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Second Advent, all foretold and
subsequently fulfilled.

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also unveiled, closing "This present evil
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“SEAL••• (Daniel)”

‘And I heard, but I understood not : then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

“And he said, go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed **TILL THE TIME OF THE END.**”

“SEAL NOT••• (John)”

“Behold I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

“And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this Book, **FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND.**”



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PART I

THE SECOND ADVENT

“At the time appointed, the end shall be.”

“THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND”. “REPENT; AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS.”

(Mark 1. 15)

WE ARE GETTING VERY NEAR THE END OF THE JOURNEY. It has been long, hard, and dangerous: the road often rough and stony, many foot getting torn and wounded. But the glad news is this, that the end is at hand; the end of “this present evil age”, as the Scriptures call it. Soon the “King” is coming, to mete out His rewards of honour and service to those who have been “found faithful”. These Overcomers, we are told, will then live and reign with him a thousand years" clothed in His own resurrection Image of immortality.

We thus see, that although this little book is entitled “The Last Sign Post”, it is not so much the End we wish to look at, but a glorious New Beginning. Not a Departure, but a wonderful Arrival, reaching the Dawn of a new and long-awaited Day of Peace on earth, in which men will be led to do God’s Will here in earth, as in heaven.

As far as “this present evil age” is concerned, we are not out of the wood yet. There is a dark cloud gathering! But, to all who have eyes to see, this cloud has a magnificent silver (if not ‘golden’) lining! Those who are in close touch with God and with His truth and revelation and Word for us today, who rejoice in that “wore sure word of prophecy, whereunto we do well that we take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn”, are not fearing pending evil. Their “heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord”! Are you one of these? and if not, why not?

The Lord Jesus Christ had much to say concerning this very moment of world-history closing this evil age and preparing for His Advent as “Prince of peace”; and He drew a picture of two groups of people in this our day: the one with their hearts “failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth”. The other, obeying His command to “*look up, and lift up their heads, for their deliverance draweth nigh*”. (Luke 21. 28. See Dr. Weymouth's translation.)

Which Camp Are You in?

WILL HE COME AS A PERSON, OR IN SPIRIT?

Concerning the purpose of His coming, however, many people hold diverse views; some right, some wrong, and some partly right and partly wrong. There are those who think that His coming does not mean a Personal return of the Lord Jesus Himself, but that it will entail a gradual change of spirit or heart amongst men and women from ways of evil into those of righteousness. Certainly, if the Lord's Prayer is to be answered (as it assuredly will be), God's Will will eventually be done “on earth even as it is done in heaven”; and men's hearts will therefore certainly be turned to obey all His Laws, Commandments and Statutes, to do them.

Scripture, however, proclaims dynamically, on the other hand, that this coveted state of affairs will not be achieved until the Lord Jesus Himself returns **IN PERSON**, in all His resurrection glory, to reign and rule as “King” and Divine Adjudicator. The very same resurrected Christ will return who was seen as a Person after His resurrection; and was seen Personally at the lime of His Ascension; and was seen Personally by Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus; and was seen Personally to John on the Isle of Patmos half a century later; and was seen also in heaven as a Person by the martyr Stephen who, just before he was martyred, said he saw “the Son of MAN standing on the right hand of God”. (Acts 7. 56.)

At the time of the Ascension of Christ we are told that two men in white apparel appeared and spoke to those who watched Him ascend and disappear out of sight. These Heavenly messengers said it would be “**THIS SAME JESUS**” who would return or re-appear eventually in

“like manner” as He then had disappeared; the only difference being that when He comes to reign He will come “with power and great glory”, escorted to earth by a heavenly bodyguard of God’s “mighty angels” (II. Thess. 1. 7. Matt. 25. 31), probably “ten thousand” in number, as suggested in Jude 14. These angelic servants, the Lord Jesus said, will come “with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather his elect (the true Church or members of the ‘First resurrection’) from the four winds, from one end of the heaven ([1]‘sky‘ or ‘air’) to the other”. (Matt. 24.31.)

WHICH WAY ARE YOU LOOKING?

What each one of us sees, all depends upon which way we are looking! In the two categories just considered there are those in the first who are certainly “looking but their heads are bent; their gaze is on the things of the “earth”, looking down instead of up. Those in the second category, on the other hand, are also “looking”, but looking in a very different direction, as their Lord commanded them, with their heads erect, their gaze upwards!

The Lord Himself showed that at the close of this age, when a great increase of knowledge and power would be placed in the hands of man, there would be a real danger of no flesh being left {Matt. 24. 22), and that therefore these days are to be “shortened” by His own Personal return to intervene in the affairs of men. Our second category of people consists therefore of those awaiting with eagerness the Advent of this world’s Deliverer, “looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ\ (Titus 2. 13.)

THE OVERCOMERS

Mere nominal lukewarm Christianity is little worth; in fact, often a hindrance to both God and man. The Lord Jesus has no use for it whatever, saying to some in the Churches : “because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth” (Rev. 3. 16). And as far as the religious hypocrites are concerned, “Woe unto you” He says (Matt. 23). But to those “found faithful”, and “to him that overcometh”, Jesus promises high reward, even to be “Co-heirs” or Co-

Inheritors with Him of a great and wonderful soon-coming Kingdom. To them He promises that they may “live and reign with him” when He comes to “reign over the House of Jacob” (Luke 1. 32. 33), saying He will grant them that they may even “sit with him, in his throne”. These, in conjunction with Him, will thus “inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world” (Matt. 25. 34).

These Overcomers, destined to be His co-regents, are, very naturally, the ones most eagerly awaiting His coming, for He comes to gather them first and foremost at His Advent. But while His Advent brings great good news for them, it also spells the dawn of a wonderful new era for the whole wide world.

THE GATHERING OF THE ELECT

At His Advent the faithful reigning Overcomers are to be gathered unto Him as “His inheritance”. Their gathering will be a very real business, visible to all. Earthly graves will be open, and many “that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake” (Dan. 12. 2). These Elect will be resurrected at the beginning of the thousand-year reign of Christ known as the Millennium. The rest of the dead will be raised later; therefore “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the **FIRST RESURRECTION**” (Rev. 20. 6). The manner of this Resurrection will be on this wise:—

The Lord Himself shall descend!

In I. Thess. 4. 16, we read: “For the **LORD HIMSELF** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so (from that time and onwards) shall we ever be with the Lord (where ever He is, and wherever He is reigning, and whatever He may be doing, whether in heaven, or whether adjudicating on earth). Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

All this very soon will be literally, realistically, and very wonderfully fulfilled; and this return of Christ Jesus from heaven to earth will be seen

and witnessed world wide. It will be a round-world twenty-four-hour manifestation of heavenly glory. Nineteen hundred years ago, when the Lord Jesus was born, a handful of Bethlehem shepherds saw a somewhat similar manifestation in miniature: but when He comes again “with power and great glory” the whole wide world will be stilled, by witnessing a visible heavenly demonstration in the skies on such a scale as this world has never before seen. The “King of Kings” is worthy of such grandeur! He shall come with “Power and **GREAT GLORY**”.

AN OLD FAR-SEEING VISION

World events are by no means haphazard, for God has a plan, a most magnificent plan, for the blessing of all nations: and He has purposely “foretold the end from the beginning”. He says that the meek “shall inherit the earth and He is going to give this old earth to His Son first and foremost, who will return Personally and literally to be its Deliverer and its King. Finally, as we shall see later, His Son will hand it back to the Father perfected, when His work is done (I. Cor. 15. 24).

The concept of this literal return to earth of God’s Son, the “Son of man”, is by no means a new idea. It was not even new in the days of the apostle Paul, for nearly six centuries previously God had revealed in vision just this very same thing, that His glorified Son should come to earth in Person as a “Man” to reign, ultimately leading all men and nations to serve and obey Him. Let us read the testimony of God’s servant Daniel, concerning the dream which was given him nearly six centuries before the first Advent of Jesus Christ. He says:—

“And I, Daniel, saw, in the night visions, and, behold, one like unto the “**SON OF MAN CAME**” with the clouds of heaven: and there was given unto him dominion, and glory, and, a kingdom, that (eventually) all people, nations and languages **SHOULD SERVE HIM.**” (Dan. 7. 13-14.)

