spirit and the purpose of all prophecy is to **testify of Jesus**. How important then is the study of Prophecy.

Now we have seen that there were 109 predictions of Old Testament prophets literally fulfilled at Christ's First Advent. There are 845 quotations from the Old Testament and the New Testament, and 333 of these refer to Christ. They vary from types and figures that seem meaningless unless you place Christ in them, to exact predictions that at times descend to the minutest detail. The only books of the Old Testament not quoted in the New Testament are Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Songs of Solomon and Obadiah.

The Old Testament scriptures bear a **"double witness"** to Jesus. They point out both His **"FIRST"** and **"SECOND"** comings. And the same Prophet in referring to the "Two Comings" did not always name them in the proper order. (I believe this was attributed to distinguishing "His Coming," from "His Return") This was confusing to the Bible students and religious leaders of Christ's day. In fact, they did not know that there were to be "Two Comings." Therefore they are not to be too harshly judged because they rejected Christ because he did not at once set up the "Earthly Kingdom." They did not separate the prophecies that foretold his **"SUFFERINGS"** (the **CROSS**) and the **"GLORY"** (the **CROWN**). But we stand on this side of Calvary and can readily separate the **fulfilled** Prophecies of the "First Advent" from the unfulfilled Prophecies of the "Second Advent." These future prophecies are clearly brought out on the chart of the "Mountain Peaks of Prophecy."

### **THE MOUNTIAN PEAKS**

The Old Testament prophet saw the future as separate peaks of **one mountain**. From their view point the "Old Testament Valley," they saw the future as mountain peaks assembled in groups with valleys between them. The **"VALLEY- OF THE CHURCH,"** in the first group included the "Birth of Jesus," Calvary," and Pentecost." In the second group is the "Antichrist," the Revelation of Jesus Christ," and the "Kingship of Christ."

In Isaiah 61:1-2 there is a separation between the statements-**"THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD,"** and **"THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD,"** these two statements were to span a period covering the whole of this "Present Dispensation," and already over 1900 years long. Likewise the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 23:5-6) separates the First and Second Advents of Christ, or **"THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH,"** and the **"KING WHO SHALL REIGN AND PROSPER."** The Prophets saw the **"Prophetic"** and **"Kingly"** work of Christ, but they did not see the **'PRIESTLY.'** They saw the **"Altar"** (Sacrificial), and the **"Throne"** but they did not see the **"TABLE"** (the Lord's Table / Communion) that was to come in between.



As shown on the Chart the Prophet saw in a direct line along the "Peaks of Prophecy," and did not see the "**valley**" of "The Church" in between the peaks. Our viewpoint is from the side. We face the "Valley" with the "First Advent" (the **CROSS**) to our left, and the "Second Advent" (the **CROWN**) to our right. All we have to do is to separate the prophecies of the "First Advent" from the prophetic references to Christ in the Old Testament, and apply the balance to His "Second Advent." This simplifies the study of Prophecy.

Isaiah's prophecies have mainly to do with the **Messiah** and **Israel**. Jeremiah is the Prophet of **Israel's return to their own land**. Ezekiel has to do with the **Restoration of Israel** to their own land, and with the **Millennial Land, Restored Temple**, and the **form of Worship**. Daniel is the Prophet of the **Gentiles** and their final great **Leader-ANTICHRIST**. Zechariah is most concerned about the events that shall happen at the Second Coming of Christ, as—

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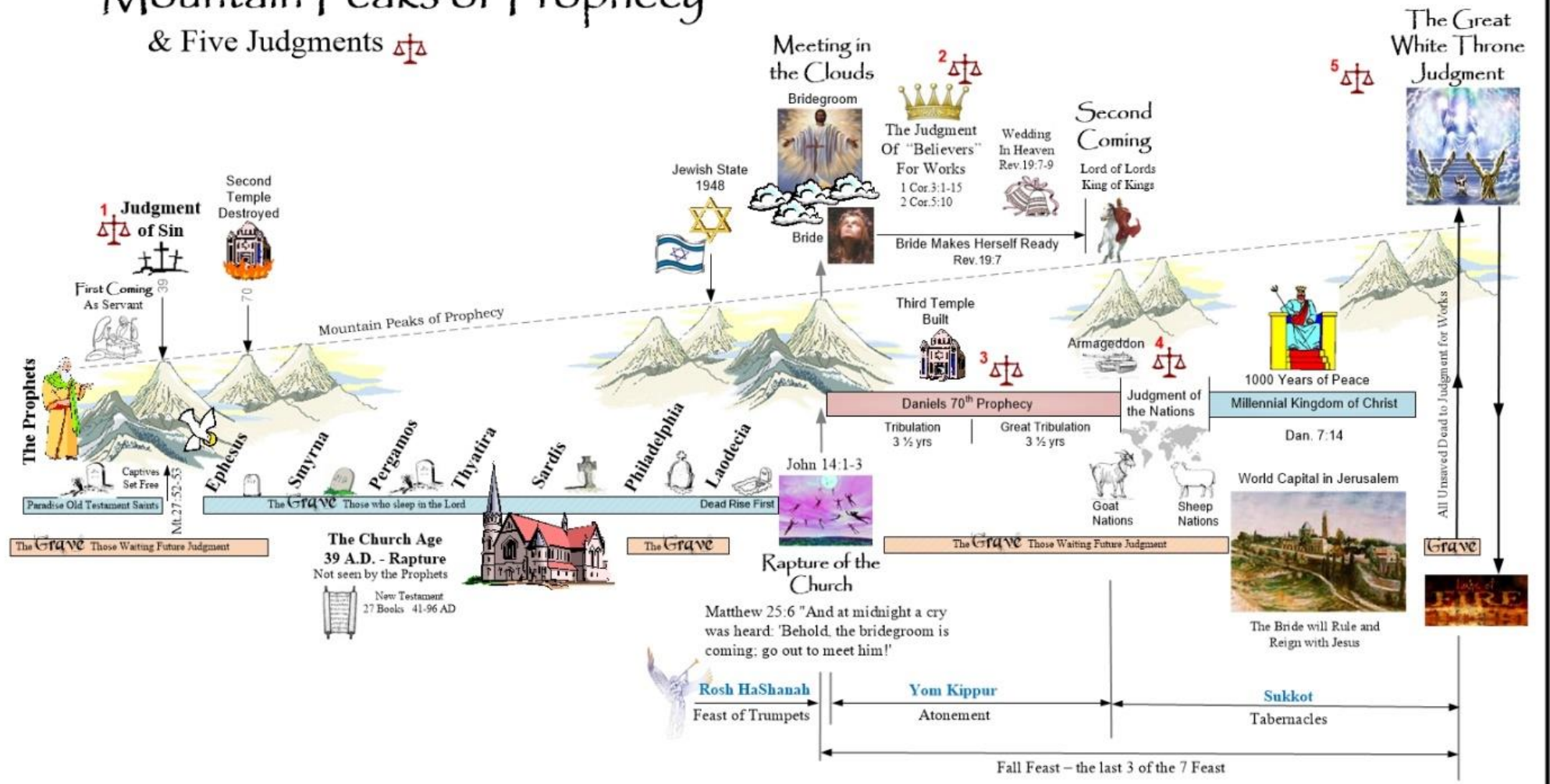
1. ANTICHRIST (THE Idol Shepherd) - Zech. 11:15-17.
2. ARMAGEDON - Zech. 14:1-3.
3. CONVERSION OF ISRAEL – Zech. 12:9-14.
4. CHRIST'S RETURN TO OLIVET – Zech. 14:14-11.
5. OLD AGE IN JERUSALEM – Zech. 8:3-8.
6. FEAST OF TABERNACLES – Zech. 14:16-21.

Notice that Zechariah does not see these events in their chronological order. All the Major Prophets, and 9 of the Minor Prophets, emphasize the "Kingship of Christ," and it was this that confused the Religious Leaders of Christ's day.

### **THE PERSPECTIVE OF PROPHECY**

The Chart on "The Perspective of Prophecy" shows what each of the Prophets foresaw of future events from the Birth of Christ on down to the New Heavens and the New Earth. A careful study of the Chart will show that the Prophet Nahum saw nothing beyond his time, while the Prophet Isaiah saw more and the farthest of all the prophets.

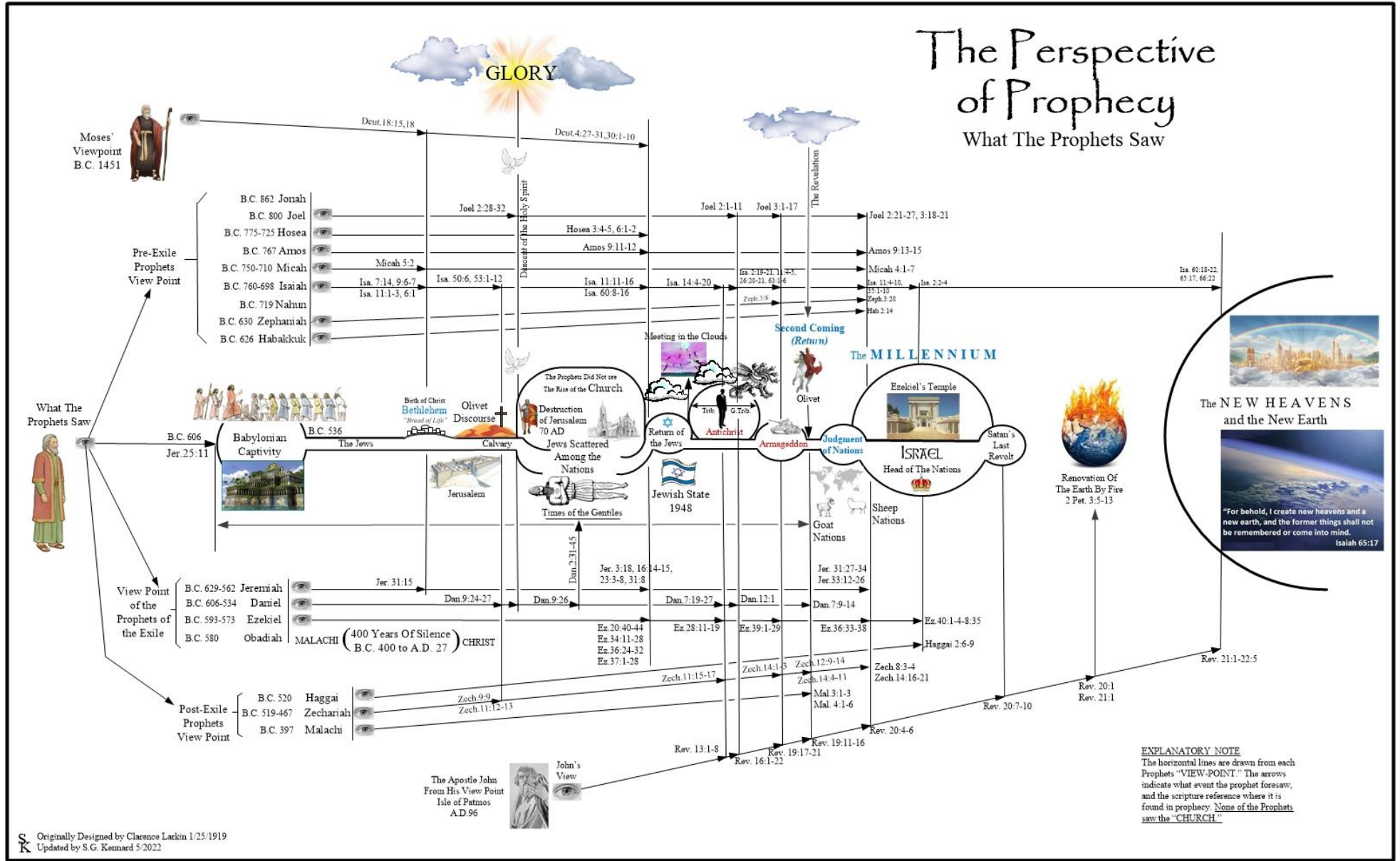
# Mountain Peaks of Prophecy & Five Judgments



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# The Perspective of Prophecy

## What The Prophets Saw



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## Chapter 4

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### THE DOCTRINE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

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Comment



he Second Coming of Jesus Christ, as foretold by the Prophet Daniel will happen at the end of a period of 70 weeks (Strong's Hebrew: 7620 [*shabua*], a period of seven (days, weeks, years), in the Greek the word is [*heptad*]). The beginning of these years will be with the carrying away of Juda into Babylonian captivity, and ended with a decree from King Artaxerxes allowing the Jews to go home and rebuild Jerusalem (Ezra 7:12-13; Neh. 2:4-8).

