

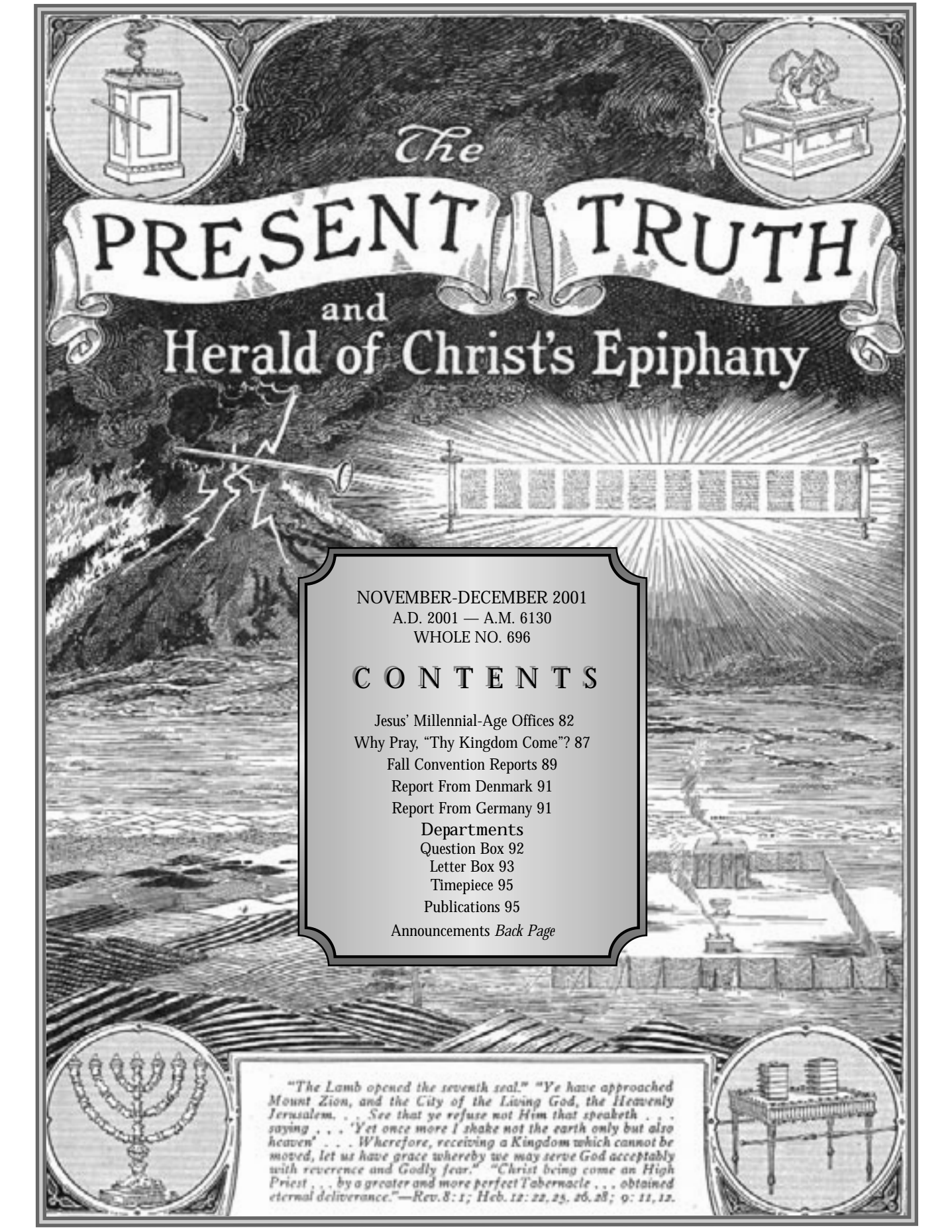


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"The Lamb opened the seventh seal." "Ye have approached Mount Zion, and the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem. . . See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh . . . saying . . . 'Yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven' . . . Wherefore, receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear." "Christ being come an High Priest . . . by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle . . . obtained eternal deliverance."—Rev. 8: 1; Heb. 12: 22, 23, 26, 28; 9: 11, 12.

JESUS' MILLENNIAL-AGE OFFICES

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JESUS' POSTHUMAN EXPERIENCES . . . have not only been undergone during the Gospel Age, but some of them will be undergone during the Millennial Age; and these experiences as expressions of His official work at that time will, with the Lord's help, now be set forth. One of the great differences between the two Ages is that the Gospel Age is a faith dispensation, dealing with the faith class as the elect. The Millennial Age will be a works dispensation, not, of course, without faith, but one in which faith is not the most important feature, as during the Gospel Age it is such. Then it will be "as their works shall be."

During the Millennial Age our Lord will work as Ransomer, not by a reckoned purchase, as is the case in His Gospel-Age Ransom work, but by an actual purchase; for, when all of the outstanding imputations will have been exhausted through the Little Flock's sacrificing these faithfully, through the Great Company's giving them up

under more or less of compulsion and through their being taken away forcibly from the second-death class, there will be no outstanding imputations as embargoes on the merit deposited in the Father's hand when our Lord died. The merit thus free from all imputation embargoes will be available for the purchase of Adam and all who fell in Adam; and that purchasing act, an actual as distinct from a reckoned purchase, will be one of Jesus' Millennial-Age experiences. By right of an actual purchase He will own the whole race, *i. e.*, the non-elect part of it, and will become such an Owner by right of purchase; for He will use the merit that He had deposited with God when He died to purchase actually Adam and Adam's race from their enslavement under debt unto death; and this He will do in order to give the right to life and life-rights, with perfect bodies and perfect lives in those bodies, to all that will obey Him. This will be done after the last member of the Great Company has been taken from this earth to spiritual conditions, and after the last one of the second-death class has been put to death as a new creature. It will be the foundation of the whole Millennial work; and the race as the effect of that purchase from enslavement under debt unto death will have the opportunity of gaining a restitution to human perfection, such as Adam lost for himself and it by his sin. During the Millennial Age our Lord will not be an Advocate, though He will give of His merit, *i. e.*, His right to life and His life-rights, a perfect human body and a perfect life in that body, to all who will obey Him.