Immediately prior to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the purpose of His earthly Kingship was particularised by the angel Gabriel, who appeared to the virgin Mary and told her that her Holy-Spirit-conceived Son would

be called “The Son of the Highest”, although also the Son of Man’, and that He would eventually and assuredly reign over God’s great chosen race, the “House of Jacob”. This plan, in turn, was to be for the ultimate blessing of “all the nations of the earth”. (See Gen. 28. 12-14, etc.)

The fact that a company of Co-heirs or Co-regents would be given Him, was the added revelation given later principally through the apostle Paul, to the early Church.

A PERSONAL KING ON A LITERAL THRONE

One of the many Scriptural proofs of the necessity of a Personal and literal return of the Lord Jesus Himself is found in Peter’s discourse in Acts 2, verses 30-31, referring to His earthly Kingship on the ‘Throne of David’. Here may it be well noted that this was and still is an earthly kingship, on an earthly Throne, over an earthly race of people, in contra-distinction to the universal Kingship of God on His heavenly Throne above. Thus Gabriel told the Virgin that God should “give unto him (Jesus) the throne (and earthly Kingship) of his father David”, and that he should “reign over the house of Jacob for the ages” (Luke 1. 32-33).

PETER’S POWERFUL TESTIMONY

As we shall now see clearly for ourselves, the apostle Peter showed unanswerably that the Personal “Son of Man” (Son of David) will sit literally on David’s earthly Throne. Peter, speaking of king David, said that he (David) being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that **OF THE FRUIT OF HIS LOINS, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH**, he would raise up (resurrect) Christ, to **SIT ON HIS THRONE**; he seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in Hades {translated “the grave” in Rev. 20. 13 margin), **NEITHER HIS FLESH DID SEE CORRUPTION**” (Acts 2. 30-31).

The apostle Paul also, continuing the same theme in Acts. 13.34-35, speaking of God resurrecting Jesus, says: “And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said

on this wise; I will give you the sure mercies of David (or ‘sacred promises of David’ as translated in the "Twentieth Century’ translation, and in other translations): wherefore he saith in another Psalm; Thou shall **NOT** suffer thine Holy One to **SEE CORRUPTION.**”

Here it is plainly seen that God had a definite purpose, or necessary reason, why the literal body of Jesus of Nazareth must not corrupt, but must be preserved, though in a changed or glorified form, so that certain definite old-time promises to king David could thereby be faithfully fulfilled.

THE LEGAL CLAIM OF JESUS OF NAZARETH TO DAVID’S EARTHLY THRONE

We now ask ourselves the question, Has the resurrected Christ any lawful right or claim to come and take David’s earthly Throne? We have seen that according to God’s covenants He promised to give that Throne to David’s literal seed or descendants. Furthermore, God said to king David, as we read in Psalm 89. 35-37: “I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the Sun before me”.

God has never departed from His promises. He never can break His Word. There have been times when His purpose seemed to be in jeopardy; but the instance in, II Chron. 21. 7, is a testimony for all time, in that “the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the Covenant that he made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever”.

The lawful claim of Jesus of Nazareth to the Throne of David, therefore, lies in the fact that while at birth He was God’s begotten Son by the Spirit on the Paternal side, He was nevertheless Mary’s (and therefore David’s) Son on the maternal side. If, on the other hand, He had only put on the earthly Davidic body temporarily, casting it off for ever unto corruption after His crucifixion, then He, if a heavenly “Spirit” only, **COULD NOT INHERIT GOD’S COVENANTS TO DAVID’S SEED.** Some other son of David would have to do this. The fact, however, that even now in heaven He is still David’s Seed and is still the “Son of MAN”, as Stephen

testified, gives Him legal right, as a direct and lawful descendant of David, to return and take David's Throne. The fact also that He is God's Son gives Him a double prerogative to reign in righteousness, until He hath put all enemies under His Feet. We thus see that for God to honour His Word, it was essential that the literal body of the Lord Jesus "should not see corruption", but become "changed" (not destroyed); and that He should eventually return visibly, Personally, literally, to "sit" on David's literal earthly "Throne", exercising God-appointed Sovereignty over the "House of Jacob" for ultimate blessing to all nations.

THE HOUSE OF JACOB, CAST OUT, BUT TO BE RESTORED

In Old Testament days the Hebrew race failed to fulfil that which God had promised Abraham that it should do, to lead itself and all other nations into His rich blessings. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ came, and died not only to become the world's "Saviour" but also to redeem the Israel race, so that the latter could become eventually re-instated and blessed, and used to guide all nations into deliverance and blessing.

This "same Jesus" is coming back, (1) to gather His true reigning Election or Church, (2) to govern the House of Jacob, reigning as their lawful King, the "King of Israel"; receiving from the latter in the Millennial age identical allegiance and obedience as He now receives in this present age from His overcoming Church or Elect. He will reign over the very same race of people that king David once ruled: that is to say, the "House of Jacob", now grown tremendously large. Their story is more fully outlined in the first little book of this series, entitled: "Greater love hath no man than This", which all should read. In this book it was shown how Jacob's race became divided into two rival sections, centred in (a) "Joseph" (the "Birthright" holder); and (b) "Judah", respectively.

Both these sections became rejected and cast out, for their idolatry and sinfulness; but both have been re-purchased by the Lord Jesus Christ, although they have not as yet entered into or participated in their blood-bought inheritance; and both are to be re-instated and used nationally under the reigning Leadership of Jesus Christ and His resurrected Church

or co-heirs. In the New Testament Scriptures (Heb. 8. 8), God there states His New Covenant with both of them, reiterating His Old Testament promises found in Jeremiah 31.31, and in such other Scriptures as Zechariah 10. 6-9, in which we read: “And I will strengthen the house of **JUDAH**, and I will save the house of **JOSEPH**—and they shall be as though I had not cast them off— for I have redeemed them —and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children and turn again.” Through them, under Christ’s Leadership, all nations will ultimately be blessed, so that “all people, nations, and languages, shall serve him” (Dan. 1. 14) until God’s Will is done on earth, even as it is done in heaven.

IS HIS ADVENT PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE?

Before the Lord Jesus departed from His disciples He said to them: “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee”. He said also: “Behold I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age”. From these Scriptures it is argued by some that the Second Advent is now long past and over, Jesus having returned invisibly immediately after His Ascension. Some, on the other hand, claim a recent invisible return.

All true Christian people have experienced in their lives the reality of the fact that the same Spirit that was in Christ on earth has been their abundant Companion and Help from day to day: but if that were the only manner of any return on His part, then God’s promises, and Peter’s statement just considered, would become void of intelligent purpose or meaning.

Furthermore, if the two promises quoted above referred to an Advent immediately after His Ascension, they would flatly contradict Peter’s further statement in Acts 3.21, where he told the people that “the heaven must receive him (Jesus) until the times for the restoration (R. V.) of all things”. This statement meant very plainly and definitely that Jesus as a Person had left the earth; that He was retained in heaven temporarily; but that in God’s time He would reappear and come back to earth again to reign in righteousness until He had brought all things in willing subjection under His Feet; finally handing back the perfected kingdom to the

Father, as Paul tells us in I. Cor. 15. 24-28, viz: “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father—that God may be all in all”.

From all the above statements and facts we see clearly that His retention in heaven is not as a Spirit but as a “Man”, literal and real. The Lord Jesus, after His resurrection, showed his disciples that He was not a Spirit but a Man, for when He appeared to them He said: “The spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have” (Luke 24. 39).

No. The facts are clear, that Jesus of Nazareth, David’s Son, resurrected and glorified, will return as “that Man whom God ordained”, to sit literally on David’s earthly Throne, there to rule and reign, and finally to judge all men and nations, until all are at His Feet, and God becomes “all in all”. (I. Cor. 15. 28.)

JESUS CHRIST WILL SOON RE-APPEAR ON EARTH SO WILL THE APOSTLES, AND OTHERS

As seen already, the true Church, as indeed also the whole world, awaits the “glorious appearing” of the world’s great Saviour and Deliverer. But Paul, speaking to those who were truly Christ’s, said that “when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory” (Col. 3. 4).

These will therefore appear with Him, resurrected, standing before His Throne, where they will be given their rewards of millennial service, in a just measure according to their faithfulness in bygone days. Paul taught the Church that its members “must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether good or bad (II. Cor. 5. 10).