#### SIX REASONS GIVEN FOR THE 70 WEEKS

In Daniel 9:21-23, the angel Gabriel came to Daniel to give him a message,<sup>22</sup> “. . . “Daniel, I have come now to give you **insight with understanding**.<sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your supplications<sup>11</sup> the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, because you are highly esteemed; so pay attention to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

The 70 weeks of years (490 years total) was for these reasons:

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<sup>11</sup> A prayer of “Supplication,” as a form of a prayer, a call for help from God. The term bears a spirit of reverence and devotion with it, a solemn prayer to a higher power.

1. To Finish the Transgression:

For all who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah, must know that all sin was conquered at the cross. But for the rest of Israel, the consumption of his redeeming work will not occur until the end of the tribulation. Zechariah, who prophesied in Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity, foresaw a change in Israel's attitude towards the Lord during the last days that will result in widespread repentance and reconciliation (Zechariah 12:10; 13:1).

2. To Make an End of Sins: (*Perfect Age*)

Sin will continue to be part of the human experience throughout the last days and the tribulation. But when Jesus returns to set up his Earthly Kingdom, sin will be destroyed never to do is evil work again. In the words of the Prophet Ezekiel, they shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people and I will be their God (Ezekiel 37:23).

Note: The scriptures also tell us that Christ will also rule with a “ROD OF IRON” (Rev.2:27). What do you think of this statement? Additional scripture in Revelation 20:7-10.

3. To Make Reconciliation for iniquity: (“*to atone for wickedness*”)

A prophecy of the atoning work of Christ. Thousands of years of sinful disobedience on the part of Israel will be settled with God before the prophecy is complete. While Christ isn't mentioned in this verse, He is the one making the atonement. At the end of the seventy weeks, Israel will finally recognize the atoning effort of Jesus the Messiah (Daniel 9:26)..

4. To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness: (*Perfect Age*)

With sin eliminated, the nation of Israel will lay claim to Christ's righteousness at the Second Coming. Everlasting righteousness will rule and reign on earth.

5. To Seal up the Vision and Prophecy:

When Christ returns and establishes His kingdom, every prophecy concerning Him will be fulfilled. There will be no further need for visions and prophets because there is no more sin. In the words of Jeremiah,

“No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more (Jeremiah 31:34).

#### 6. To anoint the Most High

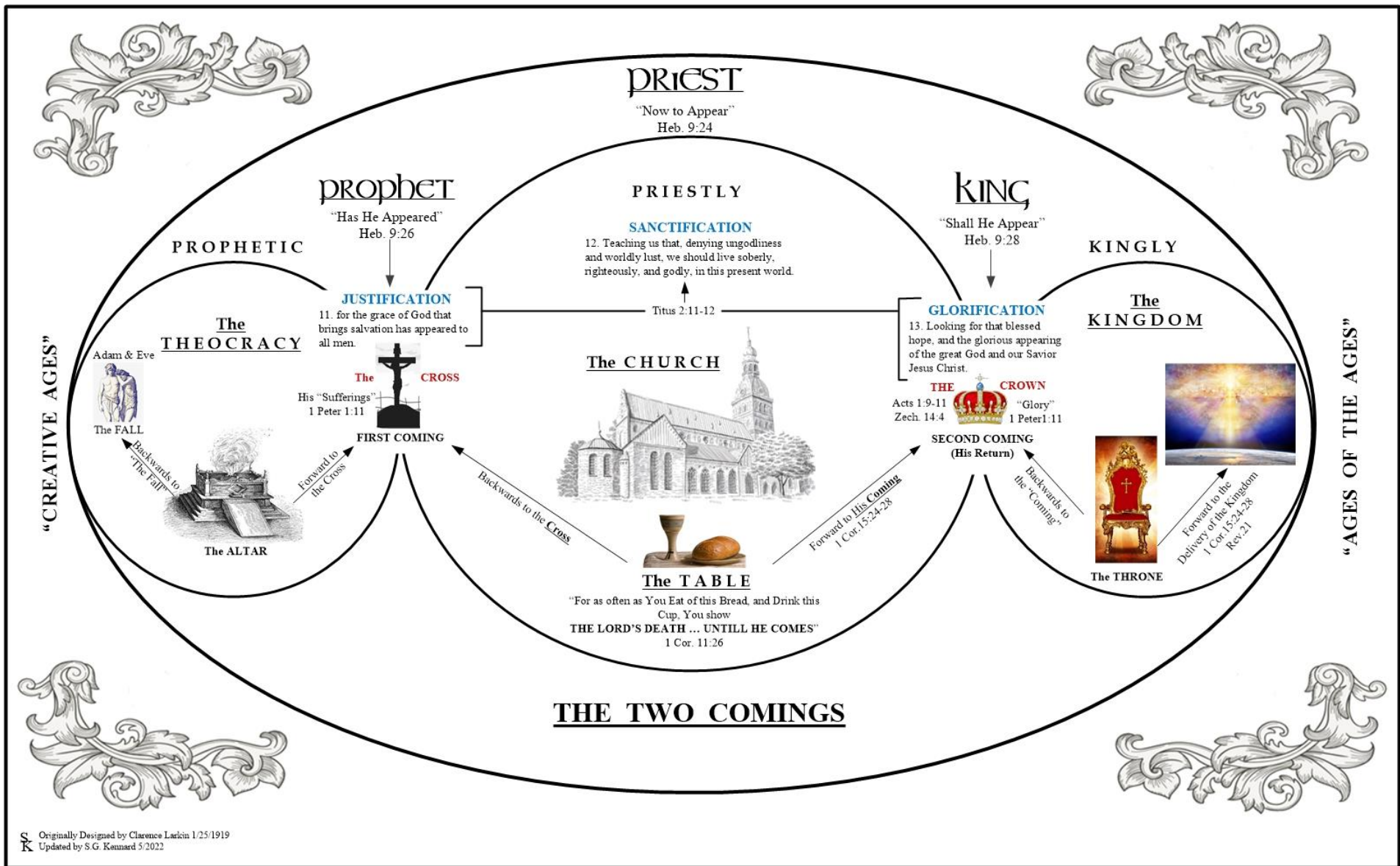
In scripture, the phrase “the Most High” describes the sacred place in the temple that is also referred to as the Holy of Holies. Christ’ Kingdom will be established when the Holy Place in the Millennial Temple is completed and dedicated for service (Ezekiel 41- 46). For Daniel, who spent most of his life longing for reunification with his people and the re-establishment of the temple, this condition carried tremendous promise.

Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy is a lot like a treasure map. It is only 4 verses in length yet it contains prophetic clues to thousands of prophetic years of human history. Each word is rich with meaning. We won't discover all of its Treasures in one reading. But, if we, like Daniel, apply ourselves to studying this passage as an intricate part of God's word, the Lord will help us to understand it. “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5).



### The Two Comings

There is no fact in history more clearly established than the fact of the "First Coming" of Christ. His "First Coming" did not fulfill all the prophecies associated with His "Coming," then it is evident that there must be another "Coming" to completely fulfill all the prophecies. It was because the religious leaders of Christ's day failed to distinguish between the prophecies that related to His "First Coming," and those that related to His "Second Coming" so they rejected Him. Peter tells us (1Pet.1:10-11) that the prophets themselves did not clearly perceive the difference between the "**Sufferings**" and "**Glory**" of Christ. That is, they did not see that there was a "**TIME SPACE**" between the "**Cross**" and the "**Crown**," and that the "Cross" would precede the "Crown." But we have no such excuse. We live on this side of the "Cross" and we can readily pick out all the prophecies that were fulfilled at Christ's "First Coming" and apply the remainder to His "Second Coming." It is clear then that Christ's "First Coming," important as it was, is not the



"doctrinal center" of the Scriptures, that is, Christ's First Coming was not the center of a circle that contains all doctrine, it is represented as a beginning of an ellipse of which the other is the **"SECOND COMING."**

This is shown on the "The Two Comings" Chart shown above. The chart takes in the whole "Mediator" Work of Christ as, Prophetic, Priestly and Kingly. This is included in an ellipse, the emphasis of which are the "First" and "Second" Comings of Christ. The "**Cross**" represents His "First Coming" and the "**Crown**" His "Second Coming." Between the "Fall" and the "First Coming" we have the "**ALTAR,**" which points backward to the "Fall" and forward to the "Cross." Between the "Comings" we have the "**TABLE**" which points backward to the "Cross" and forward to the "Second Coming." Between the "Second Coming" and the surrender of the "Kingdom" we have the "**THRONE,**" which points backward to the "Second Coming" and forward to the surrendering of the "Kingdom." The Apostle Paul in his epistles clearly distinguishes between the "Comings" and their doctrinal signification. In his letter to the Hebrew's he classifies Christ's "appearing's" as "Has he appeared" (Heb. 9:28). In his letter (Titus 2:11-12), he brings out the doctrinal significance of these "appearing's." As a Prophet He died for our "**JUSTIFICATION,**" as a Priest He lives at the right hand of God not only as our Advocate, but our "**SANCTIFIER,**" and when He comes again as a King it will be for our **GLORIFICATION.**"

- **JUSTIFICATION:** The action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God.
- **SANCTIFICATION:** Is referring to a "once-for-ever" separation of believers unto God. It is a work God performs, an intricate part of our salvation and our connection with Christ (Hebrews 10:10). Christ is our Sanctifier.
- **GLORIFICATION:** At Christ's coming, the glory of God (Romans 5:2) His honor, praise, majesty, and holiness will be realized in us; instead of being mortals burdened with a sin nature, we will be changed into holy immortals with direct and unhindered access to God's presence, and we will enjoy holy communion with Him throughout eternity

While the First and Second Comings of Christ are separated by this Dispensation they are nevertheless not complete in themselves, the Second necessitated the First, and the First demands the Second. They are both necessary to complete the Plan of Salvation. The First Coming was for the salvation of the "**SOUL;**" the Second is for the salvation of the "**BODY,**" for there can be no resurrection of the body until Christ comes back.