These will not be given them by faith as they are now given the Church by faith, but by works, as they respond to His commands along the lines of righteousness and truth. A gradual healing from the effects of the curse as they obey will set in, until by the end of the Millennial Age all of the obedient will have righteous characters, as well as the right to life, the life-rights of perfect humans, perfect human bodies and perfect human lives in those bodies. Thus their righteousness will be an actual one gained from Jesus' merit as they obey. During the Millennial Age Jesus will not be espoused, but He will be the Bridegroom married to the Church, who will be His married Bride; and together they will become the Father and Mother of the obedient race.

HEAD OF WORLD'S HIGH PRIEST

But, before speaking of that feature, we desire to lay some stress upon the High-Priestly experiences of Jesus in the Millennial Age as the Head of the High Priest for the world. He will *apply*, in distinction from *imputing*, His merit for all the Adamically dead, regardless of whether they are in the dying process or in the death state. The sacrifice that He performed as High Priest while in the flesh, and the



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character that He developed as High Priest while in the flesh, will fully qualify Him to be, with the Church His Body, the World's High Priest.

During that time He will also as High Priest, cooperated in by His chosen Underpriests, offer the antitypical burnt offering, *i. e.*, give the evidence of God's acceptance of His sacrifice and that of the Church for the world. Not only so, He will also offer the peace offerings — the consecrations made and carried out that the world of mankind under His High-Priestly work will make to Him. These peace offerings include the vows that the world will make in connection with their consecrations. Their vows will be a promise to be dead to sin and error and alive to God's righteous will. The people's meat offerings and drink offerings, the former representing their proclaiming the deeper truths and the latter their presenting the simpler truths of the Lord's Word, will by the High Priest be presented to our Heavenly Father. As Priest, for example, He will offer the people's trespass offerings, which means their making good for the wrongs they have done and mending their characters of the evils that these wrongs have inflicted upon their characters; and in doing this work on their behalf the World's High Priest will make atonement for those wrongdoers.

There is an important difference between the sin offerings of the Gospel Age and the trespass offerings of the Millennial Age. The sin offerings of the Gospel Age were made to God's Justice in the Most Holy; while the trespass offerings of the people will be made to the World's High Priest, Head and Body. Jesus will direct all of the work of the Underpriesthood as the World's High Priest ministers the people's peace offerings, their burnt offerings, their meat and drink offerings and their trespass offerings. As High Priest, cooperated in by the members of His Body, Jesus will bless the whole world with restitution blessings and thus actualize the typical blessings of Aaron and Aaron's sons bestowed upon the people.

JESUS AS PROPHET AND CAPTAIN

The world of mankind, due to the fall, will come back ignorant of God's ways; and Jesus as the Great Prophet, and the Head of the Great Prophet class, will teach them the ways of God in every detail, so that by the time this teaching work will have been completed, the earth will be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the great deep. The world will come back from captivity under Satan to be delivered by the World's High Priest, Jesus always acting as its Head, from this captivity; so that, as they obey, little by little and more and more the shackles of sin and error will be broken from their symbolic hands and feet, until in the end of the Millennial Age those who have been thoroughly obedient will be entirely free from the captivity that they

once had under Satan. In so doing, Jesus will act as Deliverer of those who once were Satan's captives. The world will come back with its sinful habits and its erroneous notions and will be enlisted in the holy war against these by Jesus as the great Captain, the antitype of Joshua; for Joshua's conquest of Canaan does not only type Jesus leading His faithful to victory over sin, error, selfishness and worldliness during the Gospel Age, but also types Him, cooperated in by His Body, as the Captain of the army of God that in those days will fight every form of sin, every form of error, every form of depravity. In so acting Jesus will experience the operation of His office as Captain. He will, of course, act as the Head of the Church, His Body, at that time, doing all their thinking, all their feeling, and all their willing for them; but that Headship, of course, will be differently exercised from what it has been during the Gospel Age.

HEAD OF WORLD'S MEDIATOR

In the Millennial Age a special office will operate, and Jesus will have posthuman experiences in connection with that operation that He did not have during the Gospel Age, *viz.*, as Head of the World's Mediator He will be the Mediator between God and men. Many mistakenly think that the New Covenant operates during the Gospel Age. During the Gospel Age the Mediator works only on the seal of the New Covenant. That seal Jesus acquired by His holy obedience unto death, and the Church shares in serving on that seal by its sacrifice unto death, whereby the merit imputed to it is brought back to God through the death of the Church, free from all outstanding imputations as embargoes, ready to be used for the remainder of the world.

So Jesus does not mediate now, nor has He at any time during the Gospel Age mediated between God and the human family, *i. e.*, He has not during this Age been making the New Covenant operative; He has not sealed the New Covenant during the Gospel Age, though He wrought out its seal. He will seal the New Covenant during the Millennial Age by two distinct acts antitypical of Moses sprinkling the blood upon the book and upon the people. Moses sprinkling the blood on the book represents the World's Mediator, Head and Body, sealing the Covenant Godward, *i. e.*, with the merit of Jesus acquired by Jesus' holy obedience and maintained thereby, imputed to the Church, then by it sacrificially brought back to God, so that the merit would be free from outstanding imputations as embargoes, as the means by which the seal of the Covenant Godward, as well as manward, will be made.

The Sprinkling of the People

The sprinkling of the blood on the people by Moses types the World's Mediator, Head and Body, giving the people the merit, *i. e.*, Christ's right to human life, His human life-rights and His right to a perfect human body and to a perfect

human life, as the merit that will seal the Covenant manward. The Covenant will be sealed Godward instantaneously, but will gradually during the thousand years be sealed toward the world of mankind, *i. e.*, as people obey, and thus receive more and more of the merit, the more will they be lifted up into a condition in which they can fulfil their part of the Covenant. When the race comes back from the dead early in the Millennium their imperfect bodies will make it impossible for them to fulfil the terms of the Covenant; and for that reason during the Millennium God will put the race into the hands of the Mediator and will not deal at all with them.

The Mediator guarantees the race, by sprinkling the antitypical blood upon the antitypical Book, *i. e.*, Divine Justice. He pledges to God that He will bring the race up to perfection by a gradual giving to them of His merit as they gradually obey; and He guarantees that He will destroy those who will not obey. Thus He creates a condition in which the obedient will be able to fulfil the Covenant, which ability will become theirs when they will have fully appropriated the merit by obeying the Mediator fully. Thus at the end of the thousand years the race will be perfect: those who obey from the heart will be perfect in character as well as in body; and those who only externally obey from the head though not from the heart will be perfect in body, but not in character.