This is not the post-millennial Seat of judgment (called the “*Thronos*” in Greek) at which men are judged according as their past evil works HAVE been. It is rather the pre-millennial Seat of reward and glory (called the “*Bema*” in Greek) at which Jesus Christ, opening His thousand-year reign, apportions reigning rewards of service to His faithful Elect. These

rewards are rewards of future service to give unto each one “according as their work **SHALL BE**” (Rev. 22. 12).

A GLORIOUS CHURCH

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the First Resurrection”

What a glorious anticipation, to become changed or transformed in a moment, clothed in an immortal body just like the perfect resurrection body of Jesus Christ! No wonder Paul said his “conversation was in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile (mortal) body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious (resurrected) body” (Phil. 3. 20-21). When the new Age dawns, all who are truly Jesus Christ’s will appear as His co-regents on earth with Him, in this wondrous new Creation, to “live and reign with him a thousand years” over the House of Jacob, for ultimate blessing to “all the nations of the earth”. As Paul said, the whole earth is now groaning and travailing in pain together, waiting for this “manifestation of the **SONS OF GOD**”.

THE END OF THE WORLD?

There cannot be any such thing as an immediate End of the World.

When the Lord Jesus was standing before Pontius Pilate He is supposed to have said: “My kingdom is not of this world”; but, in point of fact He said no such thing, as the Greek word “Cosmos”, mistranslated ‘world’ should have been translated ‘Order’.

Pilate was the figurehead of that earthly form of Roman rule which claimed that might was right. Jesus, on the other hand, looked forward to His millennial reign and beyond, when all earth will walk in love and righteousness, giving him loving allegiance, and when all disobedience and even death will be vanquished finally and the earth will be covered with God’s glory as the waters cover the sea.

What Jesus said literally to Pilate was “My kingdom is not of this ‘Cosmos’”. In this He told Pilate that His future Messianic kingdom

would not be of the Roman Cosmos or “Order”, but would be a kingdom graced with Divine Law, righteousness and Love.

THE “LORD’S PRAYER”

We say the Lord’s prayer so often, but how often do we really stop to think what it means. Jesus Christ taught us to pray and say: “Our Father which art in heaven—Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done **ON EARTH** even as it is done in heaven”. One day, therefore, according to this prayer, the earth itself will become a veritable link with heaven, all evil being destroyed out of it. Death itself eventually will also be conquered (I. Cor. 15. 26): even those lying in our cemeteries and graveyards are destined to come to life again, for in John 5. 28 we read:

“Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth”. What a day of re-union for many that will be! but when will He return? And when will the promised “Times of the restoration of all things” begin?

WHEN SHALL THE END BE?

When the Lord Jesus was still on earth, speaking of His own Second Advent He said: “Of that day and that how knoweth no man, no not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but my Father only” (Mark 13. 32).

Today we still do not know the exact day or hour: but, on the other hand, Christians ought to know approximately, from the “Signs of the times”, when the day is drawing near; even as Paul said: “But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief” (I. Thess. 5. 4). So we most definitely ought to know when the time is near at hand, the more so as we see the day approaching. The Lord Jesus implied this also in His story of the fig tree, concerning which He said that when it begins to shoot forth, all know that summer is nigh at hand; continuing to say: “So likewise ye, when ye see these signs come to pass, **THEN KNOW...**”. So, on His authority, when the time was really drawing near there was to be little doubt about it.

PROPHECIES ALREADY FULFILLED

In order that the reader may gain greater confidence in the prophetic picture concerning present-day events, that these will not only be fulfilled, but will be worked out exactly on time, let us first consider remarkable examples of prophetic periods in the past, foretold centuries if not millenniums before they also were fulfilled exactly on time. Surely such tangible evidence must convince even the sceptic that there is a God: and furthermore that His overruling power is Omnipotent, and that naught can withstand His great wisdom and power to have His own way when He wills among the kingdoms of men, for the ultimate blessing of all.

When we have considered some of these past fulfilments we may be able to see more clearly how all things are working together for good, building and preparing for that great day when the Lord Jesus will come, and when ultimately the kingdoms of this world are to become “the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ”.

Notes Part 1

1. See Dr. Young’s Analytical Concordance.



PART II

EVENTS FORETOLD, AND FULFILLED

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PROOFS OF DIVINE ORDER

A selection of events or periods recorded in the Bible story is given below, the exact length of each period having been accurately forenamed **BEFOREHAND** by Almighty God through His servants and prophets who penned the Scriptures under His inspiration or guidance. Each example glorifies Him, revealing His power not only to fulfil, but to fulfil **ON TIME!**

Years	Verse	Description
3½	Dan. 9. 27	Period of Christ's ministry foretold.
3½	Rev. II. 7-11	All Papacy's opponents silenced: A.D. 1514-1517. Silence broken by Luther.
7	Gen. 41. 25-32	Seven years of Famine in Egypt.
10	Rev. 2. 10	Ten years of martyrdom, under Diocletian.
30	Mark 1. 15	Jesus starts His ministry on time.
40	Num. 14. 34	Period of wilderness wanderings decreed.
65	Isa. 7. 8	Overthrow of Ten-tribed Israel foretold.
70	Dan. 9. 2	Period of Judah's punishment foretold
120	Gen. 6. 3	120-year warning, re the Flood.
150	Rev. 9. 5	Development of the Saracen Empire.
390	Ezek. 4. 5	Special punishment of Israel decreed.
391	Rev. 9. 13-15	Growth of Turkish Power foretold.
400	Gen. 15. 13	Period from Isaac to the Exodus.
430	Ex. 12. 40	Period from Abraham to the Exodus.
490	Dan. 9. 24-27	Messiah to "make an end of sins"

1260	Dan. 7. 25 (Rev. 13. 5)	Papal temporal power in Europe.
1260	Rev. 12. 6 & 14	Period of Northern-Israel's wandering.
1290	Dan. 12. 11	Turkish Empire attacked by Russia.
1335	Dan. 12. 12	Turkish Empire ejected from Palestine
2300	Dan. 8. 14	Sanctuary, due to be "cleansed".
2520	Luke 21. 24, etc.	"Times of the Gentiles", or Period of Jerusalem's subjugation.



THE FLOOD. 120 YEARS TO REPENT

There are those today who doubt the story of the Flood; but the Lord Jesus believed in it. He said: "As in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the Ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and look them all away. So shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24. 38-39).

Before the Flood, when the length of a generation was much greater than now, God warned that pre-Flood generation. In those days "the earth was filled with violence", as indeed it is today; and men's behaviour greatly displeased God, who said: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be **AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS**" (Gen. 6. 3).

It appears from the pre-Flood Calendar that this warning was given on a Sabbath, when the people, instead of reverencing God, were revelling in festivity. At the time of the Flood they were indulging in the things of the flesh, "eating and drinking and giving in marriage" just as they had done 120 years previously; so God, seeing no repentance in their hearts, brought judgment exactly at the fore-warned time. We read: "The same day were all the fountains of the deep broken up, and the windows of

heaven were opened— in the selfsame day entered Noah into the ark" (Gen. 7. 11-13).

“I Do Set My Bow in the Cloud.”

Although the Lord Jesus foretold that the world would again be in much the same evil condition today as it was then, nevertheless we can be thankful for God’s sure promise never again to destroy the earth as He did then. He said: “I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth" (Gen. 9. 8-17). So His Kingdom will come, and His Will will yet “be done on earth, as it is in heaven".

THE LIFE OF MOSES — 120 YEARS

Another interesting God-ordained one hundred, and twenty year period, definitely fore-ordained, though not directly foretold as such, is found in the life story of Moses.

When Moses was forty years old (Acts 7. 23) he saw an Egyptian persecuting one of his own kindred; and Moses rose up and slew the Egyptian. This thing was discovered, however; and Moses was afraid and fled from the land of Egypt.

For another forty years the hand of God was upon, him, guiding and training him for his eventual return to the land of Egypt to help deliver the nation Israel. In the study of this deliverance we are told in Ex. 2. 23-25 how God heard the groaning of the children of Israel at the time when “the king of Egypt (Raineses I) died": which was five years before the Exodus.

At that early time, however, God said He heard Israel’s groaning, and “remembered” His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob but it was five years later that His fore-ordained moment came to send Moses the Deliverer to bring Israel out. Here once again we see that God was working exactly to his own timetable in bringing Moses, at the close of the second forty-year period of his life, to deliver Israel and bring them into freedom and liberty.