Comment: <sup>12</sup> Just as a point of clarification. Many times in scripture and in the writings of prophecy teachers and pastors they refer to Jesus' "coming," i.e. coming for our salvation, coming in the clouds, coming to get His Bride and His Second Coming. In truth there is only two comings of Christ. As we have learned, His first coming (His Advent) was for the **Salvation of our Souls**, that is, His work upon the cross, as He told Pilot "For this reason I have come into the world." (John 18:37). In this we see His **SUFFERING**. (1 Peter 1:11). Referance the Two Comings chart page 25

When Jesus comes back for us (John 14:1-3) He will bring with Him all those who have "Died in Christ." The reason for this is because at their death their soul was separated out from their body, and as Paul tells us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. When the shout is given ... "COME UP HERE," suddenly the innumerable army of souls with Him will saddening be rejoined to their bodies left behind centuries ago. This time those rotting corpses still in the ground, or in the depths of the sea, or those whose bodies are no more, will be change in the twinkling of an eye. They shall rise out of death's chambers adorned as a bride dressed in white for she has been made pure, death cannot hold her, her salvation is complete. Those who are still alive will be changed also and together rise into the clouds to meet their Bridegroom and forever they will be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52).

His third coming is not a "coming" in the sense that He comes and then leaves after His work is done. In reality it would be better described as a "**RETURN**," (2<sup>nd</sup> Advent) as in His feet will touch the ground and He will be setting up His Kingdom and staying for a while, actually about 1000 years. This event we call the "**MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST**." In this, we see His **CROWN**.

In the **Rapture** of the Bride of Christ we see Jesus coming as a **BRIDEGROOM**, He has finished His work on that place He told her He was going to prepare for her. The Father has said, "Son it is time to go get your bride." Surely He comes to call His bride from the far corners of this world and gather her unto Himself and take her home where He is (Jn.14:1-3) Her heart has been there for many years, now her longing becomes a reality.

In Christ' **Return** we see Jesus coming as **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. He has brought with him his angels and His bride to rule and reign on this earth for 1,000 years. The earth will no longer study war, all forms of sin will be destroyed and a spirit of peace and safety will settle over this world, for it is Yeshua Jesus the Son of God and creator of all things who sits on the throne in Jerusalem.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.articlesfactory.com/articles/religion/understanding-the-3-levels-of-salvation-spirit-soul-body.html>

## THE SECOND COMING / RETURN

### I. AS TO THE FACT:

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There are Four that Bear Witnesses to His Return

#### 1. THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS HIMSELF.

**Matt. 25:31-32.** "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the 'Throne of His Glory; ' and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats." i.e.: After Jesus has claimed His throne (Rev.20:4), He will gather representatives from all the nations to come and stand before Him to be judged. The criteria for this judgment will be their treatment of His "Kinsmen Brethren," the Jews. (Joel 3:1-2).

#### 2. THE TESTIMONY OF HEAVENLY BEINGS.

**Acts 1:10-11.** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "You men of Galilee, why do you stand here gazing up into heaven? This **SAME JESUS**, which is taken up from you in heaven, shall come back **IN LIKE MANNER** as you have seen him to go into heaven."

#### 3. THE TESTIMONY OF THE APOSTLES

- **PAUL:** "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>21</sup> who will transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with His glorious body, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself." Phil. 3:20-21.  
"Looking for that '**Blessed Hope**' and the '**Glorious Appearing**' of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.
- **JAMES:** "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord." James 5:7.
- **PETER:** "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty." 2 Pet. 1:16.

- **JUDE:** "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude 14-15.
- **JOHN:** "Now, little children, remain in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not draw back from Him in shame at His coming. 1 John 2:28 (NASB).

"Behold, he **comes in the clouds**; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all people of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Rev. 1:7.

#### **4. THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

"For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you show the Lord's death **till He comes.**" 1 Cor. 11:26.

The Lord's Supper is not a permanent ordinance. It will be discontinued when the Lord returns. It is a Memorial Feast. It looks back to the "Cross" and forward to the "Coming." An engagement ring is not intended to be permanent. It is simply a pledge of mutual love and loyalty, and gives place to the wedding ring. So the Lord's Table may be looked upon as a betrothal pledge left to the Church during the absence of her betrothed.

Paul in all his epistles refers only 13 times to Baptism, while he speaks of the Lord's return 50 times. One verse in every 30 in the New Testament refers to Christ's Second Coming. There are 20 times as many references in the Old Testament to Christ's Second Coming (Return) as to His First Coming.

#### **THE FIVE THEORIES**

While the majority of professing Christians admit to the fact of the second Coming of Christ, they don't agree as to the "**MANNER**" or "**TIME.**" There are five theories as to the Second Coming.

### **1. That His Coming Again Is "SPIRITUAL" and Was Fulfilled at Pentecost.**

It was not Christ but the Holy Spirit that came at Pentecost, and his coming was conditioned on Christ's **absence**, for Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I **go away**; for if I **go not away**, the Comforter (H. S.) will not come unto you; but if I **DEPART**, I will **SEND HIM UNTO YOU**." John 16:7. If the Holy Spirit is only another manifestation of Christ, then they are identical, and that **NULLIFIES THE TRINITY**. The fact that the whole New Testament was **written after** Pentecost, and declares over 150 times that the Second Coming of Christ was still **future**. And more, none of the events predicted **as** accompanying the Second Coming occurred at Pentecost, **such** as the **Resurrection of the "Dead in Christ,"** the **Translation of the "Living Saints,"** the **"Binding of Satan,"** etc.

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### **2. That the "CONVERSION OF THE SINNER" is the Coming of the Lord.**

This cannot be, for at conversion the sinner comes to Christ, not Christ to the sinner; and the sinner's conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit, and not the work of Christ. It is true that there is such a thing as the spiritual **indwelling of Christ** in the believer, but His Second Coming, - like His First Coming is to be an **outward, visible, personal coming**.

### **3. That "DEATH" is the Coming of the Lord.**

The text that is used more than any other for funeral sermons is "Watch, therefore; for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes." Matt. 25:13. The context shows that this refers to a future coming of Christ. Christ could not come to the earth every time a person dies for two reasons

(1) A soul passes into eternity every second, and this would necessitate Christ's remaining continuously on the earth.

(2) Christ is engaged in His High Priestly functions in the Heavens, and could not leave them to come to the earth for the souls of the dying.

The fact is, that at death the believer goes to Christ. Christ does not come for him. Death is always spoken of as a departure. "Absent from the body, **present** (at home) with the Lord." 2 Cor. 5:6-8.

If Jesus had meant by His Second Coming **"Death,"** then He would, have said to His Disciples-"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will send Death to bring you to myself, "but He did not. He said-"I will **come again** and receive you unto myself." The last

chapter of John's Gospel settles the matter. Peter said to Jesus-"Lord, and what shall this man (referring to John) do? Jesus. said to him, If I will that he tarry **till I come**, what is that to you? You follow me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that disciple (John) **should not DIE.**" John 21:21-23. We see from this that the Disciples did not think that the "Coming of the Lord" meant "death." There was a great difference between these two things in their mind. Death is an enemy (1Cor. 15:26, 1Cor. 15:55), it holds us in the grave, it robs the body of its attractiveness, it is the "Wages of Sin" (Rom. 6:23), and the result of God's wrath, while the Second Coming of Christ is a manifestation of His love. Christ is the "Prince of Life." There can be no death where He is. Death flees at His coming. When He was on earth nothing could remain dead in His presence. His coming is not death but resurrection. He is the "**Resurrection**" and the '**Life**, "and when He Comes, He will change our **corruptible body**, that it may be fashioned like unto His "Glorious Body." Phil. 3:20-21.

#### **4. That the "DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM" in A. D. 70 by the Romans Was the Second Coming of the Lord.**

The Lord was not present at the destruction of Jerusalem. It was destroyed by Roman soldiers, and none of the things that are to occur at the "Second Coming" occurred at the destruction of Jerusalem, such as the resurrection of the dead, the translation of living saints, and the physical changes that are to occur at Jerusalem and in the land of Palestine at Christ's coming. Zech. 14:4-1 Zech. 14:1. Ez. 47:1-3. Christ's purpose in coming back is not to destroy Jerusalem, but to **RESTORE IT**. It must be trodden down of the Gentiles until the "Times of the Gentiles" are fulfilled, "then shall they see the **SON OF MAN** coming in a cloud with power and great glory" Luke **21:24-26**. The Book of Revelation, written 26 years after the destruction of Jerusalem, speaks of the Second Coming of Christ as still future.

#### **5. That the "DIFFUSION<sup>13</sup> OF CHRISTIANITY" is the Second Coming of the Lord.**

This cannot be true, for the "Diffusion of Christianity" is gradual whereas the Scriptures declare that the "Return of the Lord" shall be **SUDDEN** and **UNEXPECTED**, like a "Thief in the Night." Matt. 24: 27, 36, 42, 44. 1 Thess. 5:2. Rev. 3:3. Again the "Diffusion of Christianity" is a **PROCESS**, while the Scriptures invariably speak of the "Return of the Lord" as an **EVENT**. The diffusion of Christianity brings Salvation to the wicked, whereas the "Return of the Lord" is said to bring not salvation but **SUDDEN DESTRUCTION**. 1 Thes. 5:2-3; 2 Thes. 1:7-9.

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<sup>13</sup> "Diffusion" is the spreading of something more widely.

## II AS TO THE TIME

Of the exact time we cannot be certain. When Jesus was on the earth He said-"But of that day and that hour knows no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son (not yet), but the Father." Mark 13:32. After His Resurrection and before His Ascension, He refused to satisfy the curiosity of His Disciples, saying to them-"It is not for you to know the 'times' or the '**seasons**' which the Father hath put in his own power." Acts 1:7. Jesus knew of Daniel's prophecy of the "Seventy Weeks" (Dan. 9:20-22), but He fixed no dates for their fulfillment. The student of prophecy is not to be a "date-setter," but he is to **watch**. "Signs" are for the few. There is nothing to prevent Christ coming for His Church at any time. While we do not know the day or the hour of Christ's Coming we know that it will be

### PRE-MILLENNIAL

By Pre-Millennial we mean that before the Millennium Christ will return. That is, before the period of a "**Thousand Years**" spoken of in Rev. 20:1-3. This period is spoken of in other scriptures as "The Kingdom," and is described in glowing terms by the prophets as a time when the earth shall be blessed with a universal rule of righteousness. The passage in Rev. 20:1-3 simply tells us that the length of the period shall be 1000 years.

The very structure of the New Testament demands that Christ shall return **before** the Millennium. Here are a few reasons.

1. When Christ comes He will **RAISE THE DEAD**, but the Righteous dead are to be raised **BEFORE** the Millennium, that they may reign with Christ during the 1000 years, hence there can be no Millennium before Christ comes. Rev. 20:5.
2. When Christ comes He will **SEPARATE THE "TARES" FROM THE "WHEAT,"** but as the Millennium is a period of **UNIVERSAL RIGHTEOUSNESS** the separation of the "Tares" and "Wheat" must take place **BEFORE** the Millennium, therefore there can be no Millennium before Christ comes. Matt. 13:40-42.
3. When Christ comes Satan **SHALL BE BOUND**, but as Satan is to be bound during the Millennium, there can be no Millennium until Christ comes. Rev. 20:1-3. IE: Satan bound for 1000 years in the Bottomless Pit.