The Race Brought into Covenant Relationship

The race thus made perfect and thus able to obey the Covenant will be by the Mediator brought into Covenant relationship directly with God. Then will they be tested as to their obedience by God's letting Satan become free from the bottomless pit, during which freedom he will tempt the race to sin; and all who will have failed to develop perfect characters during those thousand years will fail under this test and will accordingly be destroyed by the Mediator; while those who, from the heart as well as the head, externally will have obeyed the Mediator until they are made perfect in character will triumph under the test and will be given everlasting life by the terms of the New Covenant; for the terms of that Covenant are simply these: God will promise to give the race everlasting life, if it obeys perfectly; whereas the race on its part will promise to obey perfectly, if God will give it everlasting life. Thus Jesus in doing everything that will bring into operation the Covenant between God and man will be fulfilling His part of the World's Mediator.

The reason why there must be a Mediator between God and man in the Millennial Age, whereas there has been no such thing during the Gospel Age, is this: Those dealt with in the Millennial Age will be the *unbelief* class, who by the Millennial restitution will be lifted up into believing that God will keep His part in the Covenant; whereas the class dealt with during the Gospel Age is the *faith* class, who do not

need a Mediator, for they trust God and God trusts them. A Mediator always acts where two parties to a contract distrust each other more or less and require a guarantee that each party of the covenant will fulfil his promise. So God will distrust the ability of fallen man, and the unbelief class will distrust God's willingness to keep the Covenant. Jesus and His Body will thus guarantee God to the world and the world to God, the latter being brought to perfection by the time He will have fulfilled His thousand years' Mediatorship on behalf of the race, sealing the Covenant to them; and thus the race will be able and by God will be regarded to be able to keep the Covenant, on whose keeping their life will depend.

THE SECOND ADAM

The race has lost life and has come into the dying process and its bulk has entered into the death state on account of the sin of father Adam, cooperated with in that sin by mother Eve. One of Jesus' posthuman experiences in the Millennial Age will be His fathering the race; and in that act He will be using the Church to mother the race. He will thus be acting as the Second Adam, and the Church as the Second Eve. Whereas the first Adam and Eve generated the race in sin and death, the Second Adam and Eve will regenerate the race in righteousness and life, but this fathering and mothering will require of their children that they act as children, first, by obeying; second, by trusting; third, by honoring; fourth, by loving their Father and their Mother. And any of the race who refuse[s] to fulfil these filial duties will fail to become the children of the Second Adam and the Second Eve; for they will be given life and perfection as children of this Father and Mother only as they will obey, trust, honor and love them, as true children should do.

The world of mankind returning from the tomb will come back in its same lawless sinful condition as it entered the grave, for there is no change in the tomb. Their unruliness, therefore, and lawlessness will require that they have a perfect lawgiver bestowed upon them; and this lawgiver will be no less than Jesus the Head and the Church His Body, especially Jesus the Head. He will give them perfect laws in their relationship to God: the law of duty love, loving God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength for the good that He has done them, and loving Christ and the Church in the same way for the good they will have done them; and these laws will likewise cover all the social relations of man to man, summarized in the law, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Multitudes of applications of these two great laws will the Great Lawgiver set forth, and mankind will be required to live in harmony with these laws. If they persistently refuse to do so, it will bring upon the refusers the penalty of the second death as enemies of righteousness.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Another posthuman experience of Jesus in the Millennium will be His reign as the Prince of Peace. He is called the Prince of Peace, first, because He will have made peace between God and man, and, secondly, because He will make peace between man and man, so that all strife, all enmity, all violence and war and all worries will be banished from the earth through the great reign of this Prince of Peace. And the peace that He will give will be lasting. Nations shall no more lift up arms against one another, nor learn war any more. Neighbor will not strive with neighbor after that reign has come to its climax. Then will be realized the words of the angel spoken at our Lord's birth: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. The nations now dread war because of its fearful possibilities. That will all be taken away under the glorious reign of the Prince of Peace; for He will give a firm foundation to peace — peace between God and man, which will, as a result, effect peace between man and man through the work of this Prince of Peace.

THE GREAT KING

Another posthuman experience of our Lord in the Millennium will be His work as King. He is the King of kings; these kings are no less than His faithful Church, who own Him and acknowledge Him as their King. He is the Chief; and this King will reign in peace, will reign in blessing, will give His subjects the ability to live in harmony with the laws of God, will give them all of the blessings that God has in reservation for the children of men. Everything good that the human mind can conceive and the human heart can desire will be bestowed upon them on condition of obedience as they obey this King of kings. Thus will He reign successfully, gloriously, victoriously, loved and praised by His subjects, obeyed and honored by them.

The race through the curse has been bereft of the Divine knowledge, and during the Millennial Age one of our Lord's posthuman experiences will be to reveal to the race new lines of thought that God is going to give the human family in that Age; for there will be a third book added to the Bible. During the Jewish Age God gave the Old Testament; during the Gospel Age God has given us the New Testament, as parts of the Bible. But according to Rev. 20, another book will be expounded to the children of men, and this will contain the Millennial revelations, the New Covenant revelations, the laws and the teachings of Jesus as Lawgiver, as Prince of Peace, as King of kings. And these revelations will be perfectly adapted to their purpose of bringing to man a knowledge of God that is reasonable, satisfying the exactions of the intellect and the cravings of the heart; and it will be by Jesus, cooperated in by His Church, that God will make these revelations for the salvation of men. Certainly this will be a rare experience for

our Lord, when He makes known the wonderful truths that will bless the human family in the Millennium, since He will make truth universal.

Mankind, by the curse has become impractical as to making saving arrangements; it cannot save itself. It has tried its hand at this through many religions during the experience with evil, and all have proven failures, except that which has developed the Christ class. Just what to do, how to do, why to do, when to do, where to do and with whom to do, Jesus, as the Great Executor, will know how practically to apply as the terms of revelation to the human family in the Millennial Age. And, certainly, it will be a glorious experience of His posthuman condition for Him to put into exercise these executive arrangements and make them work successfully to the end for which they will be instituted. By the time the Millennial Age will have ended, on all hands He will be recognized as the most practical and successful of all executives.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

The unbelief class, with whom the Millennial Age will have to do, is physically, mentally, morally and religiously sick; and Jesus, cooperated with by His Body, the Church, will become the Great Physician, healing all the mental diseases, exposing all the errors that have been planted in the human mind, healing all the moral diseases, ridding man of the evils that he has had in his relation to his fellow man, healing him of all the physical diseases that have preyed upon his body and healing all the religious sicknesses that have made man an enemy to God and out of harmony with God. The most successful of all physicians will He be. He will know how perfectly to diagnose each case and prescribe the proper means of healing in each case, and will bring to complete mental and moral health all who will obediently accept and use the cures that He will put at their disposal. And thus He will experience in His posthuman activities the privilege of being the greatest of all physicians — He will heal all diseases: physical, mental, moral and religious.