40-year Generation Precedes Israel's Entry into their Kingdom Land it was during the third and final forty-year period of Moses' life that God led the children of Israel that long journey through the wilderness, to prove them and train them and teach them His ways. When the third forty-year period terminated, however, God's fore-ordained time had arrived to lead the nation by the hand of Joshua into the promised land of Canaan after the death of Moses, then 120 years old (Deut. 34. 7).

ABRAHAM - EXODUS. 430 YEARS FORETOLD

God had offered His blessings to men and nations, both before and after the Flood, witnessing to them through His faithful servants; but all these servants were rejected. However He then revealed His graciousness by proclaiming a new plan and purpose through which He said that "all the nations of the earth shall be blessed He thus came to Abram (Gen. 12. 1-2), whom He called His "Friend" and who was then living in the city of Ur of the Chaldees, telling Abram to leave Ur and go to his own kindred in Haran in Mesopotamia. When in Haran, God there "confirmed" the same promise to him, saying again that his seed should become eventually a very great race, built up for blessing to all nations.

The apostle Paul (Gal. 3. 17) mentions the chronological fact that the Exodus took place exactly 430 years after this confirmation in Haran. Old Testament Bible chronology bears this fact out exactly.

Abraham's home was in the land of Mesopotamia; but when he left it he became a. "sojourner" in other lands; hence the record in Ex. 12. 40 of the long period of 430 years "sojourning", concerning which we read:

"And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, Even the Self-Same Day, it Came to Pass that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night much to be observed unto the Lord."

Parents with a growing family know well the difficulty of getting all their children ready on time when going out! But here God suddenly got ready a nation numbering over a million, taking them out of bondage up and out

of the land they had lived in for so long, leading them forth exactly at the time He willed, not only in the fore-ordained year but “**EVEN IN THE SELFSAME DAY**”.

What marvellous Grace and Omnipotence!

ISAAC - EXODUS 400 YEARS FORETOLD

In the Bible two remarkable periods are mentioned linking God’s early promises to Abraham with the eventual Exodus of his descendants from the land of Egypt. Both these periods were fore-named of God long before their fulfilment; and both precisely and simultaneously fulfilled.

The first was the 430 year period, which started from the earlier days of Abram; but the second concerns Abraham's “seed”. Obviously this period could not start until Abraham had “seed”; that is, until after his son-and-heir Isaac had been born.

In Genesis 21.5 we are told that Abraham “was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him”. Isaac had been miraculously born, for Abraham’s wife Sarah was long past the normal time of women; and in this, Isaac typified the Lord Jesus who was also miraculously born, conceived not of man but by the Spirit of God.

The time came for Abraham’s son Isaac to be weaned; and in Gen. 21. 8 we read: “Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac (his son) was weaned”. At this feast, Isaac’s half-brother Ishmael, who was half Egyptian through his mother Hagar, looked on and “mocked” (Genesis 21.9). God had foreshown that Abraham’s “seed” (i.e., Isaac and his descendants) would be opposed, afflicted and mocked until 400 years were up (Gen. 15. 13), becoming eventually bondservants in the land of their tormentors. But He said: “Afterward shall they come out with great substance” (Gen. 15. 14).

The Bible shows the year (reckoned on from Isaac’s birth in Abraham’s “hundredth year”) when the weaning of Isaac took place, it also reveals that it was **EXACTLY 400 YEARS AFTER THIS** that God brought the

nation Israel out of Egypt at the Exodus! So here we see again God's Time Table working with precision, His mighty Power never failing to achieve His perfect will.

“THE TIME IS FULFILLED”
“My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover”

Let us now turn to consider how God fore-ordained the time of the ministry and death of Jesus Christ. He determined that the Crucifixion should follow after a period of 70 prophetic “Weeks” (i.e., 70×7 , or 490 years) dating from the going forth of a decree by the pagan king Artaxerxes, permitting the captives of Judah to return to their own land “to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince” (Dan. 9. 25).

This decree was issued in the “seventh year” of Artaxerxes’ reign, and on the “first day of the first month” (Nisan, or April B.C. 458). Adding the 490 years to this date, we reach Passover time, Easter AD. 33, fulfilling God’s purpose that at the end of Seventy Weeks He would “finish the transgression, and make an end of sins, and make reconciliation for iniquity” (Dan. 9. 24). He thus “sealed up the Prophet” (verse 24, margin); thereafter resurrecting His faithful Son; i.e., “anointing the holy of the holiest” (v. 24), the glorified Jesus thereby entering into God’s presence for us as the resurrected or anointed “Great High Priest”.

THE 3½ YEARS OF CHRIST’S MINISTRY FORETOLD

The Lord Jesus Christ not only fulfilled the Passover exactly on time at Easter A.D. 33, but he also fulfilled the most important of all Hebrew feasts, the Feast of Atonement, 3½ years earlier, at His dedication and baptism.

God had fore-ordained, as shown in Dan. 9. 27, that “in the midst of the (seventieth) week” (i.e., 3½ years before His Crucifixion) the Messiah would “cause the sacrifice and oblation {in this case the Day of Atonement sacrifice of bulls and goats) to cease”. The Lord Jesus stood as the perfect Anti-type of this Feast of Atonement’s Sacrifice when He, having offered Himself to God even unto death, went down (symbolically) into

death and burial in the waters of baptism. God accepted His Son's gift of Himself to be this Sacrifice (though the sacrifice was not actually "consumed" until 3½ years later, on the altar of Calvary), and He publicly testified at Jordan saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3. 17).

We see from the above how Christ's 3½ years' ministry embraced precisely the last half of Daniel's "Seventieth Week".

The correct date of the Crucifixion, according to new light upon exact proven chronology

CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON. 70 YEARS FORETOLD

Closely connected with the foregoing is God's time-prophecy given through his servant Jeremiah, concerning the duration of the Captivity of Judah in Babylon.

The prophet Daniel, who was taken to Babylon as one of the first Judah-captives when he was only about eighteen years old, wrote nearly seventy years later "in the first year of king Darius" saying: Daniel, understood by books the number of years whereof the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet (Jer. 25. 12) that He would accomplish **SEVENTY YEARS** in the desolations of Jerusalem" (Dan. 9. 1-2).

Exactly at the close of this 70-year period, when Daniel was nearly ninety years old, God then brought the Jews, or a large number of them, out of their Babylonian bondage.

FAMINE IN EGYPT. 7 YEARS FORETOLD

Going back 224 years prior to the Exodus we find yet another of God's remarkable time-prophecies, given by Joseph to Pharaoh, Joseph expounding by God-given wisdom and revelation that the two dreams Pharaoh had dreamt indicated that Almighty God would bring "seven years of plenty" in Egypt, to be followed by "seven years of famine".

Pharaoh's first dream (Gen. 41. 1-4) told of seven well-favoured kine which came up out of the river and were eaten up by seven ill-favoured kine which came up after them. His second dream (Gen. 41. 5-7) told of seven full ears of corn upon one stalk, followed by seven lean ears of corn which devoured the seven full ears.

The Butler, with whom Joseph had been in prison, told Pharaoh that there was an Hebrew man in the common prison who could interpret dreams. God then gave Joseph the interpretation, and thus revealed to Pharaoh the nature of the ensuing fourteen years of Egyptian history.

“EACH DAY FOR A YEAR”

God had a systematic way of giving time-prophecies in Scripture. He not only foresaw and foreordained future events, such as the rise of pagan or man-made Empires and Powers, but He also foretold, in veiled symbolic language, the exact number of years He would permit them to rule.

To do this He veiled their future by speaking, as we shall see, of “Days” to symbolise Years; of “Months” (30 Days) to symbolise 30 years; and of “Years” (12 months) to symbolise 12 x 30, or 360 years. This last period He also refers to as one “Time”, proved by several Bible examples to be 360 years, and shown also, incidentally, by one complete cycle of solar eclipses, ordained by Him in the heavens.

We must be true and consistent in our interpretation of these Bible symbols, because God is consistent. If we are to interpret correctly the prophetic periods mentioned in Daniel and the Book of Revelation, one of the most important and fundamental things to understand is the fact already referred to that Years are veiled by the symbolic use of the term “Days”, taking so many days to represent so many years.

This principle was not new even in Daniel's time, for we read in Numbers 14. 33-34 how God sent Caleb and Joshua to spy out the land of Canaan saying: “After the number of days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **EACH DAY FOR A YEAR** shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years”. Here God introduced His day-for-a-year principle.