4. When Christ comes Antichrist is to be **DESTROYED**, but as Antichrist is to be destroyed before the Millennium there can be no Millennium until Christ comes. 2 Thess. 2:8 Rev. 19:20. IE: **ANTICHRIST** is the "Lawless one," who along with the "**FALSE PROPHET** (the two of these individuals are flesh and blood men who sought power. These two will be thrown alive into the Lake of Fire.
  
5. When Christ comes the Jews are to be **RESTORED TO THEIR OWN LAND**, but they are to be restored to their own land **BEFORE** the Millennium, there can be no Millennium before Christ comes. Ez. 36:24-26; Rev. 1:7; Zech. 12:10. IE: Israel was restored back into their land in 1948 and the **FIG TREE** prophecy began. We are the closing end of this prophecy. xPs. 90:10.
  
6. When Christ comes it will be **unexpectedly**, and we are commanded to watch lest He takes us **unaware**. Now if He is not coming until **AFTER** the Millennium, and the Millennium is not yet here, why command us to watch for an event that is over 1000 years off?

### **III. AS TO THE MANNER**

He will return in the **SAME MANNER** as He went. Acts 1:11. He went up **BODILY** and **VISIBLY** and He shall come in like manner. He went in a cloud, and He will return in a cloud. "Behold, He cometh with the clouds; and **every eye shall see Him**, and they also which pierced Him; and all the people of the earth shall wail because of Him." Rev. 1:7. The only difference will be that He went up alone, He will return as a King (Luke 19:12), followed by a entourage of the angelic hosts. "For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father **with his angels**; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." Matt. 16:27. His "Return" however will be in

### **TWO STAGES.**

He will come first into the region of our atmosphere, and the "**dead in Christ**," and the "living saints" shall be "**caught up**" to meet Him "**IN THE AIR**." Then after the risen and translated saints have been judged and rewarded for their works, and they, as the Church, the Bride of Christ, have been married to Him, He will come **with them** to the earth and land on the Mount of Olives, the place from whence He ascended. "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the

east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." Zech. 14:4.

The First Stage of His Return is called "**THE RAPTURE**;" the Second Stage-"**THE REVELATION**." The time between the two Stages is not less than seven years, and is occupied in the heavens by the "**JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS FOR WORKS**," and on the earth by "**THE GREAT TRIBULATION**." See Chart that follows.

### **FIRST STAGE-THE RAPTURE**

Jesus speaking of the Rapture of His Bride, when He comes back for Her.

**John 14:2-3.** "In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will **come again**, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

The Rapture is described in 1Thes. 4:15-17. "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord **HIMSELF** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel (Michael) and with the trump of God; and the **DEAD IN CHRIST** shall rise first; then we which are **ALIVE AND REMAIN** (saints only) shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord **IN THE AIR**, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

From this we see that "**The Rapture**" will be twofold.

1. The Resurrection of the "**DEAD IN CHRIST**."
2. The Translation of the "**LIVING SAINTS**."

This twofold character of "The Rapture" Jesus revealed to Martha when He was about to raise her brother Lazarus. He said to her:

"I am the 'Resurrection and the Life,' he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he **LIVE** (First Resurrection Saints); and whosoever **LIVETH** (is alive when I come back) and believeth in me shall **NEVER DIE**" John 11:25-26. This twofold character of the Rapture, Paul emphasizes in his immortal chapter on the resurrection.

"Behold, I show you a **Mystery**, we shall not all **Sleep**, but we shall **All Be Changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised, and we shall be changed. For this Corruptible (the dead in Christ)



must put on incorruption, and this mortal (the living saints) must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.**

**O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?  
O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY? "**  
**1 Cor. 15:51-53.**

The last two lines refer only to those who are "changed without dying," for it is only those who will not die who can shout

**"O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?  
O Grave, Where Is Thy Victory? "**

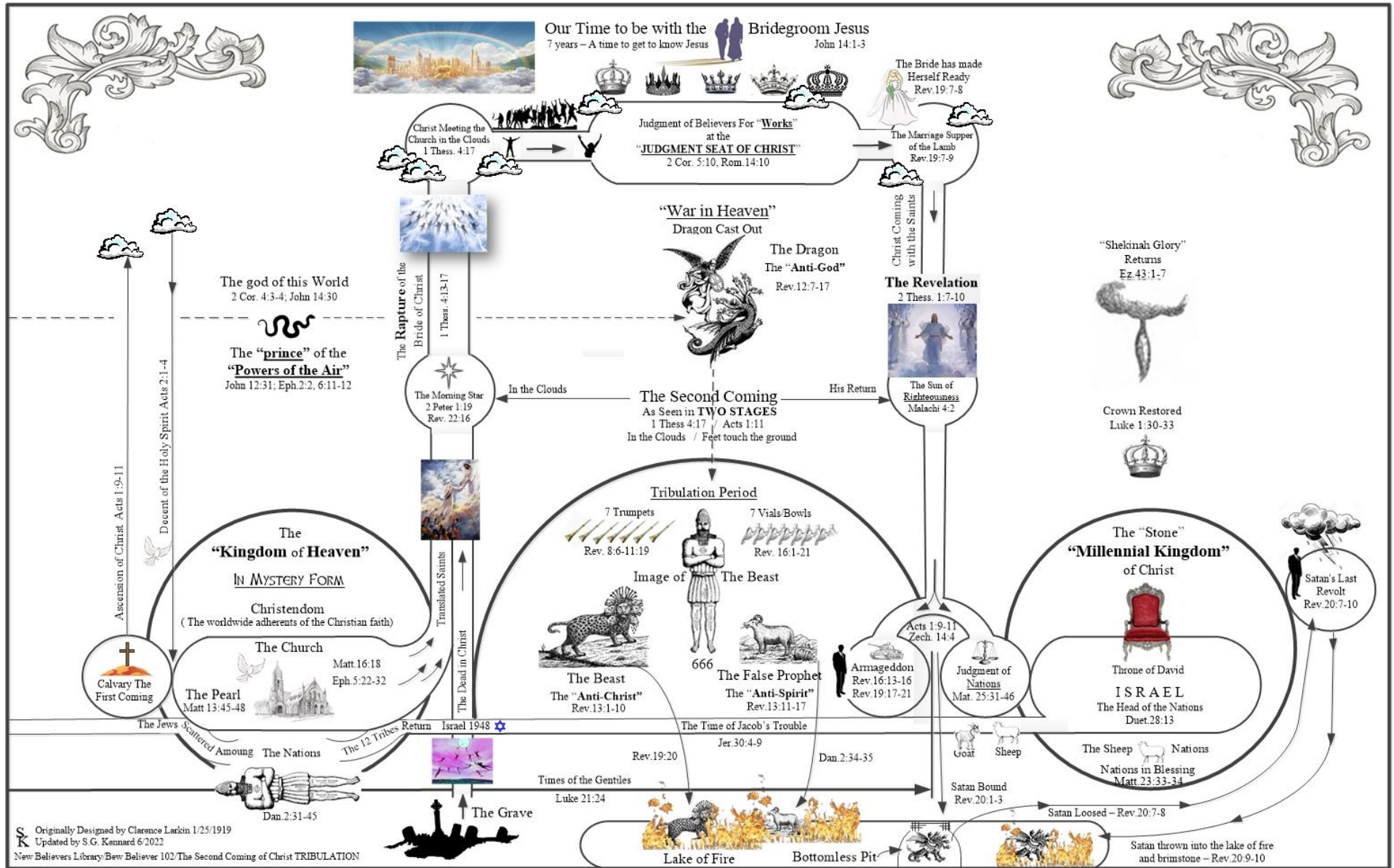
In 2 Cor. 5:1-4 Paul expresses his longing, and the longing of the Saints, to be among those who should not be "unclothed" by Death, but who should be "clothed upon by Immortality without dying."

“For we know that if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For indeed, in this *tent* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, <sup>3</sup>since in fact after putting it on, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For indeed, we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.”

In his letter to the Philippians, while Paul hopes that -

"If by any means he may attain unto the **Resurrection**, yet he pressed toward the mark for the 'prize' of the High **Calling of God** in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:11-13.

That is, while Paul would esteem it a great thing to "rise from the dead" at the First Resurrection, and be "caught up" with those who should be "changed, " yet he would esteem it a "prize" if he could be caught up "without dying," that is, alive until Jesus came back.



## THE RAPTURE WILL BE A "SURPRISE"

"Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch, the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; **for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man COMETH.**" Matt. 24:42-44. "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walks naked, and they see his shame." Rev. 16:15. "But of the '**times**' and the '**seasons**,' brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the 'Day of the Lord' (the day of His Return), so comes as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, 'Peace and Safety; ' then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape." This refers to the Second Stage of Christ's Coming, the "Revelation," when He shall take vengeance upon His enemies. 2 Thes. 1:7-10. But Paul adds, "But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that **that day** (the day of His Return) should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thes. 5:1-4.

We see from this that when Christ comes back it will be when we are not expecting Him. He will come as a thief comes. A thief does not announce his coming. He comes for a certain purpose. He does not take everything there is in the house. He takes only the precious things. The jewels, the gold, the silver and fine wearing apparel. He does not come to stay. As soon as he secures what he is after he departs. So Jesus at the Rapture will come and take away the saints only. The thief leaves much more than he takes. He leaves the house and the furniture and the household utensils. So the Lord at the Rapture will leave the wicked and the great mass of the heathen behind, for those who will be taken will be comparatively few.



Comment: 1 Thess. 5:4 reads "But you, brothers *and sisters*, are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief..." What Paul is telling us, is that if the event overtakes us, it is because we are unaware, then it is like a thief. Paul says, we are not in darkness, so that that day (Christ return) should overtake you like a thief. Let me ask you something ... why did Jesus give us so many signs and warnings of His return? ... So that we will be aware of the times in which we live, He is even at the door.

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

## THE RAPTURE WILL BE “ELECTIVE”

It will not only separate the saints from unbelievers, but it will separate husbands from wives, brothers from sisters, friends from friends.

"I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. "Luke 17:34-36. The words "men" and "women" in this passage are in italics. That means that they are not in the original, and so the passage should read there shall be "two in one bed," husband and wife, or two brothers, or two sisters, or two friends. Two in "bed" indicates night; two grinding at the mill, morning or evening; two in the field mid-noon. This shows that the Rapture will happen all over the earth at the same time or as the Apostle describes it in a "**moment**," or the "**twinkling of an eye**." "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shines even unto the west; also the coming of the Son of Man Be" (Matt. 24:27) is the way Jesus puts it.

The "Rapture" will be the most startling "event" of this **Age and Dispensation**. As it is to occur in the "twinkling of an eye" and all over the earth at the same time, the part of the world that is not asleep will witness the event. As to the "**Shout of the Lord**," the "**Voice of the Archangel**," and the "**Trump of God**" we do not know whether their sound will be heard and distinguished by others than the "dead in Christ" and the "living saints." We know that one day the Father spoke to Christ in a voice that He understood, but the people who stood by mistook it for "thunder." John 12:28-29. "When the Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus and spoke to him, the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, "hearing a voice," but seeing no man, and not understanding what was said. Acts 9:3-5. We know however that the "dead in Christ" will hear the sound, for it will be "intensely penetrating." There will be no graves so deep, no catacombs so rock covered, no pyramids or mausoleums so thick, but what the sound shall reach their depths and the "dead in Christ" shall hear the cry-"**awake you sleeping saints and arise from the dead, it is MORNING, the morning of the FIRST RESURRECTION**."