Another one of His posthuman experiences will be the things that He will do as Lord of the human family; for He is not only Lord of lords, the One who is Owner and over the members of His Body, but He is also the Lord, Owner and Controller, of the race. Satan has been controlling the unbelief class. Jesus, by right of purchase, will become their Owner, and by His Divinely-delegated authority He will become the Controller of every human being; and He will use His office as Owner and Controller to put His subjects into conditions of healing and health, joy, gladness, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To be such a Lord will be one of Jesus' posthuman experiences.

He will also have the experience of being the Judge of the human family in the Millennial Age as one of His

The peace that Christ will give will be lasting. Nations shall no more lift up arms against one another, nor learn war any more. Neighbor will not strive with neighbor after that reign has come to its climax. Then will be realized the words of the angel spoken at our Lord's birth: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

posthuman experiences. He will apply to the whole race the judgment process. This process implies four things: (1) It will include adequate instructions along every line of thought that they will need, to undergo their judgment aright as they obey. (2) Having given them development in the first process, He will test them by a variety of experiences as to how they have profited by the instruction and uplift that He will have given them in the judgment process. (3) As they fail in this judgment process He will apply to them the chastisements that will help to correct those failures of the unbelief class, for they are to come forth to a resurrection of judgment, *i. e.*, a resurrection that will be administered by the judgment process. (4) After their full trial period is over, after they have had all the instruction and development, all the correction and chastisement needed for their reformation, He will put them on final trial whereby they will be required perfectly to stand the tests that will be applied to them; and those who are faithful under these tests will gain life everlasting, and those who fail under these tests will be destroyed in the second death. Thus He will finish His posthuman experiences as man's Judge.

He will also act as a Refiner and Purifier of the human family. Terrible, indeed, has been the degradation, physical, mental, moral and religious, that has come upon the human family through their experience with evil; and Jesus, as the Refiner and Purifier of these, will cause them to pass through the Millennial fires of reformation whereby He will burn out of them, figuratively speaking, all the dross of evil, to leave them a pure symbolic metal, as they submit faithfully to those refining and purifying processes. This will continue throughout the whole thousand years; and at the end of that time it will succeed into bringing into perfect purity and sinlessness all who will be faithfully obedient during the time of their purification and refinement, fitting them for eternal life.

THE WORLD'S FUTURE PROVIDER

Finally, in the Millennial Age as one of His posthuman experiences He will undergo His experience as the Provider

for the human family. He will provide them all their needs — every mental need, every moral need, every physical need and every religious need — and this provision will increasingly be theirs as increasingly they obey; for throughout that Age they will be expected to perform works of righteousness and thereby purify themselves by His assistance from the effects of the curse. He will provide them food that they will need to strengthen them physically, mentally, morally and religiously; and He will provide them shelter that will keep them free from temptations from the Devil and the world, their only temptations being such as will come from their flesh. He will provide them righteousness as garments of salvation, as they render obedience to His holy law; and thus will He prove that He is, indeed, a marvelous Provider for His children. He will provide the faithful every help needed to overcome, when Satan is loosed at the end of the Millennial Age to test them; and only then will He cease from such provision when wilful disobedience sets in. Such wilfully disobedient ones He will let go their way — wilfully disobedient ones He will put to eternal death.

Thus Jesus will have a great variety of experiences in the Millennial Age, which, of course, will be posthuman experiences. Wonderful, indeed, are His offices, both toward the Church and toward the world. Gloriously, indeed, will He fulfil every requirement of each office that He has to those who faithfully fulfil the conditions that His office operations will require them to fulfil, even those who will gain the blessings that He has for them. The Church has been gaining such in the Gospel Age; the world will gain such in the Millennial Age; and at the end of His posthuman experiences with the human family will be His handing over to God the race perfected from sin and error, for them to serve God in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus, in the Ages of glory that will follow the Millennial Age, will have other office works to perform in the development of the universe of God, which is His Heirship, the Church being His joint-heir therein; for we should not think that He will get an Heirship that is not to be developed. The Bible says that of the increase of His Kingdom there will be no end; so, as His Kingdom will constantly increase with new subjects and new creations added thereto, as the Ages follow one another, He will work and produce fruitage unto God for the development of all of God's future plans and purposes. Rich, indeed, beyond the power of human imagination are the posthuman experiences of our Lord. Glory be to God and Glory be to Christ for these, His posthuman experiences!

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WHY PRAY, “THY KINGDOM COME”?

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CHRISTIANS IN THOUSANDS of churches every Sunday and in their homes on other days repeat, collectively and individually, what is commonly called “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matt. 6: 9-13). Generally speaking, they do so with little understanding of what they are really praying for. And worse yet, many repeat it as matter of habit, or because others do, without really making it a prayer from the heart.

One of America’s prominent preachers once said that the greatest time for lie-telling is during church hymn singing and at prayer time, when words are often ritualistically sung or repeated without being meant. With many, it is a matter of vain repetition (Matt. 6: 7).

What did Jesus mean when He taught His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”? Why did He teach His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come”? God shows us in His Word many glorious results that will come in His answer to this prayer; each one of these is a very good reason why we should offer this prayer to God. We cite a few of the more important of these reasons, giving for each a text from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We pray, “Thy kingdom come”:

(1) *Because we look for our Redeemer to appear the second time, bringing salvation:*

“For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth” (Job 19: 25).

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of [*the* — so the Greek] many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin [a sin-offering] unto salvation” (Heb. 9: 28).

(2) *Because we yearn for deliverance from this present evil world:*

“At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book” (Dan. 12: 1).

“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and [even] our Father” (Gal. 1: 4).

(3) *Because we long for the end of all war:*

“And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isa. 2: 4).

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor

crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21: 4).

(4) *Because we desire the restoration of the kingdom to Israel:*

“And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee [the Messiah] shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem” (Micah 4: 8).

“When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power [authority]” (Acts 1: 6, 7).

(5) *Because we long for the establishment of the literal, everlasting kingdom of God on earth:*

“And there was given him [Messiah, “the Son of man”] dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” (Dan. 7: 14).