Again, in Ezekiel 4. 6, the prophet Ezekiel was told to lie a certain number of days on his right side, and a certain number of days on his left side, God showing him that thereby He was revealing the future punishments of Israel and Judah, saying: “I have appointed them **EACH DAY FOR A YEAR**”.

When we come to the Divine time-periods decreed in Daniel and the Book of Revelation, the same Day-Year principle is employed consistently throughout (as summarised on p. 24). Failure to realise this has resulted in many weird and false ‘inventions’ of so-called prophetic interpretation being made, unconvincing to men, and not glorifying to God. The Truth, however, is always consistently harmonious, proving the Divine order of over-ruling Providence throughout.

BE CONSISTENT IN PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION

This page is just by way of an Appendix or Summary, to demonstrate in a collective manner how God’s Day/Year Principle of time prophecies is consistent and the only correct way of interpreting the prophetic Scriptures.

THE DIVINE DAY-YEAR PRINCIPLE OF BIBLE PROPHECY

Ezek. 4. 6. “I have appointed thee each day for a year”. (390 days Israel. 40 days Judah).

Dan. 12. 11. “1,290 days” = 1,290th Moslem year; beginning of decline of Turkish Empire, A.D. 1873.

Dan. 12. 12. “1,335 days” = 1,335th Moslem year; = AD. 1917-18. Collapse of Turkish Empire.

Rev. 2. 10. “Tribulation ten days” = Ten terrible years under Diocletian: AD 303-A.D. 313. The Smyrna period: also 5th Seal of Rev. 6. 9.

Rev. 11. 3. “Prophesy 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth”. = 1,260 years witness (Middle Ages).

Num. 14. 24. “Forty days—forty years”: “Each day for a year” = 40 years of Wilderness wanderings.

Rev. 12. 6. “Woman in wilderness 1,260 days”=The 1,260 years of the woman Israel’s wandering.

Rev. 11. 11. “After three days and a half, the spirit of life from God entered into them” = Luther’s witness, after 3½ years’ silence.

THE PROPHETICAL MONTH OF THIRTY DAYS

Rev. 9. 5. “Five months” = 5 x 30 years = The 150 years taken by the Saracen Empire to grow. AD 612 plus 150 years = AD 762 (Baghdad established as Centre of Arab Empire).

Rev. 9. 15. “Hour (1/12th), day (1), month (30), year (mean prophetical year, 360)” = 391 years. Rise of Turks, AD. 1062-A.D. 1453 (Istanbul conquered).

Rev. 13. 5. “Mouth speaking blasphemies”; “Power to continue 42 months” = 42 x 30 = 1260 years.

Compare. “A time (360), times (2 x 360), half a time (180)”. (Dan. 7. 25. Dan. 12. 7. Rev. 12. 14. = Rev. 12. 6).

MARTIN LUTHER’S MINISTRY FORETOLD

While “Seven years” and also “Seven Times” are periods which God often employs in the Book of Revelation and elsewhere, He also uses the half of these, namely 3½ literal years; and also 3½ times (1,260 years).

A short word first concerning this astounding Book of Revelation, which some suggest would have been better named “The Book of Insoluble Mysteries”. This Book is Mystery indeed to those who erroneously

suggest its strange history will all be enacted at a time yet far distant! Actually it is a simple story abounding to God's glory in the fact, revealed by all the great Reformers, that it foretold accurately a panorama of the major events of Christendom during the past 1900 years.

Basically its story is as follows:—It opens, as a Scroll, with the successive breaking of “Seven Seals”. Therein, step by step God wonderfully foretold the early centuries' history of the rise and decay of the pagan Roman Empire. Next, seven angels appear, blowing successively “Seven Trumpets”. Thereby God outlined the panoramic survey of the Dark Middle Ages. Finally, and leading up to the end of this present evil age, “Seven Vials” of upheaval and judging of nations are seen being poured out.

Under the Sixth Trumpet, in the Middle Ages (Rev. 11. 7-11), God foretold the height of Papal supremacy when for 3½ years, (A.D. 1514-1517), no opposing voice could anywhere be found able or willing to withstand the Papal regime of the Fifth Lateran Council. The witnesses were as “dead”, none appearing “for three days and a half” (v. 9). 11 was none other than Martin Luther, called of God for this very purpose, who broke this silence in A.D. 1517, when, on October 31st, he nailed his “Ninety-five Theses” to the door of Wittenburg Church.

“After three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet” (Rev. 11. 11).

TEN YEARS TRIBULATION FORETOLD

Recorded in the prophecies concerning the “Seven Churches”

A similar stranglehold occurred against the Christians in the earlier days of the pagan Roman Empire, in which a period of ten years' persecution was foretold, coming in the days of Rome's Emperor “Diocletian” during the second Church-period, as shown below.

The Book of Revelation also contains in its opening pages an account of seven letters written to “Seven Churches of Asia”. These were literal letters written to seven literal Churches; but, in the fore-seeing wisdom

of God, each foretold a consecutive period of Church history, the seven-fold total embracing the entire span between the first and second Advents of Jesus Christ.

The first Church mentioned was “Ephesus”; and it depicted the young fiery ardour and zeal of the initial Church of Pentecost. The second Church was “Smyrna”, the name meaning “Anointing oil”. This second period of Church history was still enjoying the rich anointing of God; but, as pagan Rome increased, persecution and terrible martyrdom ensued. God forewarned, in Rev. 2. 9-10, that they should “have tribulation **TEN DAYS**”. History reveals that during the time of the Emperor Diocletian between the **TEN YEARS AD 303** and AD 313, the early Churches underwent the most severe period of persecution and martyrdom recorded for the whole history of those early centuries!

God thus permitted pagan Rome to reveal its evil nature, that once more, as often before and since, He might show Himself to be just when He came to pour out His wrath, destruction and judgment upon the System perpetrating these abominations, but rewarding His Elect hereafter with great reward for their faithfulness. Referred to also in the prophecies concerning pagan Rome.

We find reference to the same historic event given also in the early prophetic history of pagan Rome under the “Fifth Seal” in Rev. 6. 9-11. Here this period of martyrdom is again referred to, depicted this time by a vision of the “souls of them that were slain for the Word of God” calling for Divine Justice. In reply, God’s answer then comes down, the complete judgment and overthrow of pagan Rome being foretold as “a great earthquake” (verse 12), and as God’s “great day of wrath” (verse 17), judging pagan Rome’s iniquity.

PAPAL SOVEREIGNTY. 1,260 YEARS FORETOLD

Daniel records a vision which God gave him in which the world’s four great Empires, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia and Rome, were depicted as four strange Beasts, the fourth having “ten horns”. A vision of the same ten-horned Beast was also given to the apostle John (Rev. 12. 3, Rev.

13.1. Rev. 17. 3), and its history further described as the “Beast that was; and is not; and yet is”. The words “and **IS NOT**” conveyed that this fourth Beast, the Roman Empire, would temporarily disappear; fulfilled later by the complete collapse and end of the Roman Empire in AD 476. But the further statement, “and **YET IS**”, depicted its reappearance soon after; fulfilled from AD 606 onwards by the rise of Papal Rome which dominated the very same territory previously ruled by pagan Rome in the West.

God had stated as long ago as Daniel’s day that this great religious edifice of the Papacy, when it came into being, would “wear out the saints of the most High”, but would be allowed to do so for a fixed period of time only, viz: “for a **TIME** (360 years), and **TIMES** (360 X 2 years), and the **DIVIDING OF A TIME** (180 years)”, this total period equalling 1,260 years.

The Book of Revelation tells the same story of the permitted persecution of the Church’s witness for truth, speaking in Rev. 11. 3 of God’s “Two witnesses” (‘Israel’ and the ‘Church’) testifying for “a thousand two hundred and threescore days (1,260 years), **CLOTHED IN SACK-CLOTH**”.

In Rev. 13. 7 & 5, the Papacy’s supremacy is again foretold, here saying that it would continue for “**FORTY AND TWO MONTHS**”. The prophetic month is 30 days or years: therefore 42 months equals 1,260 years.

History has vindicated the accuracy of God’s Word, and glorified His Name, for by A.D. 1866, that is exactly 1,260 years after the public acknowledgement by the Emperor Phocas of Papal Supremacy, every Roman Catholic country in the Papal dominion of the West had openly rejected the Pope’s Sovereign rights over their people. Then in AD. 1870 exactly 1,260 years from the death of Phocas in AD. 610, Italy crowned its first King “Victor Emmanuel” and today the Pope’s only legal kingdom consists of the few acres of the tiny Vatican state!