On the morning of that glorious day the air will be filled with the "spirits" of the "Dead in Christ," come back to earth to get their bodies, raised and glorified. The cemeteries and country church yards will look like ploughed fields, and monuments and grave slabs be overturned and vaults and places of sepulture be shattered by the exodus of those who found their last resting place there, and thus testify to the fact of the **literal bodily resurrection of the dead**, or whether the sainted dead shall slip out of their sepulchers without disturbing them. As Christ arose and left the tomb without breaking the seal, the angel rolling away the stone simply to show that the tomb was empty, we are not told, only the event itself will disclose the manner of the First Resurrection.

If the dead slip out of their places of sepulture without disturbing them, the First Resurrection will be secret and probably unknown to the world, but it will not be so with the "Living Saints" who are translated. If it is night on our side of the globe when the Rapture occurs the community will wake up in the morning to find all the real Christians gone, disappeared in the night. Many may hear the sound of the "Midnight cry"—

### **“BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMES”**

but thinking it only thunder, will turn over for another nap, but in the morning they will find the bedroom door locked, with the key on the inside, just as they locked it before retiring, and the clothes of the loved one 'who occupied the room with them lying where they were placed when taken off the night before, but that loved one, who was a Christian, is missing. Husbands will wake up to find that Christian wives are gone, and wives will wake up to find Christian husbands gone. Brothers and sisters will be missed and dear children absent, and not an infant will be left behind. Many faithful servants and employees will not report for duty, and the world will awake to the fact that the Bible is true, and the much despised doctrine of the Pre-Millennial Coming of the Lord to gather out His saints is no fanciful interpretation of Scripture.

If it be **day** with us when the Rapture occurs, the "**EVENT**" will be startling. “As it was in the days of Noah (Matt. 24:36-39), the people will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling, planting and building.”

If it be a pleasant time of year, the boats, the cars, and the parks will be filled with shoppers and the streets of the cities lined with men, women and children on pleasure and business focused. Suddenly a noise from heaven will be heard like a great crashing of thunder. The people will rush to doors and windows, and those on the streets and in the fields will look up to see what has happened. To the vast majority it will be but a startling and alarming sound, but to many it will be the

### **"VOICE OF THE LORD."**

But when the people recover from their surprised and affrighted condition they will discover that a great many people are missing, and that the missing were the best people in the community. The large Department Stores, Banking Institutions, Manufacturing Plants, and other places of business will find their working force depleted by the loss of faithful employees. People walking on the streets will find their companions gone, and the street car lines will be blocked because of absent motormen,

conductors and teamsters. Railroad and steamboat lines will be crippled, and confusion will reign everywhere. In many homes the servants will be missing and members of the family will come home to find loved ones gone.

At first the whole thing will be a **Mystery**, until someone who had heard or read about the "Rapture of-the Saints," realizing what has happened, will explain the situation.

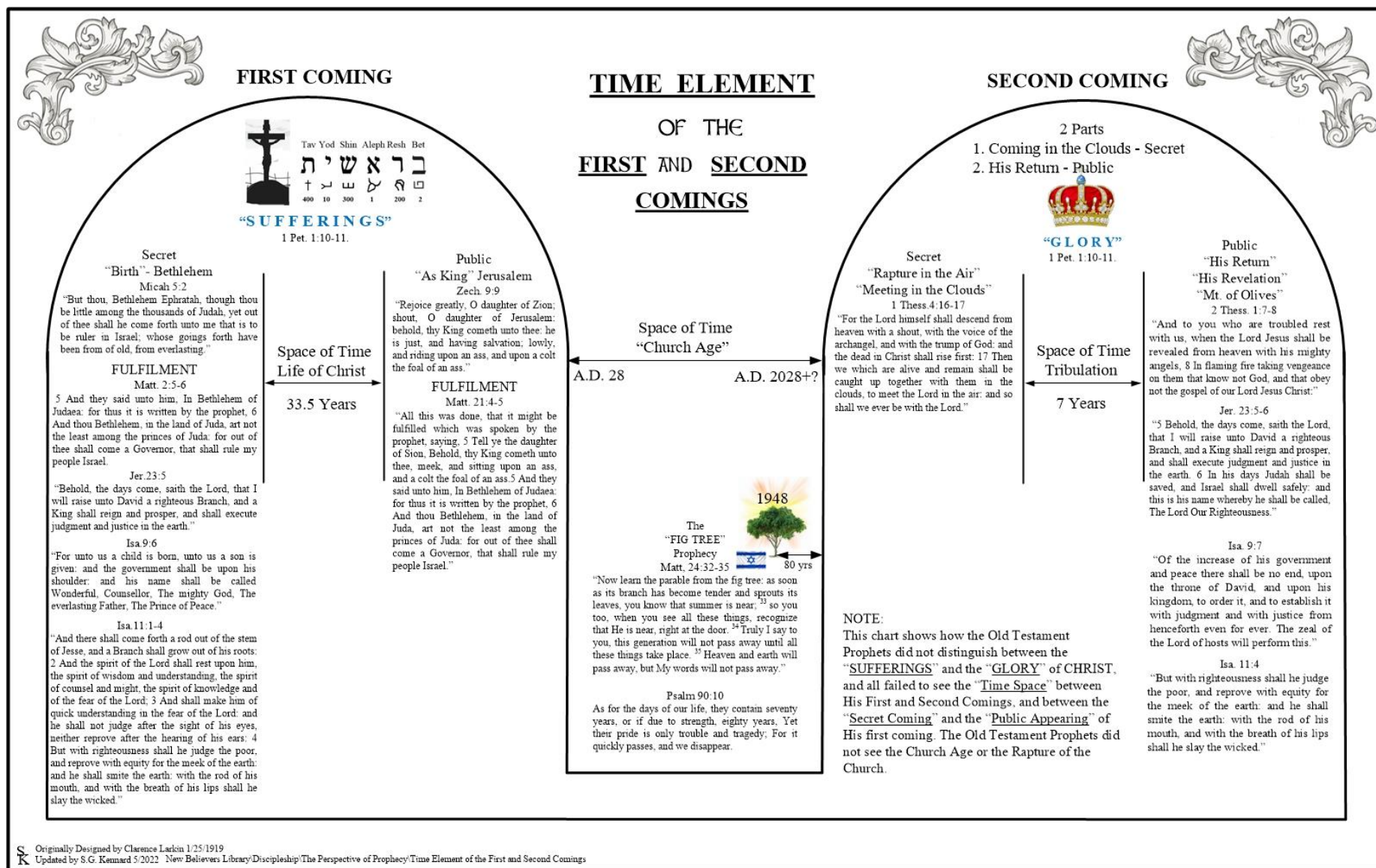
But one of the surprises of that day will be that so many professing Christians, and among them many ministers and Christian workers, will be left behind, while some who were not known to be Christians will be missing. The next day's papers will be full of what happened the day before, and many of them will be swelled to twice their ordinary size by the pressure on their advertising columns for information as to missing ones, and for help to fill important vacancies and positions of trust. For a few days the excitement will be intense. Then the people will settle down to the inevitable. With the exception of a few who will repent and turn to God, the mass of the people will become more hardened and wicked than before, and some who lost loved ones will be embittered. As the Holy Spirit will have gone back with the "Raptured Ones," and the "Saints," the SALT of the earth, been taken out, there will be nothing to prevent the rapid degeneration and "Moral Putrefaction" of those who are "left," and sin and iniquity and all manner of crime and worldliness will increase and pave the way for the manifestation of Antichrist, under whose Administration the world will rapidly ripen for judgment.

### **WHO WILL BE TAKEN**

Some claim that "all" the Church are to pass through the Tribulation; others that "all", the Church are to be caught out before the Tribulation, while some claim that only the "Waiting" and "Watching" Saints shall be caught out before the Tribulation, and that the rest must pass through it. The latter base their claim on Heb. 9:28, where it says-"Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." While this might apply to the living when He appears, it certainly cannot apply to the dead. There are tens and hundreds of thousands who "fell asleep in Jesus" who never heard of the Premillennial Coming of the Lord, or at least never grasped its meaning, and who therefore never "watched" and "waited" and "looked" for His Appearing. They surely are "In Christ"; and the "Dead in Christ" are to rise at the Rapture. Paul does not say in 1Thes. 4:16-17, that it will be the "dead" who "watched" and "waited" and "looked," and those who are "alive" and "watch" and "wait" and "look" for His Appearing that shall be "caught out," but the dead "In Christ," and we who **"Are Alive And Remain."**

Then there is another fact that we must not forget, and that is, the Unity of the Church. "For as the **Body Is One**, and hath many members, and **ALL the Members Of That One Body, Being Many, ARE ONE BODY**; so also is Christ. For by **One Spirit** are we **ALL Baptized into One Body**." 1 Cor.12:12-13.

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All then who have been "born again" (John 3:3-5) are part of Christ's "Body," and we cannot conceive of Christ's "Body being divided; part of it remaining "asleep" in the grave, and part of it "raised in glory; " part of it left to pass through the Tribulation, and part of it "changed" and caught up to meet Him in the air.

If "all" the Church is to pass through the Tribulation, then instead of waiting and watching "for the Lord, " we should be waiting and watching "for the Tribulation," which is contrary to the teaching of Christ Himself. Matt. 24:42-44.

The Tribulation is not for the perfecting "of the Saints." It has nothing to do with the Church. It is the time of "Jacob's Trouble" (Jer. 30:7), and is the "Judgment of Israel," and it is God's purpose to keep the Church out of it. Rev. 3:10. The Book of Revelation is written in chronological order. After the fourth chapter the Church is seen no more upon the earth until she appears in the nineteenth chapter coming with the Bridegroom "from" Heaven. The entire time between these two chapters is filled with appalling 21 judgments that fall upon those that "dwell on the earth," and as the Church is not of the earth, but is supposed to "sit together in 'Heavenly Places' in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6), she will not be among those who "dwell on the earth" in those days.

The confusion is largely due to the fact that students of Prophetic Truth do not distinguish between Christ's coming **FOR** His Saints, and **WITH** His Saints. The former is called the "Rapture," the latter is called the "Revelation."

Numerous passages in scripture speak of Christ coming "with" His Saints (Zech. 14:5, Col. 3:4, 1Thes. 3:13, 1Thes. 4:14, Jude 14), but it is evident that they cannot come "with" Him, if they had not been previously caught out "to" Him. All such passages refer therefore to the "Revelation" and not the "Rapture."

The typical teaching of the Scriptures demands that the Church be caught out "before" the Tribulation. Joseph was a type of Christ and he was espoused to, and married Asenath, a Gentile bride, during the time of his "rejection by his brethren," and "before the famine," which typified the Tribulation, because it was the time of "Judgment of his Brethren." This is the time of Christ's rejection by "His Brethren— the Jew, and to complete the type, He must get His Bride the church, "before" the Tribulation.

Moses, who is also a type of Christ, got his bride, and she a Gentile, "after" his rejection by his brethren, and "before" they passed through the Tribulation under Pharaoh. Ex. 2:23-25.



Enoch, a type of the "Translation Saints," was caught out "before" the Flood, and the Flood is a type of the Tribulation, and Noah and his family of the "Jewish Remnant" or 144, 000 sealed ones of Rev. 7:1-3, who will be preserved through the Tribulation.