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Rev. 11: 15).

(6) *Because we want all mankind to see God’s glory:*

“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it” (Isa. 40: 5).

“And all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (Luke 3: 6).

(7) *Because we long for Abraham’s seed to bless all the families of the earth:*

“And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed” (Gen. 22: 18).

“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed” (Gal. 3: 8).

(8) *Because it will signify the completion of the binding of Satan and will bring the removal of the Adamic curse and the veil of deception and error, with which he has oppressed the nations:*

“And he [God] will destroy in this mountain [kingdom] the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations” (Isa. 25: 7).

“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a [the] thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit [the condition of error, which is *bottomless*, having no real foundation], and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years

should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Rev. 20: 2, 3).

(9) *Because we desire the knowledge of the Lord to become world-wide:*

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain [kingdom]: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11: 9).

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Tim. 2: 3-6).

(10) *Because we long for the world also to have a judgment day:*

"Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth" (Psa. 96: 12, 13).

"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17: 31).

(11) *Because we are looking for the Christ, Head and Body, to overcome Satan shortly:*

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3: 15).

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Rom. 16: 20).

(12) *Because we look for new heavens [with Jesus and His Bride, instead of Satan and his evil angels, in control] and a new earth [the regenerated, restored world of mankind]:*

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind" (Isa. 65: 17).

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Pet. 3: 13).

(13) *Because it will bring the destruction of all the wicked — all who after having one full and complete opportunity for salvation are found unworthy of everlasting life:*

"The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy" (Psa. 145: 20). "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21: 8).

(14) *Because we look forward with joy to the time when all in the new heavens and the new earth will throughout the ages of eternity sing the praises of the Heavenly Father and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Savior:*

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa. 35: 10).

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth [thus including those who had fallen asleep in death], and [even] such as are in the sea, and [even] all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5: 13).

We marvel as we contemplate the many promises of wonderful blessings that will come as a result of the establishment of God's glorious Kingdom on earth. The more we study and appreciate these precious promises, the more meaningful to us will be our prayer "Thy kingdom come." God assures us that through Christ this prayer will be answered. Let us then make this prayer earnestly and joyously from the heart, with the assurance of faith that we are asking in harmony with God's will and that He will answer our prayer and incidentally bless us both in the asking and in the receiving.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

— Matt. 6: 9-13, *Revised Standard Version*

FALL CONVENTION REPORTS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 19-21

Our annual Chicago area convention was held in the suburb of Rolling Meadows, at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

Pilgrim Bro. Carl Seebald from Michigan was the Convention Chairman, and Pilgrim Bros.

Richard Blaine from Florida and Ralph Herzig from Massachusetts served as the Assistant Chairmen.

Pilgrim Bro. H.W. Roberts, our British Representative, and Evangelist Bro. John Scale, the Webmaster for the United Kingdom, served at the Convention. They had just completed a two-week visit to the Bible House on business matters; the convention was the last stop in the United States before he and Bro. Scale returned to England.



Bible mysteries are things that are incomprehensible. The Scriptural conclusion highlighted by the speakers showed the contrary.

The business session, conducted by Bro. Seebald, featured a report by Bro. Hedman via audio cassette. Bro.

Scale gave a report on the Web work in the U.K. and gave details on the forthcoming Epiphany Web site, a project to be carried forward on both sides of the Atlantic.

Bro. Roberts' report gave an overview of the British work and its prospects. He announced a forthcoming effort to mail literature to a large mailing list made up of people interested in receiving such

material. He professed his deep appreciation of Bro. Johnson's writings and remarked that if we have Bro. Russell then we are ready for Bro. Johnson.

Bro. Blaine served in the Question Meeting, fielding many interesting Bible questions. The testimony meetings proved to be a blessing, as the brethren shared their Christian experiences and the Lord's goodness in their lives.

Bro. Seebald gave closing remarks, the Convention ending with the customary Love Feast, followed by a benediction prayer from Bro. Roberts.

The brethren voted to send their Christian greetings to all.

TULSA, OKLA.

November 16-18

The last convention of the year was held in Tulsa, at the Tulsa Sheraton Hotel. Again, the Convention Chairman was Bro. Carl

Seebald. The Assistant Chairmen were Bro. Ralph Herzig from Massachusetts and Bro. Jack Detzler, an Auxiliary Pilgrim from California. The attendees included brethren from 14 different states. The Address of Welcome was delivered by Bro. John Barham from the Tulsa area.



The Convention began with the Address of Welcome, delivered by Bro. James Plankey, of the Chicago ecclesia. The theme of the Convention (and title of the symposium) was "The Trinity and Understood Mysteries." There were several discourses on the subject, combinedly touching on various aspects of the creedal trinity — its definition, the Scriptures used by its proponents, and why and how it is not proper to speak of it as a mystery. The "mystery" of the Trinity was compared with the true Biblical mysteries and a distinction drawn. A commonly held view is that



Photographs (clockwise from top): Bro. Ralph Herzig, Bro. Carl Seebald, Bro. Richard Blaine; Bro. John Scale at the Love Feast; Bro. Roberts and Bro. Carl Seebald; Brethren at lunch



The theme of the Convention (and title of the symposium) was "The Tabernacle." Five discourses were delivered, all but one being related to the Convention theme. The one exception was Bro. Seebald's discourse, based upon Eccl. 5: 1, which dealt with proper behavior on the part of the Lord's people. This subject proved to be a fitting one as the final convention discourse of the year.

The 14-part symposium was participated in by

eleven different Brothers. Many deep truths connected with the Tabernacle were explained, and the presentations were appreciated and well-received by the brethren. Bro. Seebald had charge of the business session, and after a few opening remarks, various trip reports were presented by Bros. Tom Cimbura, Baron Duncan, Leon Snyder, and Jack Detzler. Bro. Ralph Herzig conducted the Question Meeting. Bro. Seebald gave closing remarks, and the Convention closed with the Love Feast. The brethren voted to send their Christian greetings to all.

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IN MEMORIAM

Sr. Audrey Wright, Georgia, died in early November, aged about 65 or 66. She was the daughter of the late Bro. F.O. Etheridge, one of our Auxiliary Pilgrims. She was living with her daughter at the time of her death. We have no further details.

Sr. Stella Blanche Williams, St. Catherine, Jamaica, died October 26 at the age of 87.

Sr. Lavlin Ellis, of Bartons, Jamaica, died in November. We have no further details.