SELJUK EXPANSION. 391 YEARS FORETOLD

The rise and fall of the Seljuks or Turks figures largely in the Middle-ages- period of the “Seven Trumpets” of Revelation. These people originated from the delta of the river Euphrates; their growth being marked on the ladder of prophetic history under the Sixth Trumpet (Rev. IX), symbolised as “The river Euphrates”, John seeing this river (or people) overflowing its banks and expanding.

Passing on to a much later period of history, depicted in Rev. 16 where the final Seven Vials of turmoil and wrath are being poured out upon the nations John saw under the Sixth Vial or last Vial but one, that “the river Euphrates, **DRIED UP**” (Rev. 16. 12).

This prophecy was fulfilled historically in AD 1917-1918 when all that remained of the once-great Turkish Empire crumbled, the Turks being also pushed right out of the Holy Land, which they had dominated for exactly four centuries.

Concerning the growth of the Turkish Power, God had foretold the exact length of time that it would take for the small Turkish or “Euphrates” people to expand and become great, forenaming this period under the Sixth Trumpet (Rev. 9. 15) as: “an hour (1/12), and a day (1 year), and a month (30 years), and a year (twelve prophetic months, or 360 years).” The total sum of all this equals 391 years and 1 month.

History vindicates the Word of God, again glorifying His omnipotence. In A.D. 1062 the Turks, under their leader Alp Arslan, crossed the river Euphrates and expanded rapidly, finally conquering Istanbul (later called Constantinople), making it their capital in the year AD 1453. Their period of expansion thus proved to be 391 years, as God had fore-ordained!

TURKEY’S 1,290th AND 1,335th YEARS

God not only fore-ordained the rise of the Turkish people, but also planned the exact 391-year period of their expansion, as we have just seen. Perhaps still more important however is the wonderful fact that God

gave the details concerning their crumbling as long ago as the sixth century before Christ, or seven hundred years before He gave the “Book of Revelation” to John!

FIRST BLOW TO TURKISH POWER

Towards the close of the past century, Russia entered the drama of the prophetic Scriptures by opposing this Turkish people in the Russo-Turkish wars. As the result of this, Turkey-in-Europe began to disintegrate; and in A.D. 1873 the Turkish States of Bosnia, Bulgaria, Herzegovina and Montenegro separated themselves, declaring open war against the Sultan. Now on the calendar used by the Turks, who were Mohammedans, this was their 1,290th year.

We turn over the pages of history to the time during the Great War when General Allenby, aided by Lawrence of Arabia, ousted the Turks completely from the Holy Land, between November 1917 and the Armistice in November 1918. Their Mohammedan Calendar-years ran from September to September; and this period therefore occupied the whole of the 1,335th Mohammedan year on the Turkish calendar, from the autumn of 1917 to the autumn of 1918!

It is wonderful that God, having given through his prophet Daniel over 2,500 years beforehand a panorama of all the six Gentile Empires dominating his Land, concluded the story in the last three verses of the last chapter of Daniel by actually naming the two exact dates just mentioned!

God there stated that from the time that the (Mohammedan false-religious) “abomination” should be set up, the first Sign-post, pointing to the end of the age, would be reached after “a thousand two hundred and ninety days” (1,290 years) and that the second and more important Sign-post would be effected by the release of His Land in the “thousand three hundred and five and thirty days” (1,335 years). More was therefore afoot than most people realised when Jerusalem was surrendered to General Allenby without a shot being fired, in November A.D. 1917, the 1,335th Turkish year, in the exact year foreordained and fore-named of God!

GENTILE "SEVEN TIMES."

JERUSALEM



DAVID

ZEDEKIAH

<p>B.C 604</p> <p>↑</p> <p>360 x 7 (Luke 21; 24)</p> <p>↓</p> <p>A.D. 1917</p>	1	BABYLON
	2	MEDO-PERSIA
	3	GREECE
	4	ROME
	5	SARACEN (MOHAMMEDAN)
	6	TURKS (MOHAMMEDAN)
	7	

A.D. 622

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1335

THE LAST "GENERATION" BEFORE THE
SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST.



As Bible students are now becoming increasingly aware, the release of the Holy Land in 1917 was one of the most wonderful, if not the most vital of all prophetic fulfilments of recent generations.

There are only a few instances in which God has foretold a prophetic period twice; that is to say, has given two totally different lines of approach, both proving one another by terminating accurately in the same year!

The event above mentioned must be of paramount importance because it is one of the few examples of such a double prophetic prediction. Not only was this date clearly earmarked by the “1,335th” Turkish year, as just considered, but it was also foreshown once more by the great “Seven Times” or 2,520 years embracing the whole “Times of the Gentiles” or period of Gentile domination of Jerusalem from the days of Babylon (B.C. 604) down to the dispersion of the Turkish Empire in A.D. 1917.

We mentioned earlier that one Scriptural “Time” was 360 years; and now we have already noticed in God’s foretold history concerning the Papacy, that “A time and times and the dividing of a time” (3½ Times) was the same as the 1,260 prophetic years of Rev. 11. 2-3.

Another clue to this fact, however, is found in Rev. 12, verses 6 and 14, where the flight of the woman Israel is portrayed twice over, as she moves through the “wilderness” of the Roman Empire towards her new “Place prepared of God”. In verse 6 the time of this long journey is given as “a thousand two hundred and threescore days (1,260 years): and in verse 14 as a time, and “two times, and half a time” (3½ Times). Simple arithmetic then reveals clearly that each of these “Times” must therefore be 360 years; making the Seven-fold Divine period 2,520 years.

The release of Jerusalem in 1917 took place 2,520 years exactly after its original captivity in B.C. 604. God’s original warning, that if His people disobeyed Him He would punish them “Seven times[2]” for their sins, was thus fulfilled, and was proved accurate through two independent lines of prophetic fulfilment.

SOME REMARKABLE THINGS!

The Divine period of “Seven Times”, that is to say, 2,520 years, is most remarkable. Firstly it is 7×360 years. Many people do not know why we divide circles into 360 degrees today. This is no modern fashion. It originated from knowledge possessed before the Flood, namely that each complete repeating Cycle of Solar Eclipses takes exactly 360 years, dividing the heavenly circle or Calendar into twelve sections of thirty, i.e., three hundred and sixty, meanwhile. This, in turn, agrees exactly with the prophetic symbol of a “year” (12 months of 30 prophetic days; or 360 years) as already pointed out. In this way, the same God working on the same principle is revealed both as Creator of the heavens and Author of the prophetic Scriptures.

DIVIDE 2,520 BY ANY DIGIT YOU LIKE

Divide it by 1) 2520 (2,250; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 2) 2520 (1260; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 3) 2520 (840; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 4) 2520 (630; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 5) 2520 (504; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 6) 2520 (420; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 7) 2520 (360; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 8) 2520 (315; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 9) 2520 (280; and there’s nothing over!

Divide it by 10) 2520 (252; and there’s nothing over!



As can be seen by the table on previous page, this number 2,520 is fundamental. God demonstrated it in His Holy Scriptures; used it in the history of Israel; used it in the history of Judah, and of Jerusalem; used it in the history of the Papacy, and of the Gentiles; displayed it (in its one-seventh part) in the magnificence of the heavens by Solar eclipses, and in its half part by the longer Eclipse cycle of 1,260 years which astronomers still term "The Daniel Cycle" because God, through Daniel, mentioned this remarkable number more than two thousand years ago!

Our God is indeed "The Wonderful Numberer" (Dan. 8. 13, marginal translation).

Notes

1. Concerning this Book, every reader of this little publication should obtain a copy of a publication by the same author, entitled "A Flood of Light"; or a Verse-by-verse unfolding of the whole Book of Revelation.

2 Dr. Weymouth's translation.



PART III

THE 2,520-YEAR PERIOD. THIS TROUBLED "GENERATION THEN THE COMING OF THE "SON OF MAN"

As we have seen, God's chosen city, Jerusalem, has been trodden down by pagan infidel Empires for exactly 2,520 years. The period is referred to by the Lord Jesus Christ as "The Times of the Gentiles" in Luke chapter 21.