How thrilling the thought that some of us shall not die, that in a moment, in the "twinkling of an eye" without being unclothed by the ghastly hands of Death, and instead of the winding sheet of the grave, we shall be instantly changed and clothed with the glorious garments of immortality. What a transport of joy will fill our being as we suddenly feel the thrill of immortality throbbing through our veins, and find ourselves being transported through the air in the company of fellow Christians and of our loved ones who fell asleep in Jesus. What welcome recognitions and greetings there will be as we journey up with them to the "Bridal Halls of Heaven," where we shall join in the new and triumphal song of Moses and the Lamb. Rev. 5:9-10.

## **SECOND STAGE - THE REVELATION**

(Rev. 1:1, The Revelation of Jesus Christ ...)

At the "Second Stage" of Christ's Second Coming, the "Revelation," we shall behold His "Glory." When Jesus came the first time He was disguised in the flesh. The "Incarnation" was the hiding of His Power, the veiling of His Deity. Now and then gleams of glory shot forth as on the Mt. of transfiguration; but when He comes the Second Time we shall behold Him clothed with the glory He had with the Father before the world was. The "Revelation" will be as sudden and as unexpected as was the "Rapture." The sun will rise on that day strong and clear. Gentle breezes will waft themselves over the earth. There will be no signs of a storm or of the coming judgment. The people will be buying and selling, building and planting, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. The statesmen will be revolving in their minds new plans for the world's betterment. The kind-in-heart will always be seeking new ways to help the people. The pleasure-loving will be seeking new sources of pleasure. The wicked will be plotting dark deeds; and the unbelieving will be proving to their own satisfaction that there is no God, no heaven, no hell, no coming judgment, when suddenly there will be a change. In the distant heaven there will appear a

### **"POINT OF LIGHT,"**

out shining the sun. It will be seen descending toward the earth. As it descends it will assume the form of a bright cloud, out of which shall stream dazzling beams of light, and flashes of lightning. It will descend apace as if on wings of the whirlwind, and when it reaches its destination over the brow of the Mt. of Olives it will stop and unfold itself to the terrified and awestricken beholders, and

there will be revealed to them Jesus seated on a "White Horse" (Rev. 19:16) and accompanied with His Saints and the armies of Heaven. Then shall be fulfilled what Jesus foretold in His Olivet Discourse-"Then shall appear the sign (a cloud) of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the **clouds of Heaven WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY.**" Matt. 24:30.

### THE IMMINENCY OF THE SECOND COMING

One of the objections to the Doctrine of the "Second Coming of Christ" is the claim that He may come back at any time. Post-millennialists tell us that the writers of the New Testament looked for Him to come back in their day, and that He did not do so, is proof that they were mistaken, and that Paul in his later writings modified his statements as to the immanency of Christ's return. It is a fact that while Jesus said: "Watch therefore: for you know not **what hour** your Lord does come. . . . Therefore you should be ready also: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes" (Matt. 24:42-44), in these passages He did not teach that He would return during the lifetime of those who listened to Him. In fact, in His Parables He hinted that His return would be delayed, as in the Parable of The Talents, where it is said: "After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh. Matt. 25:19. What Jesus wanted to teach was the sudden and unexpected character of His return. As to the Apostles, while they exhorted their followers to be ready, for the "night is far spent, the day is at hand," and the "coming of the Lord **draws near**," their language simply implied "**immanency**," but not necessarily **IMMEDIATENESS.**" And the use of the word "WE" in 1Cor. 15:5 1Cor. 15:1, "**WE**" shall not all sleep, but **WE** shall all be changed, " is not a declaration that the Lord would return in Paul's day and some would not die but be translated, for the Apostle is talking about the Rapture and he means by "**WE**" a certain class of persons, the saints that shall be alive when that event occurs, whether in his day or at some later time.

It was clearly known to our Lord that certain events must come to pass before His Return, but to have disclosed that fact would have nullified the command to "**Watch**," therefore He in "**mystery form**," as in the seven parables of Matt. 13, hid the fact that His Return would be delayed. It would take time for the "Sowing of the Seed," the growth of the "Wheat" and "Tares," the growth of the "Mustard Tree," and the "Leavening of the Meal." So rapid was the spread of the Gospel in the first century that the followers of Christ were warranted in looking for the speedy Return of the Lord, but it was true then, as in every century since, that we do not know what the extent of the "Harvest" is to be, and when it will be ripe, so the Lord can return. Matt. 13:30. Uncertainty then as to the

"**time**" of the Lord's return is necessary to promote the "**watchful**" spirit. If the early Church had known that the Lord's Return would have been delayed for 20 centuries, the incentive to watchfulness would have been wanting.

By "**Immanency**" we mean "**may happen at any time.**" For illustration, you hurry to the railroad station to catch a train. You find the train has not arrived, though it is past the hour. Though it is late it is on the way, and it would not be safe for you to leave the station, for it may arrive any minute, but as a matter of fact, it does not come for half an hour. Now if you had known that it would not arrive for half an hour you would have used the time in some other way than "**waiting**" and "**watching.**" So we see that "**Immanency**" does not necessarily imply "**IMMEDIATENESS,**" but does demand "**Watchfulness.**"

It is the firm conviction of the writer (Larkin) that there has been **unnecessary delay** in the Return of the Lord, caused by the failure of the Church to obey the "Divine Commission" to evangelize the world (Matt. 28:19-20), and it is past the time when He should have returned. Of course, this was **foreseen** by God, and His **foreknowledge** has held back the development of the forces of evil, etc., until the "Fullness of the Gentiles" should be gathered in, and the "Harvest" is ripe for the gathering. Rev.14:14-20. At no time in the history of the Christian Church have the conditions necessary to the Lord's Return been so completely fulfilled as at the present time; therefore, His Coming is **IMMINENT**, and will not probably be long delayed. Let us be ready and watching.



#### Comments

It may be true that from our perspective there seems to be a delay in the Lords coming, and though Larkin points the finger at the church, I would say the case for the 2000 year delay lies directly on the doorstep of the Jews. Twice the Jews rejected God and turned their back on Him. The first in Numbers 14 the people rebelled against the Lord and wanted to kill Moses. Even though the Lord did forgive them v20, He would not let them enter the Promise Land v30. Their punishment was for every day the spies were in the Promise Land (which was 40 days), He multiplied each day for a year v34, adding 40 more years to their journey and told them this He would do again if they rejected Him again. Now let's fast forward to April 28, 28 A.D. and the Crucifixion of the Son of God.

Matthew 27:21-26, <sup>21</sup> And the governor said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Crucify Him!” <sup>23</sup> But he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” Yet they kept shouting all the more, saying, “Crucify Him!” <sup>24</sup> Now when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the Crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; you yourselves shall see.” <sup>25</sup> And all the people replied, “His blood *shall be* on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

It did not matter how many people Jesus healed, how many eyes had been opened, demons cast out and the lame got up and walked, the fact was Jesus didn’t come into the world (this time) to over throw the Romans and set up his own kingdom. He came to set sinners free and die for the sins of the world. His own people rejected Him again and the consequences was about to be realized.

In Prophecy, it was the end of the 69<sup>th</sup> week of Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> week prophecy. The Jews were looking for the return of their Messiah to save them from the Romans. The day after the Son of God was rejected and crucified nothing happened. In fact in 70 A.D. the Romans under General Titus destroyed Jerusalem, burned down the Temple and scatter or killed the Jews. So what happened to the last week of Daniel ... it never came ... Why? As God promised the Jews if they rejected Him again, He would treat them the same way as He had in the desert. God added to His prophetic calendar (Reference Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> Week Prophecy chart page 66). To find out how much time was added simply multiply the remaining time of Daniels prophecy, the **70<sup>th</sup> “shabua”** (also *shabuwa, shabuah*), in the Greek a “heptad” or week of seven years, by 360 prophetic days in a year, 360 days x 7 years (shabua week) = 2520 days (the number of days in the Tribulation).

What did God do when His people were in the wilderness and they rejected Him? He turned a day into a year and multiplied it by how many days the spies were in the promise land. Now, His people have rejected Him again at the cross and as He promised He is going to do it again.

God uses the number of days left in the 70 week prophecy which was 2520 days and makes them 2520 years. Since we are looking for the **number of days** added to Gods prophetic calendar we need to multiply by 360 prophetic days per year (2520 years x 360 prophetic days = 907,200 days added to God’s calendar before His Son the Messiah would return. The

additional time added to Gods prophetic calendar suddenly jumped from 2520 days to 907,200 days. God’s mercy was upon His people and as He did in the wilderness He did again and He forgave His people, but the promise of the Messiah will have to wait. He graciously started the new countdown of years beginning at Artaxerxes Decree which let the Jews go back to Jerusalem Approx. 457 B.C. (Ezra 7:12-13; Neh. 2:4-8) and we have been waiting ever since. The time frame continues and in this we can find the reason for the 2000 silent years since the cross, it also made way for the birth of the 2000+ years of the Church Age. In case you’re wondering the 907,200 days from the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. comes to its end in the fall of 2028, right in time for the 5<sup>th</sup> Jewish Feast the “Feast of Trumpets.”

As failures go, neither the Jews nor the Church can be 100% to blame. Don’t we all carry some blame for the waiting? One way or another, not choosing the Lord over self is the same thing the Jews did. Either way, God knows the future and He is still in control of **ALL THINGS** and there is a plan.



Six Reasons Given  
Daniel 9:24  
The 70 Week Prophecy

"Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city,

1. to finish the transgression, and
2. to make an end of sins, and
3. to make reconciliation for iniquity, and
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness, and
5. to seal up the vision and prophecy, and
6. to anoint the most Holy."

Looking for the Season of His Coming

Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy  
Pattern is Prophecy

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Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent  
His Return  
(Feet on Ground)  
Jesus Returns  
Yod Resh  
★ 10 x 200 + 28 = 2028

**Daniels "Sixty-Nine" Weeks**  
... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks." = **69 weeks / 483 Years** to Messiah

**7 Weeks = 49 yrs.** To the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Ezra 7:12-13 The street and wall rebuilt in troublesome times  
**62 Weeks = 434 yrs.** To "Messiah the Prince" Dan.9:25-26; Zech. 9:9; Mat. 21:1-11

September 28  
Approx. 457 B.C.  
Artaxerxes Decree  
Ezra 7:12-13  
Neh. 2:4-8

Jews Back in their Land

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The Seventy Week Prophecy can only be fulfilled while the Jews are in their Land.

(As Moses did in Num 14:11-19)

★ "year for a day" Pattern 70<sup>th</sup> week (2520 days) now 2520 years.  
Based on the Pattern given in Numbers 14:34  
Because of their unbelief (Num 14:33-34)

From the cross Jesus prayed  
"forgive them for they know not what they do."  
So a new timeline is established back to Artaxerxes decree.