Our condolences go to the families and friends of these brethren. God bless the memory of them.

MY PSALM

I MOURN no more my vanished years:
Beneath a tender rain,
An April rain of smiles and tears,
My heart is young again.

The west winds blow, and, singing low,
I hear the glad streams run;
The windows of my soul I throw
Wide open to the sun.

No longer forward nor behind
I look in hope or fear,
But, grateful, take the good I find,
The best of now and here.

I break my pilgrim staff, I lay
Aside the toiling oar,
The angel sought so far away
I welcome at my door.

The woods shall wear their robes of praise,
The south winds softly sigh,
And sweet, calm days, in golden haze,
Melt down the amber sky.

Not less shall manly deed and word
Rebuke an age of wrong;
The graven flowers that wreath the sword
Make not the blade less strong.

But smiting hands shall learn to heal,—
To build as to destroy;
Nor less my heart for others feel,
That I the more enjoy.

All as God wills, who wisely heeds
To give or to withhold,
And knoweth more of all my needs
Than all my prayers have told.

Enough that blessings undeserved
Have marked mine erring track;—
That whensoever my feet have swerved,
His chastening turned me back;—

That more and more a Providence
Of love is understood,
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good;—

And death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light,
Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight;—

That care and trial seem at last,
Through memory's sunset air,
Like mountain ranges overpast,—
The purple distance fair;

That all the jarring notes of life
Seem blending in a psalm,
And all the angles of the strife
Now rounding into calm.

And so the shadows fall apart,
And so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day.

— *Poems of Dawn*, p. 268

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REPORT FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN DENMARK

DEAR BRO. HEDMAN: Grace and peace!

Another year is gone in our blessed service which our dear Heavenly Father has so graciously given to our care. I do not understand how quick the time is running. It seems to me as if it was a very short time since I sent my last report, and next year, Lord willing, I will be 90 years old, and have been the Representative for the Scandinavian branch for 35 years. Where is that time?

I remember when there were about 45 attending the conventions, and we also had a convention in Norway. Ten years ago we were about 18, but I am sorry to say, that we now are too few to arrange for such meetings. One after another our dear beloved faithful brethren have left this earth, "sleeping" in expectation for the blessings prepared for all His faithful people. So the work done is less and less. Yet I am happy to say that the few ones living here are still happy for the wonderful gift, the Truth, our dear Heavenly Father has given us. They are all growing old, but only outwards. It seems to me that as to the Truth they are growing younger in an inner and spiritual way.

As you know, I now have a new address, and my house is sold. My wife and I do hope to be as happy here as we have been in our house for many years with meetings and conventions. We have had fine neighbors, who all knew about our attitude to the Bible (The Truth), and I was happy for the warm farewell from every one of them. Most of them have Bro. Russell's Vol. 1 and *The Millennium* in Danish. I feel sure that I will see some of them again. I am specially happy that they now have the books, seeing the great events all over the world as an omen for the time in which we are living.

We do hope that all things are well with you, your family, and all the dear ones at the Bible House, and I send to you and all the dear ones over there our loving greetings with Psa. 90: 17.

Your brother by His grace,
Julius Z. Nielsen, Denmark
[Representative and Pilgrim]

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REPORT FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN GERMANY

DEAR BRO. HEDMAN: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord (2 Pet. 1: 2)!

Again another year has passed in our Lord's blessed service, which gives me pleasure to present you with a brief report of our activities.

The Motto Text for the year 2001 from Psa. 81:1, "Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob" was a blessing to us in remembering the privileges of proclaiming the Truth message and to have an assurance that God is our strength in all our experiences of life.

As time goes by we are privileged to see how the conditions in the world are growing worse and the long expected Kingdom is coming near. Our country and so-called Christian nations are running on the way of their own destruction, especially in the religious and moral matters of life. The worst of all was the new law which gives the possibility for homosexual couples to make a bond of matrimony similar to marriage (even the mayor of Berlin is a professed homosexual). We see that our Lord foretold these bad conditions, that in the day of His appearing (Second Advent), conditions would be similar to those in Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17: 28-30).

The terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. on September 11 of this year shocked all people here, even the brethren. We all have a deep sympathy for those who lost their relatives or friends by this wicked

attack. So we can see our Lord's prophecy in Luke 21: 25, 26 fulfilling more and more.

We had two general Conventions, one in October, 2000, which was held in Speyer, with Bro. B. Zenderowski from Gdansk, Poland, serving as the guest speaker. The second convention, in the Spring, was held in Velbert, near Wuppertal, with Bro. A. Szwed from Poland serving as the guest speaker. At both conventions, brethren from our country served also. We had blessed times, and the brethren enjoyed the spiritual food which was presented on the Lord's table and the fellowship between the meetings.

In July we were blessed by the visit of our dear Bro. Leon Snyder and his wife Sr. Virginia. Bro. Snyder served us at the Youth Hostel in Bad Ems on the 8th, with two discourses, 36 brethren being present. The day after, he served the Bad Ems class, with 12 brethren present.

Our most important current project is the translation of the Manna book into the German language. This work is very difficult, but the brethren who are translating are doing their best and the work is in progress.

In the name of all the dear brethren here in Germany, I send to you and all the members of the Bible House family, and through you to all the brethren in the world, the assurance of our Christian love and constant prayers.

Your brother by the Lord's grace,
Janusz Puzdrowski
[Representative and Aux. Pilgrim]

QUESTION BOX

Song of Solomon 6: 8, 9 reads, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother; she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her." Whom do the 60 queens, 80 concubines and the virgins without number represent?

These verses have to do with various groups of antitypical women who have varying degrees of relationship with antitypical Solomon.

In the large antitype, Solomon pictures our Lord Jesus; in the small antitype, the Epiphany Messenger, Bro. Johnson. The Bible frequently uses women to represent the consecrated, so the various groups of women seem to refer to different classes of God's people in varying degrees of relationship with our Lord Jesus.

Pre-1954 Application

There are two applications to verse 8 in the antitype. The first deals with the time period in the Epiphany when the Little Flock was in the flesh. At that time, there were three classes of God's consecrated people: the Little Flock; the Great Company; and the Youthful Worthies. The 60 queens refer to the 60 groups of the Great Company. They are pictured also as the 60 posts that held up the court of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, the 60 heads of the Levite groups in various Old Testament genealogies, and as the 60 valiant men who guarded Solomon's chambers (Cant. 3: 7). The 80 concubines refer to the 80 groups of the Youthful Worthies. The virgins without number refer to the individual members of the Little Flock, Great Company, and Youthful Worthies in their standing as consecrated ones.