Some criticise the statement that these Times of the Gentiles ended in 1917-18, saying that we are still in the Gentile Age until Christ returns:

but this criticism is quickly dispelled by Christ's own statement that this period referred specifically to Jerusalem only, and that it would be followed by another generation (verse 32) before the end. After foretelling to His disciples the approaching desolation of Jerusalem (fulfilled in A.D. 70), He said the Hebrews would then be led captive into all nations, and that "Jerusalem would be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21. 20-24). Two independent witnesses, as we have seen already, both verify 1917-1918 as the closing date of this period, at which time Turkey, the Sixth and last Gentile Empire, was driven out.

EVENTS AFTER AD 1917-18

During the post-1918 "generation", as shown in verses 25-27, the Lord Jesus foretold a period of further turmoil described as "Distress of nations with perplexity", already certainly witnessed in World War II and its after-math. Finally He foretold a time of great "shaking" before this present evil age would be terminated by His own Return; closing His discourse with the cheerful Words of good hope: "When these things (the things following upon the heels of the 2,520-year period) begin to come to pass, then **LOOK UP, AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, FOR YOUR DELIVERANCE DRAWETH NIGH**" (Weymouth's translation of verse 28).

THE LORD HIMSELF

His final Word to "this generation" was that "then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory". This Advent is now due. It is therefore of first importance that we all turn to prepare our hearts and lives, in real repentance, for His coming.

HOW LONG IS "THIS GENERATION"?

The length of the final generation might be anywhere from thirty, forty, threescore years and ten (70), fourscore years (80), or, in fact, any usual or unusual number of years predestined by the Creator. All we can do is to speculate, for we just **DO NOT KNOW**. Provided this fact is fully

appreciated, no harm can be done by honest enquiry into any of the “possible” answers. Let us briefly review Scriptural types relating to one which appears as a possibility, namely “forty years”.

1. After the Exodus God ordained a specific “generation” of forty years for the Israel nation to wander in the wilderness, prior to entry into their Kingdom Land (See Numbers 14. 32-33).

2. The Lord Jesus told the Pharisees to whom the Kingdom had been offered but rejected, that their judgment and the destruction of Jerusalem would come upon “that generation” (Matt. 23. 36). This came to pass approximately 40 years later when the Roman armies descended upon Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

3. Before God brought His servant David to honour and glory by slaying Goliath, that evil giant defied the Israel nation “forty days” before being subdued. Is this also a symbol, suggesting that the forces of evil today will defy God’s people for a forty-year period (from AD 1914-18) before great’ David’s greater Son overthrows all these forces of evil and aggression?

4. In contrast to the Jewish forty-year “generation” which rejected Him, the Lord Jesus speaks of the final “generation” between AD 1917-18 and His Second Advent, which will finally accept Him. Will this generation, like the others, be forty years long also?

He gave us the Signs of the Times, up to the deliverance of Jerusalem in AD 1917-18; and then said:-

“When ye see these things come to pass, **THEN KNOW** that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, **THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS AWAY**, till all (including the coming of the ‘Son of man’ as recorded in verse 27) be fulfilled (Luke 21.31-32).

From the chronological standpoint the ordered establishment of the Kingdom may not be due until the close of this century (ending AD 1994-98) : but since the House of Jacob is now so much out of order, a forty-year period of training, from 1958-1998, seems inevitable. Whether the Lord Jesus Christ will return to enact this, or whether He will return in Person after it has been enacted by others, is yet to be seen.

“GO THY WAY, TILL THE END BE”

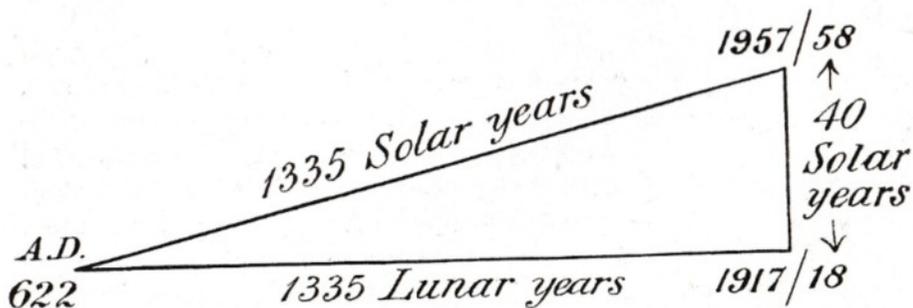
Continuing our thoughts upon the nearness of His return; we find in the prophecies of Daniel (Dan. 12. 12-13), that subsequent to the “1,335th” Moslem year (our 1917-18) Daniel also presents an inference that there would be a short period before “the end” of the age. Thus, after referring to the “thousand, three hundred, and five, and thirty days” God then said to Daniel: “Go thy way, TILL THE END BE”, implying that the end would not be in the 1,335th year (A.D. 1917), but would be subsequent to it.

FORTY YEARS 1917-18 TO 1957-58 REVEALED BY DANIEL’S PROPHECY

The period of “forty years” occurs frequently in God’s Time Table, and is proved to be of paramount importance. Incidentally, it is mentioned exactly forty times in Scripture. Multiples of forty are also used, the Flood, for example, coming exactly 120 years (40 x 3) after God’s warning. (Gen. 6,3). The life-story of Moses was also divided into three very important forty-year periods, the end of the last of these bringing the nation Israel right into their kingdom Land.

Now an interesting fact is revealed if we calculate the closing time-period of Dan. 12. 12 in both solar and lunar reckonings of time. We have seen already that AD 1917-18 was the 1,335th lunar year on the Moslem lunar Calendar or Hegira which started from the acceptance of Mohammed in AD 622: but if we were to calculate it in our own ordinary solar years, adding 1335 years to this A.D. 622 date brings us to AD 1957-58. That is to say, forty years on, from A.D. 1917-18. This fact may possibly also

reflect significance for the year 1958 being at least a turning point in the plan of history.



THE GREAT TRIBULATION? From the year A.D. 70 to the Second Advent

It is in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew that the Lord Jesus speaks of the time of great tribulation; and He says: “Immediately **AFTER** the tribulation of those days —shall they see the Son of man coming —and he shall send his angels —and they shall **GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT**’ (Matt. 24. 29-31). This is a clear statement that the rapture of the Church will take place **AFTER** the Great Tribulation: not before it! Through the prophet Daniel, God also indicates that the time of trouble will last until the First Resurrection, saying that there would be a ‘dime’ of trouble such as never was”, but that at that time “many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth **SHALL AWAKE**” {Dan. 12. 1}.

Strangely enough, the Lord Jesus (in Matt. 24. 16 & 21), speaking of the AD 70 destruction of Jerusalem, said: “And then (AD 70) shall be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as —**NEVER SHALL BE**”. But how could He, and Daniel (whom He quotes in this chapter), both be right? Clearly in one way only, namely, that the time of Great Tribulation embraces the whole of “This present evil age” **BETWEEN A.D. 70 AND THE FIRST RESURRECTION**.

The 3½ years’ Tribulation theory originated from two misapplications. (1) Inconsistently applying the 1,260 years of Papal Supremacy of the Middle Ages (see p. 27) to another imaginary Power reigning 1,260 days

(3½ years) after the Second Advent. (2) Doing something not done in any other prophetic Scripture, chopping off the last 3½ years of Daniel's Seventy Weeks (see p. 21); and, after creating a long unwarranted gap of centuries, trying to put it on again at the time of the Second Advent!

A.D.70

“THIS PRESENT EVIL AGE”

Approximately 1900 years

A.D.19??

**TIME OF “GREAT
TRIBULATION”
Such as
“NEVER SHALL BE”**

(Math. 24. 16 and 21)

**PAPACY AS RELIGIOUS HEAD.
SITTING IN THE “TEMPLE OF
GOD“ (I. Thess. 4.2): i.e. A
RELIGIOUS POTENTATE.
PAPACY PERMITTED TO WIELD
KINGLY AUTHORITY ALSO. IN
THE ROMAN PROPHETICAL
“EARTH” (I.e. EUROPE) FOR “1260”
YEARS, FROM A.D. 606 TO A.D.
1866; DURING WHICH PERIOD IT
“MADE WAR WITH THE SAINTS,
AND OVERCAME THEM.” (Rev.
13.7. Dan. 7.25.)**

**TIME OF TRIBULATION
“SUCH AS NEVER WAS”
(Dan. 12. I.)**

RUSSIA ENTERS THE PROPHETIC DRAMA

The year 1917 was not only important in Jerusalem's history, but it was also important in Russian history, being the year of the Russian Revolution.