New Time Line

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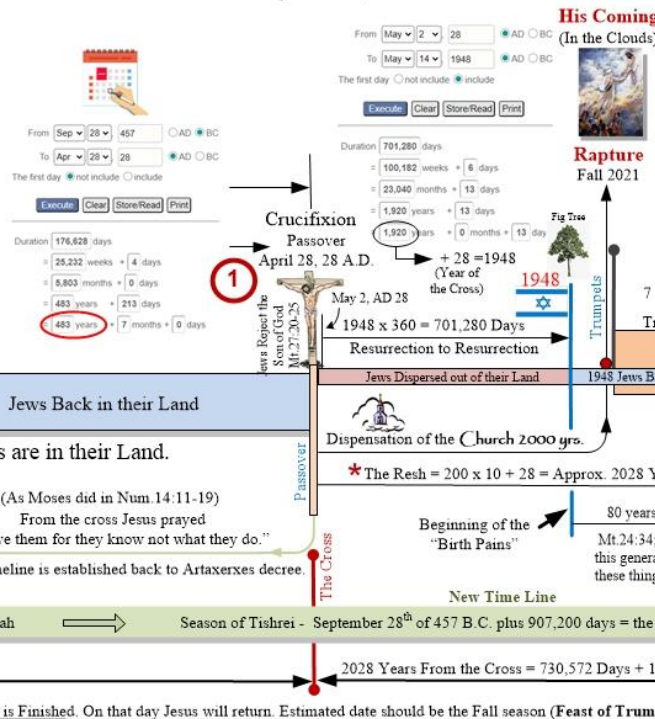
2520 years x 360 days = 907,200 days added till the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> wk. & return of Messiah

Season of Tishrei - September 28<sup>th</sup> of 457 B.C. plus 907,200 days = the Fall season, 2028

483 Years = 176,628 Days to the Cross

2028 Years From the Cross = 730,572 Days + 176,628 Days = 907,200 Days

2520 years / 907,200 Days till Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> Week is Finished. On that day Jesus will return. Estimated date should be the Fall season (Feast of Trumpets) of 2028.



His Coming  
(In the Clouds)



Rapture  
Fall 2021

DANIELS  
"70<sup>th</sup> WEEK"  
The Tribulation  
7 yrs x 360 days = 2520 days  
Tribulation / Great Tribulation  
3 1/2 yrs 3 1/2 yrs.  
21 Judgments of God

The Millennial Kingdom Reign of Jesus Christ  
Feast of Tabernacles  
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From Sep 28 457 To Sep 28 2028  
duration 907200 days (past - days)  
Execute Clear Store/Read Print

Date Day  
July 22, 2028 AD Saturday

Approx. Fall of 2028 A.D.

**1. To Finish the transgression**

Israel's transgression was their rejection of Jesus as Messiah, first on a national level, religious/political leaders then the common people rejected him.  
Lu. 19:39-44, 47; 23:1, 21, 23

**2. Make an end of sins**

To stop Jewish sin of rejecting their Messiah. They will accept Jesus as Messiah.

**3. Make Reconciliation for iniquity**

A national reconciliation with God by faith in Jesus Christ. A Day of Atonement with their Messiah.

**4. Bring in Every lasting Righteousness**

This has to do with the Jewish people and Jerusalem. Israel will become the head of the nations with the world capital in Jerusalem.

**5. Seal the vision & prophecy**

Almost all prophecies have come by the Jews. This will stop. The time of the prophets of God will be over, since He who is perfect is here.

**6. Anoint the Most High**

Anoint means to rub with oil, to consecrate. Jesus Christ is the only one who can be called the Most High. Jesus qualifies for succession to the throne on both counts as Man (Son of David) and as God.

While the writer, as stated, is disposed to believe that the Return of the Lord is "past due," and while he is no "time setter," yet there is a "theory" that may throw some light on the long

### IMMINENCY OF HIS RETURN

that it might be well to examine. It is called

### THE GREAT WEEK OF HUMAN HISTORY,

and is based on the "**Seven Days**" of the "**Creative Week**," and the declaration of Scripture (2 Pet. 3:8), "That one day is with the Lord as a **THOUSAND YEARS**, and a thousand years as **ONE DAY**." The Millennium in the Old Testament is described as a "Sabbath Keeping" period of rest, and is referred to as such in Heb. 4:4-11, where it is associated with the "**Seventh Day**" of the "Creative Week." We know that the length of the Millennium is **1000 YEARS** (Rev. 20:1-9), and if it corresponds with the "Seventh Day" of the "Creative Week," why shouldn't the remaining six days be of the same length? If so, and those days correspond with the past of human history, then from the date of the "Creative Week" up to the beginning of the Millennium should be 6000 years of human history. In confirmation of this we have the fact that a careful study of the genealogical tables and history of the Old Testament seem to show that from Adam to Christ was about 4000 years, or four days of a thousand years each, corresponding to the first four days of the "Creative Week," and from Christ down to the present time we have over 1900 years, or nearly 2 days of 1000 years each, thus making nearly 6 days of 1000 years each of human history, and as Christ is to come back before the Millennium, and all signs point to His Speedy return, then the "theory" that the "Seven Days" of the "**Creative Week**" are typical of Seven "One Thousand Year Periods" is warranted in Scripture.



Comment: If each of the creative, or as I refer to them as Restorative days relate to a 1000 year time frame on God's Prophetic calendar of events, we find a few very interesting footnotes to doctrine.

1. Adam's sin: God warned Adam not to eat of the "**Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**" saying "you shall not eat, for on the **DAY** that you eat from it you will certainly die." So let me ask you, according to scripture how long did Adam live, you may want to read Genesis 5:5 first. ... He lived to be 930 years old. But wait, I thought God

told him that on the day he sins, he would surly die. In 2 Peter 3:8 we read that “But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day” This being understood then, Adam lived almost a full day to the Lord, it appears he died a little short of a full 1000 year day to God. Adam fathered many children before he passed away.

2. Now, the Jewish word Bethlehem means “House of Bread” and Jesus (Yeshua) the Son of God was born in Bethlehem of Judea (about 5 mile walk from the South of Jerusalem) on/or about 4-5 B.C. Scriptures tell us Jesus was born just prior to King Herod the Great's death. Jesus would have been 1-2 years old when the angel came to Joseph in a dream telling him to take Mary and the child and flee to Egypt. Either that same night, or the next morning the family left for Egypt. After Herod's death in 4 A.D. again an angel appeared to Joseph telling him of the death of Herod and to return home. Joseph chose to return to Nazareth, fulfilling the prophecy “

Matthew 2:23, and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Historically it was in the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of one thousand years that the Son of God was born and came into the world. When you look at it from a creative perspective it was on the fourth day of the restoration of the earth. You might say it like this, that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day God restored the SUN and it shined its light into all creation. On the 4,000 day the SON of God came into the world to shine the true light into the hearts of all men. Hence the 4<sup>th</sup> day of creation is always synonymous with the birth of the Son of God and He was the light that has come into the world, John 1:1. He came to show men the way to His Father.

If our calculations are correct, then it follows that the Return of the Lord will take place before the close of this present century. How much before is uncertain. If the Millennium is to be ushered in in A. D. 2028) then the "Rapture" must take place **at least 7 years before that 2021-2023** (remember that the Jewish calendar year is from the Feast of Trumpets known as Rosh Hashanah). At the time of this writing (June of 2022) the Lord has not returned, nor the Rapture of the Bide happened.

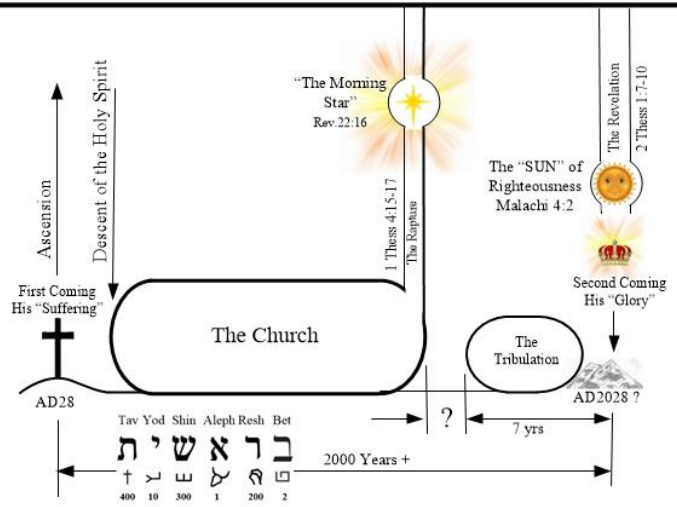
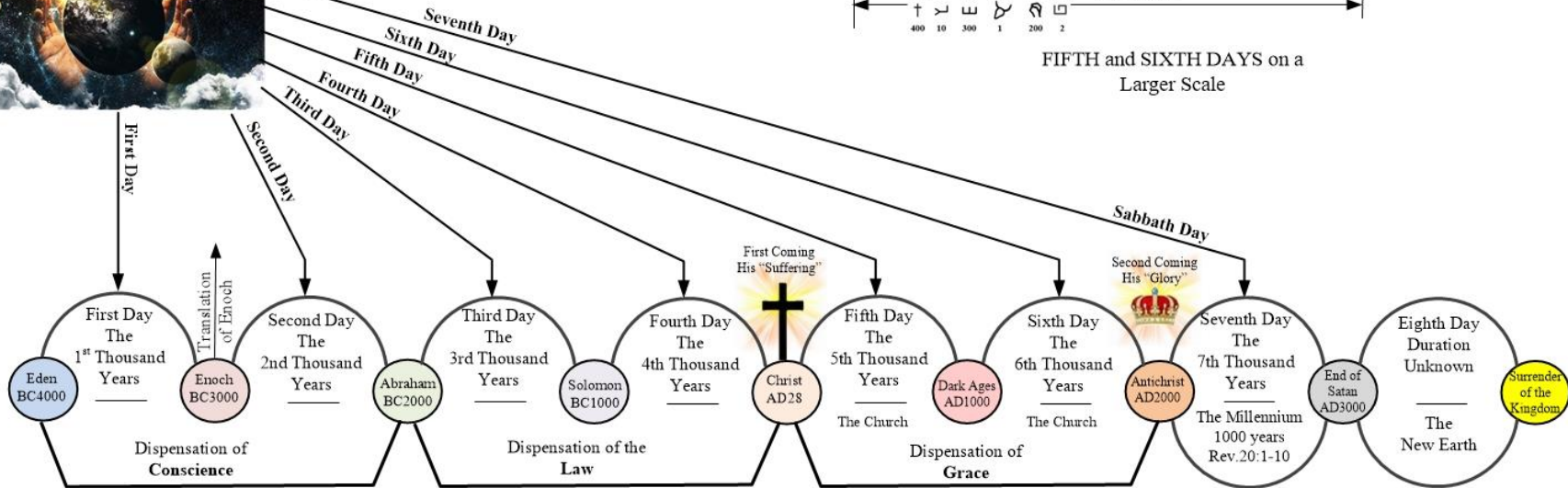
But right here we must sound a note of caution. There is too much confusion in Biblical Chronology to fix any dates with certainty. Doubtless God has ordered it so, so as to keep us in doubt as to the exact date of the Lord's Return. It may have been 4075 years, instead of 4004 (as generally given), from Adam to Christ. In that case we are living in the year 5993 from the creation of Adam, or on the eve of the Rapture. Again we must not forget that God uses in "**Prophetical Chronology**" the Calendar Year of 360 DAYS TO A YEAR, while we use the **Julian** or Astronomical Year of 365 1/4 days, and it would be necessary for us to find out what



kind of year is used reduce it to the Calendar year. Thus we might find that we are closer to the end of the six thousandth year than we are aware, and that the return of the Lord is **IMMINENT**. However, while **we may look upon the above** theory as suggestive and in a way confirmatory of the near coming of the Lord, it is not conclusive, and we are not warranted in fixing any date based upon it. And further, we must not forget that the "Rapture" may take place sometime before the "Tribulation Period" begins and Antichrist is revealed. So if we could fix the exact date when this century will close, and count back 7 years, the Rapture might occur 5, 10 or even 25 years before that, so as to give time for the rebuilding of Babylon and other events that are to occur before the Tribulation Period can begin, otherwise the Rapture would not be a surprise. It is not for the Christian to look for "Time and "Seasons" and "Signs." To do so will put him in the class of those who say: "**My Lord delays His Coming**" (Luke 12:42-44), and he will become preoccupied with other things and neglect to be watchful. Let us live as if we expected the Return of our Lord at any moment.