Post-1954 Application

The second application deals with the post-1954 picture of the Epiphany work. At that time, there were also three classes of God's consecrated people. The 60 queens were the 60 groups of the Great Company, who next to the Little Flock have the closest relationship with antitypical Solomon, shown by the fact that they are referred to as queens. The 80 concubines were the 80 groups of the Youthful Worthies, who had the next closest relationship with antitypical Solomon, shown by the fact that they are referred to as concubines.

The virgins without number in this application, however, refer not to individuals, but to the Consecrated

Epiphany Camper class in general, who along with the Great Company and Youthful Worthies, have no specific number.

There are some other points of interest as well. The 60 groups of the Great Company and the 80 groups of the Youthful Worthies did not make a total of 140 separate groups. The 60 groups of the Great Company and 60 of the 80 groups of the Youthful Worthies mingled together so that there were 60 groups that consisted of both Great Company and Youthful Worthies members combined. The remaining 20 groups of Youthful Worthies were groups made up of Youthful Worthies only.

In verse 9, the one who is referred to as the dove, the undefiled one, the choice one, is the Little Flock. It states that the queens and concubines praised her, that is, the Great Company and Youthful Worthies extolled, or blessed, the Little Flock. This seems to show that the 60 Great Company groups and the 80 Youthful Worthy groups were formed while the Little Flock was still in the flesh.

The Present Day

What is the situation today? With the passage of time, it is likely that many of these groups no longer exist. Also, since the Great Company has finished its course it is apparent that the groups that yet remain consist of only Youthful Worthies. And, though they are not antitypical Levites, undoubtedly many Consecrated Epiphany Campers are associated with members of the groups that do remain.

In summary, Canticles 6: 8, 9 gives a wealth of Truth concerning the Little Flock, the Great Company in its 60 groups, the Youthful Worthies in their 80 groups, and the Consecrated Epiphany Campers as to their relationship with antitypical Solomon in both the large and small applications.

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LETTER BOX

Dear Bro. Hedman: Christian greetings to you, Sr. Hedman, and the Bible House family!

It was a wonderful time for all at the Chicago Convention! I am so thankful to the Lord that I was privileged to attend. The fellowship was such a blessing, the discourses good, and the special joy I felt at coming apart from the world for a little while and dwelling on the blessed promises of God for this poor world were so comforting and strengthening, that I find it hard to express the feeling of peace that was given me.

It was especially nice to meet Bro. Roberts and Bro. Scale. I looked over at them one time and they were chatting away with Bro. Lalite [a Brother from England, who works on our editorial staff — *Ed.*], and the joy they were sharing in being together was very sweet and a joy to see.

I have to express my thanks to my blessed Lord for allowing me to make this trip. He really worked out things for me in a wonderful way. Such a surprise . . . I knew it was the work of the Lord. All of the reports regarding the internet . . . sounded marvelous. I thought how marvelous that the Lord is using such technology to reach out to the world.

Keep up the good work; the message in the magazines is grand. May God bless you and the Bible House family as you serve Him so nobly.

With Christian love to all,
H.C., Georgia

Dear Bro. Hedman: Loving Christian greetings to you in Jesus' precious name!

Brother, we are now seeing this grand and awful time that we are living in. Though awful, it may be the Lord's people can rejoice, knowing that our deliverance draweth nigh. We are very near to the Kingdom. I saw on the television last Tuesday the destruction that hit the United States of America [written September — *Ed.*]. The hearts of men are desperately wicked, and as hard as this may seem to be, we can be sure that there is much more to come. I am in sympathy with the suffering ones. We are warned of the conditions to come. Jehovah has said that when He makes peace, who can make trouble? The Kingdom is our only hope, and may God help us to be faithful.

We all look forward to receiving *The Present Truth* and *The Bible Standard*. They are so inspiring and Scripturally informed, that truth-inquiring people find in them meat in due season.

May God help you by His grace, that you may continue to carry on His good work to the honor and glory of His name, to the blessings of His people, and to yourself. Our little class at Bartons love and continue to

pray God's grace and blessings to be always with you, your dear wife, and the Bible House family. May God's peace ever remain with you all.

Yours by His grace,

Bro. Headley Muirhead [Evangelist], Jamaica

Dear Bro. Hedman: Christian love and greetings in the precious name of our beloved Savior!

My recent service to the Pittsfield ecclesia included a Bible study on the "Great Pyramid" in Volume 3; I followed it with a discourse on "Reverence." There were eight present. My wife, Sr. Diane, and I had good fellowship with the brethren, discussing Bible questions on the Time of Trouble at a local restaurant during the noon meal.

My Colorado service included a Saturday night discourse entitled "Four Points to Consider," with 11 present, followed by a meal at Bro. John and Sr. Stephanie Evans' home. Sr. Stephanie had invited some of her neighbors to attend the Sunday morning service, and two in particular seemed to enjoy it. One of them has read the six Parousia volumes and is in the process of reading the Epiphany volumes. The new people attending were very concerned about the events that have been occurring recently; as a result, I presented some thoughts on the Time of Trouble. The second service was a brief Bible Question meeting. There were 16 present at these meetings. The brethren, as always, are eager to hear the Truth, and receive it with enthusiasm.

Sr. Diane was not able to accompany me because her mother had fallen and become injured three days before we were scheduled to leave. She was greatly missed by all. Bro. and Sr. Evans were very attentive to my needs, doing so with Christian love and zeal.

It was also my privilege to serve the Springfield Correctional Facility on September 30 with a discourse on the "Great Pyramid," in which approximately 25 inmates attended. One of the prison guards had volunteered to supervise the meeting because of his interest in the subject. There was also a staff member present who was a Bible student herself, and she asked several questions. Many looked over the charts that hung on the wall after the service. I was asked to return to give another Pyramid talk.

Our Savior and Great God indeed have blessed us with the privilege of serving Him and His Son, the Truth, and the brethren this past year. How merciful, compassionate, and generous He is to allow us to serve Him and His cause! God bless you dear brother in your service to the Lord's people.

Your servant by God's grace,

Bro. Robert Branconnier [Evangelist], Massachusetts

Dear Bro. Hedman: In November, my wife, Sr. Sandy, and I drove to Louisville, Kentucky to visit our dear Sr. Straton. Upon arrival, we found her in a Bible discussion with a sister we had met the first time we visited Louisville in 1996. We discussed various Bible related matters for several hours. We spent the following day with Sr. Joyce, discussing the Scriptures and answering and researching her various questions as best we could.