As shown previously, on page 28, Russia entered the drama of the prophetic Scriptures by attacking Turkey in the Russo-Turkish wars, and causing the Turkish Empire's first step of disintegration by the "1290th year" of the latter's Calendar.

Well over a hundred years ago God was revealing to many prophetic students that the crumbling of the Turkish Empire was forecast in the Sixth of the last seven "Vials" of Rev. 16, bringing world history very close to the end of this present evil age. As far as Russian policy was concerned, she knew and staled nearly a century ago that before she could drive Westwards she must first effectively break the great power of the Turkish Empire, which then jutted up as a great bulwark through the Balkans into Europe, between Russia and the West.

In Rev. 16. 12 we read: "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river **EUPHRATES**; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the **KINGS OF THE EAST** might be prepared". It is perhaps remarkable that as long ago as 1844, in his book "Prophecies of the Revelation of St. John" Matthew Haberson recorded his God-given light upon this prophecy, saying that Russia, after helping to disintegrate the Turkish Empire, was being prepared by Providence for "another work" (p. 170), which, as he stated on p. 203, was "to inflict a still heavier chastisement upon the apostate Church i.e., to do what she began to do in the past war, and is still doing in Papal Europe, clipping the wings of Papal power and rule.

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL'S VISION

This Westwards drive of Communism, however, was not the end of the work which Russia is destined to do in this present evil age. The Last Sign Post, or final pointer towards the close of this age is still ahead, and is

shown both by the seventh or last Vial of Revelation, and also revealed clearly, to those who understand God's Word, in the vision of the prophet Ezekiel which we will now consider.

“THEY SHALL KNOW FROM THAT DAY AND FORWARD”

Ezekiel 39. 22

“The seventh angel poured out his vial into the air, and there came a great voice saying, **IT IS DONE**” (Rev. 16. 17).

“Behold it is come, and **IT IS DONE**, saith the Lord God. This is the day whereof I have spoken” (Ezek. 39. 8).

For a century and more, chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel have been rightly called “The Russian chapters of Ezekiel”. In them God foretold the Last Sign Post of this present evil age, giving a picture of atheistic Russia's final endeavour to grasp those very nations over which the Lord Jesus Christ comes first to reign for the ultimate blessing of all (including Russia!). His millennial rule is to open “over the house of Jacob” (Luke 1. 32-33): but we miss the major import of the story if we think that the house of Jacob consists of “Judah” only, and if we forget that the great Birthright-holder is “Joseph” (I. Chron. 5. 1-2) who was to become a Company of Nations (Genesis 48. 16-20), in the latter days: now the Anglo-Saxon race. (Read Ezek. 37. 15. 22. Zech. 10. 6-9. Jer. 31. 9-11).

The facts, therefore, are these; that Russia, while going her own way, is nevertheless to be over-ruled and used of God for His own ultimate glorious purpose. He says: “Thou shall come up against my people Israel (Jacob's large family of nations) —it shall be in the latter days —Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel —and all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at my presence — But I will call for a sword against him (against Russia) —and every man's sword shall be against his brother (i.e., the Russians quarrelling, instead of destroying Jacob, Cp. II. Chron. 20. 1-24). And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and

upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an **OVERFLOWING RAIN, AND GREAT HAILSTONES, FIRE AND BRIMSTONE**. Thus will I magnify myself and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD” (Ezek. 38. 16, 19-23).

“So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel (in Joseph-Israel particularly); and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more —So the house of Israel shall know that I am the **LORD** their **GOD FROM THAT DAY AND FORWARD**” (Ezek. 39. 7, 22).

THE LAST SIGN POST!

“They shall know **FROM THAT DAY AND FORWARD** —” That wonderful day is now at hand; and God “will send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you”, and He will give unto him the Throne of the royal House of David; and “He shall reign over the house of Jacob” (The whole Anglo-Saxon-Celtic race, and Judah also) and will “turn away ungodliness from Jacob” (Rom. 11.26), and they shall “not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for (God says) all shall know me, from the least to the greatest: and I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more’ (Heb. 8. 8-12).

Isaiah, the prophet of the Israel nation, said: “Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given (the Son of David): and the government shall be upon his shoulder —Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the **THRONE OF DAVID**, and upon his (David's) kingdom, to order it (for it will still be much out-of-order when He comes), and to establish it with judgment and with justice henceforth, even for the age. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isa. 9. 6-7). Through this great people God has covenanted that “all the nations of the earth shall be blessed”.

A HEAVENLY KINGDOM ON EARTH

From the very beginning, in His first Covenant to Abram (Gen. 12. 1-3) God promised that all nations should be blessed. In the process of so

doing, however, He had first to bring forth His Son; then take nineteen hundred years to perfect an Elect co-reigning Church; then spend a Millennium in bringing a whole race into perfect obedience, before using them to lead all nations finally into the eternal deathless perfection promised in such Scriptures as Rev. 21. 4 and 1. Cor. 15. 26, having resurrected meanwhile all who “sleep in the dust of the earth” (Dan. 12. 2, John 5. 28, etc.), and having completely destroyed, undone and remedied “all the works of the adversary”. (I. John 3. 8)

Thus, and thus only, will God’s Kingdom come, His perfect Will at last being “done on earth, even as it is done in heaven”, the earth merging into heaven itself, through the completed victory of Calvary’s forgiveness followed by Christ’s reign of righteousness and life, the earth becoming “covered with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, even as the waters cover the sea”. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad! The last turning point is nigh at hand, and the work of reconstruction is due to begin, for the “**KING OF GLORY**” is on His way!

“Our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil. 3. 20).



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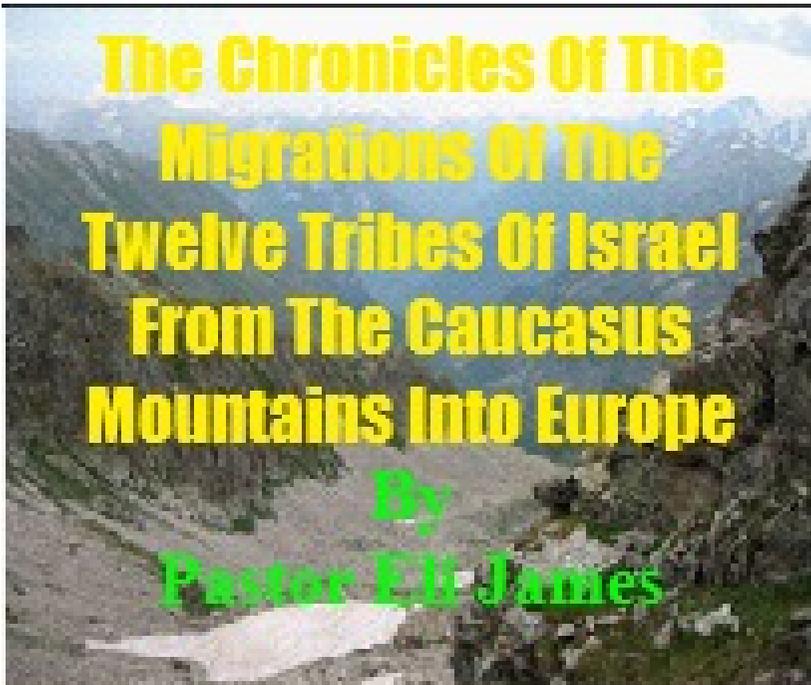


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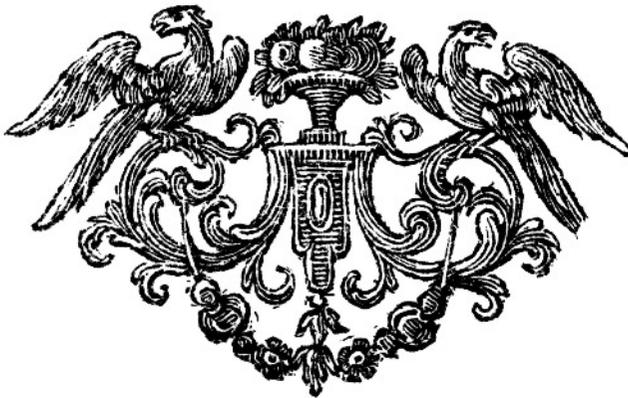
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