# The Seven Thousand Years Of Human History

## The Restorative / Creative Week



FIFTH and SIXTH DAYS on a Larger Scale

This Corresponds with the Day After the Sabbath The "First Day of the Week" Matt. 28:1-8

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Comment

There are two factors that were not known and/or accounted for back in Clarence Larkins day, so you would not expect to be reading about it here. The Holy Spirit has brought greater understanding to those who have been looking, i.e. “Seek and you shall find.” As we are closer to Christ Return then in Clearances day the spirit of God has revealed to those of us who have been seeking more understanding and possibly an answer to the question “How long oh Lord?” There are two big prophecies just screaming to be heard.

1. **The Number of His name:** The Jewish alphabet has 22 characters in it and they in turn have graphics symbols call pictograms usually shown under the letter with a numerical number under that. This is known as the ancient gramatra and spoken of in scripture as the “Number of His Name.” This particular Hebrew word is the first word of the Bible and that is “Beresheet” meaning “in the beginning” or “in the dateless past.” There are two prophecies to be found in this word that we should be aware of. From the right to the left in the pictograph meaning of the Bet Resh we find the prophecy of Jesus’ first coming.

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“The Son of God [*Bet Resh Aleph*] will be destroyed [*Shin*] by his own hand [*Yod*] upon a cross [*Tav*]. This accounts for His first coming, to save our souls. But there is more, for two thousand years later we see the Son of God coming back to set up the earthly Kingdom according to His Fathers will. The Resh

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has a numeric value of 200. As we look over the letters there is a Yod which happens to be the great multiplier and prophetically use its value to multiply against another value to determine a time frame. In this case it is the timing of the return of the Son of God (200 x 10 = 2000 years). Now we need to look at the year Christ was crucified and we have already established that on **April 28, 28 A.D.** Add 28 to the 2000 years and we find ourselves in the fall of 2028. So we can then reasonably expect the Son of God to come and claim His earthly Kingdom sometime in the Feast of Trumpets 2028 and in seeking to keep harmony agree with our Baptist friends ... “we do not know the hour or the day” in the 7 day Feast He will return. If that is true then the Rapture is 7 years earlier making for a 2021-2023 Rapture during the Feast of Trumpets.

2. **Fig Tree Prophecy:** May 14, 1948 is a “Red Letter” day on the calendar of Historic and prophetic events. It is the day when Gods people reclaimed their ancient homeland, and fulfill a major prophetic marker in “**End-Time Bible Prophecy.**”



The rebirth of Israel was to be **THE SIGN** and the beginning of the birth pains. Now we can determine the **TIME AND THE SEASON** of His coming. Let’s look at what Jesus had to say about it in the Parable of the Fig Tree.

Luke 21:29-33 (NASB), <sup>29</sup> And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees: <sup>30</sup> as soon as they put forth leaves, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near. <sup>31</sup> So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Matthew 24:32-35 (NASB), <sup>32</sup> “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near; <sup>33</sup> so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup> Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.



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### A PRACTICAL DOCTRINE

But why, you ask, should we put so much emphasis on the "Second Coming of Christ?" Why not talk and preach about the practical affairs of life? About the social and commercial problems of the world and their solution through the Gospel? The answer is that the only way to solve these problems is for Christ to return, and the longer His "Return" is delayed, the longer it will be before these problems are solved.

## 1. AS TO THE JEWS.

The Jews are a downtrodden people. Their only hope is the Return of the Lord. When He comes back they shall be restored to their own land and become a nation again.



Comment: Clarence Larkin died in 1924 having not yet realized Israel return to nationhood. This happened 1948 a full 24 years after the author passed away. I'm sure he had a front row seat at one of the portals of heaven to God fulfilling this prophecy.

"Therefore, behold, the days come, said the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord lives, that brought up the Children of Israel out of the Land of Egypt; but the Lord lives that brought up the Children of Israel **from the land of the NORTH (Russia) and from ALL THE LANDS** whither He had driven them; and I will bring them again into their **land that I gave unto their fathers.**" Jer. 16:14-15; Isa. 43:5-7. And they shall never again be dispersed. "For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them, and **not pull them down;** and I will plant them, and **not pluck them up.**" Jer. 24:6. This has never as yet (1919) been fulfilled.

## 2. AS TO JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE.

"Thus says the Lord Jehovah; in the day that I will cleanse you from all your iniquities I will cause the cities (of Palestine) to be inhabited, - and the waste places shall be built. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled. . . . And they shall say, this land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden." Ez. 36:33-35. Joel 3:18. Joel 2:24-26. "Thus says the Lord of Hosts; there shall yet be old men and old women who dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and ever man with his staff in his hand for old age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof, ' Zech. 8:4-5. Zech. 14:20-21.

## 3. AS TO THE NATIONS.

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns He will sit upon the "Throne of His Glory" at Jerusalem, and shall separate the "Sheep Nations" from the goat and only the "Sheep Nations" will survive as nations and be permitted to become part of the Millennial Kingdom. Matt. 25:31-33. These nations will become righteous. "And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which come against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the 'Feast of

Tabernacles.", Zech. 14:16. As the result of all this the nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid." Micah 4:3-4. Isa. 2:4. The only way then to stop wars and labor troubles and all socialistic and anarchistic movements is for Christ to return and set up His Millennial Kingdom.

#### **4. AS TO SATAN.**

The only way to get rid of Satan and all his evil influences and powers is for Christ to come back, for when He comes back Satan will be bound and cast into the Bottomless Pit for 1000 years. Rev. 20:1-3.

#### **5. AS TO THE EARTH.**

Since the Fall of Man the earth has been cursed with thorns and thistles and all kinds of insect pests and disease germs, and man by the sweat of his face has been compelled to earn his daily bread. Even the brute creation became carnivorous and learned to prey upon each other, and the "whole creation groans and suffers in pain together until now." Rom. 8:22. But all this will be changed when Christ comes back, for then "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." Isa. 35:1. "Then shall the earth yield her increase." Psa. 67:6. And the ploughman will "**overtake the reaper,**" and the treader of grapes him that "soweth seed." Amos 9:13.

### **THE BLESSED HOPE**

The Second Coming of Christ is "**The Blessed Hope.**" Writing to Titus Paul said-"Looking for that '**Blessed Hope,**' and the '**Glorious Appearing**' of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. Most Christians when speaking of their "Hope" mean their "Hope of **Salvation,**" but we cannot "hope" for a thing we have and salvation is a present possession if we are trusting in Christ as our Savior. The Christian's "Hope" then is the "Return of His Lord." Man is a three-fold being, he has a **body**, a **soul**, and a **spirit**; for him to die is to lose his "body." Now he knows that he cannot get his body back until the Resurrection and he also knows that there can be no Resurrection until Christ comes back.

Therefore to him Christ's return is "The Blessed Hope, " not only that if he dies he will then be raised, but it is to him the "Hope" that Christ will come back **before he dies** and he shall be "caught up" to meet Him in the air without dying. 1 Thess.4:13-15.

"The Blessed Hope" is also a "**Purifying Hope.**" "And every man that hath this hope in him **PURIFIES HIMSELF.**"

1 John 3:1-3. That is, everyone who is looking for the Lord's return will try to keep himself **pure**. It will make us "**Patient.**" "Be **patient** therefore, brethren, unto the **Coming of the Lord. . . . So be patient;** establish your hearts; for the Coming of the Lord draws near." James 5:7-8. It will make us "**Watchful.**" "Watch ye therefore, for you know not when the Master of the house comes, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all **WATCH.**" Mark 13:35-37. If we are watching for the Lord we will be careful of our conduct. We will not want Him to come and find us doing questionable things, or in questionable places. We will not want to hoard money, nor spend our money in an extravagant manner, we will want to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven by contributing to missions. We will see to it that in our homes there is no kind of literature, or art, or pictures, or anything that we would not like His pure eyes to see if He were to be a visitor in our home. In short, "The Blessed Hope" helps us to cling lightly to this world. It will not make us idle and negligent, but will fill us with zeal to be found a faithful servant at His return. For this reason it is a noteworthy fact and a witness to the power of the doctrine, that those who believe it are the most consecrated, unselfish, and strenuous workers in the Master's service.

This "Hope" will also keep us from being "**ASHAMED**" at His Coming. "And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He **shall appear**, we may have confidence, and not be **ASHAMED** before **Him at His Coming.**" 1 John 2:28. If we are watching for Him and our house is in order, and we are ready to give a faithful account of our Stewardship we shall not be ashamed before Him at His coming. Matt. 25:14-16.

The "Hope" of the Lord's Pre-Millennial Return fills the heart of those who believe it with **joy**. In Luke 24:52 we read that when Jesus was parted from His Disciples and ascended into Heaven, "They returned to Jerusalem with **GREAT JOY**, and were continually in the Temple, **PRAISING** and **BLESSING** God." That seems strange conduct on their part, for naturally we would suppose that His Departure would have filled them with sadness. But when we recall that, when He Ascended, two men stood by in white apparel and told them that Jesus would come back again, we can understand their **joyfulness**. Acts 1:11.

It has often been said in opposition to the doctrine of the Second Coming, "If Christian people believe that Jesus is soon coming back why do they build houses and churches and make investments and plan for the education of their children and so on? " The answer is that Jesus' coming back will not do away with the need for houses and churches and education. The world moved on just as before after His First Coming, and it will do the same after His Second Coming. People will need homes and churches. Business will go on as before, and the unconverted children of Christian believers will be left behind and need homes and education

and means to live on. The prosperity of the world will be greater during the Millennium than ever before. So there is no occasion for those who are looking for the Lord's Return to neglect the affairs of this life.

What we as Christians hope for is that the Lord will come back and take us out of the world before the awful days of the "Tribulation Period" come, and then when they are over and Jesus comes back to reign we shall come back with Him as glorified beings to rule and reign over the Millennial earth, and probably visit churches where once we worshiped, and institutions that our money built.

The preacher of the Doctrine of the Pre-Millennial Coming of Christ wields a "two-edged sword." The unbeliever when urged to become a Christian may say I am young and there is plenty of time and so may put off the time of decision, but when he is told that it is not a question of time, or the mere salvation of his **soul**, but that He may be back at any time and it is a question of being ready to Jesus, then he sees the importance of immediate decision.

Dear reader, are you a Christian, and as a Christian are you believer in the "Blessed Hope, " and are you looking for the speedy coming of the Lord, and doing all you can to hasten His Return, and thus bring back **THE KING?** If not, I beseech you to drop everything and settle the question of whether you will be "caught up to meet the Lord in the air when He comes, and thus escape the awful days that are coming on the earth, in which no one can buy or sell unless he has the "Mark of the Beast, " and all those who have that "Mark" are eternally doomed. Rev.13:15-17.

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