Sr. Joyce expressed her desire to attend the Cincinnati meetings (our next appointment), and her sister friend consented to bring her there and back. . . . At Cincinnati, I spoke on the permission of evil in a talk entitled, "Hope in the Ashes" and a second talk, "Milk of Logic — 2 Tim. 1: 7."

Six brethren came from Amherst, Ohio (near Cleveland). These brethren from Amherst have over the last few years practically come into the Truth by themselves, thinking they were the only ones. They travelled nearly 300 miles and were very excited . . . they have the spirit of evangelism. Expressing their desire to have someone serve them, I advised them to contact you and request service. The entire weekend proved to be a blessing. . . .

I send out a daily witness to many workmates in my company, mainly with the Manna text. Many have commented favorably and are reading *The Bible Standard*

on-line; a couple of them have subscribed. One man from another office called to say he never begins his day without the Manna and that he enjoys *The Bible Standard*. I've received favorable replies from almost everyone here at work to whom it has been sent.

We pray for the work at the Bible House and worldwide, and remain your servants in His service,

Bro. Jon Hanning [Evangelist], Ohio

Dear Brethren in Christ: What a blessing that I'm receiving *The Bible Standard and Herald of Christ's Kingdom*. I read it more than one time. . . . I would like *The Divine Plan of the Ages* and the booklet *Why Does a Loving God Permit Calamities?* I've been asked that question many times because of the things that have happened. The inquirers are "newer" Christians, not with the Lord long, so I have to back all I say with Scriptures. I remember when I was there — it's been 25 years now.

God bless all of you,

J.C., California

We welcome your letters. We reserve the right to edit all letters received. Our practice is to indicate only the correspondent's initials, except where the writer is an appointee of the Movement. You may submit your letters (for *The Present Truth* or *The Bible Standard*) marked "Editorial" to our postal address on the back page, or by e-mail to editorial@biblestandard.com (enter "Letters" in the subject line).

CHANGES TO OUR MAGAZINES

Effective January, 2002, we will be instituting important changes affecting the format and production of our magazines, *The Bible Standard* and *The Present Truth*.

The Bible Standard

The Bible Standard monthly magazine will be increased in size from 8 pages to 12 and will receive a modest redesign and a wider use of color. The subscription price will be increased from \$4.00 to \$7.00; the single issue price will be increased to \$1.50 for issues produced in the year 2002 and on. The magazine will contain an expanded variety of articles and features. Its emphasis will be on the Parousia Truth.

The Present Truth

The number of yearly issues of this magazine will be reduced from 6 to 4, and will appear quarterly (Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn). The subscription price will be raised from the current \$5.00 to \$8.00; the single issue price will be increased to \$2.50 for issues produced in the year 2002 and on. The decrease in the total number of pages annually will be made up in *The Bible Standard*, as noted above. *The Present Truth* will retain its place as the official voice of the Epiphany Truth movement. Reports and items of less relevance to the Epiphany Truth — which now account for a considerable number of pages — will be kept at a minimum, allowing us to devote the columns to deeper Epiphany articles. Although *The Present Truth* will lose 32 pages, there will be an overall increase in the annual number of published pages spread across our two publications — from 192 to 208.

We will be searching for and implementing measures designed to expand the circulation of our magazines (especially *The Bible Standard*) in order to reach the many Christians in the "camp" who form the larger part of the *quasi*-elect. Bro. Jolly eloquently addressed our responsibility toward such when he referred to our holding up the curtain of faith and righteousness and taking to them the message of Christ as Savior and King and the coming Kingdom (P'66, 47, par. 6; P'71, 88, col. 2, last para. in question; P'72, 72 (par. 30)).

The increased subscription rates will help us to keep pace with — but not cover — our production and distribution costs. The increased subscription rates apply to new subscriptions or renewals submitted after January, 2002. If you have already renewed for either magazine at the existing rate, you do not owe more.

TIMEPIECE

BIBLE STUDY

Zion's Watch Tower, June 1904

Chancellor MacCracken, of the New York University, at the recent opening of that institution, complained of the gross ignorance of the Bible on the part of students. He spoke as an educationist, looking to the production of noble and effective manhood and womanhood. Ignorance of the Bible is to all a great loss; in Jews it is a disgrace. If the clubs and classes formed for the study of Browning and Shakespeare are evidences of culture, what shall be said of those who neglect the study of the Bible?

It is not inopportune to present some reasons for the study of the Bible: (1.) It is the charter of our religion. (2.) It is the storehouse of its principles. (3.) It has essentially moulded our civilization. (4.) It is an ancient classic. (5.) It is the inspired Word of God. (6.) It is the history of our people. (7.) Its language is worthy of study. (8.) Its characters are striking and original. (9.) Its principles are exemplary and most powerful. (10.) It is an

ethical force. (11.) It unveils an ancient civilization to the world. (12.) Its fundamental ideals are yet far from realized and its declarations unexhausted mines, yielding ever fresh treasures. (13.) Its facts and principles and characters pervade all literature, which is unintelligible to those ignorant of its contents. ("The Bible in Shakespeare," "The Bible in Browning," are two recent books.) (14.) It is the battle-ground of a great science. (15.) It is the basis of three great religions. (16.) It is culture-building. (17.) Ignorance of it is gross stupidity. (18.) Knowledge of it is presupposed in every educated man and woman. (19.) It enables men to reach and move the heart of all. (20.) It is faith-giving. (21.) A great comfort in time of sorrow. (22.) An ever-present help in temptation. (23.) A great stimulus to noble living. (24.) Its view encompasses heaven and earth, opens a path in this life to walk in, and a hope for the future.

— *Jewish Exponent*

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Vol. 3, *Thy Kingdom Come* (458 pages) \$2.50
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Vol. 5, *The At-One-Ment Between God and Man* (560 pages) \$2.50
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The Millennium (488 pages; expounds many Scriptures) \$7.00
Daily Heavenly Manna and Devotional Service \$6.00
Poems of Dawn (300 choice Christian poems) \$5.00
Photo-Drama of Creation (good for children; paperback) \$4.95
Hymns of Millennial Dawn (350 hymns), \$6.00 (words only) .50
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The Restoration of Israel (48 pages; from *Studies*, Vol. 3) .50

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