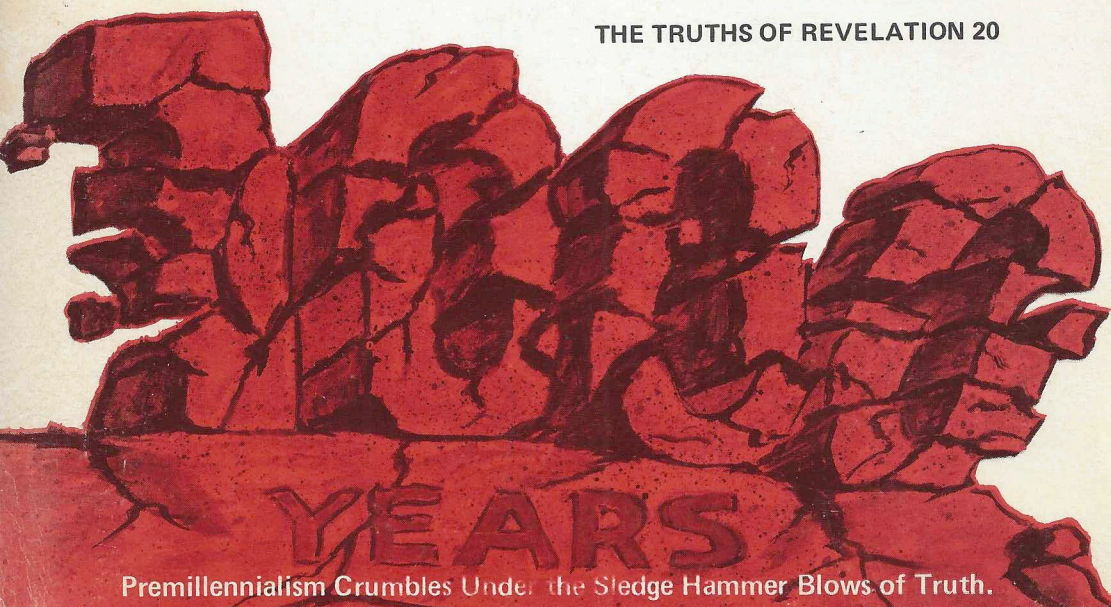


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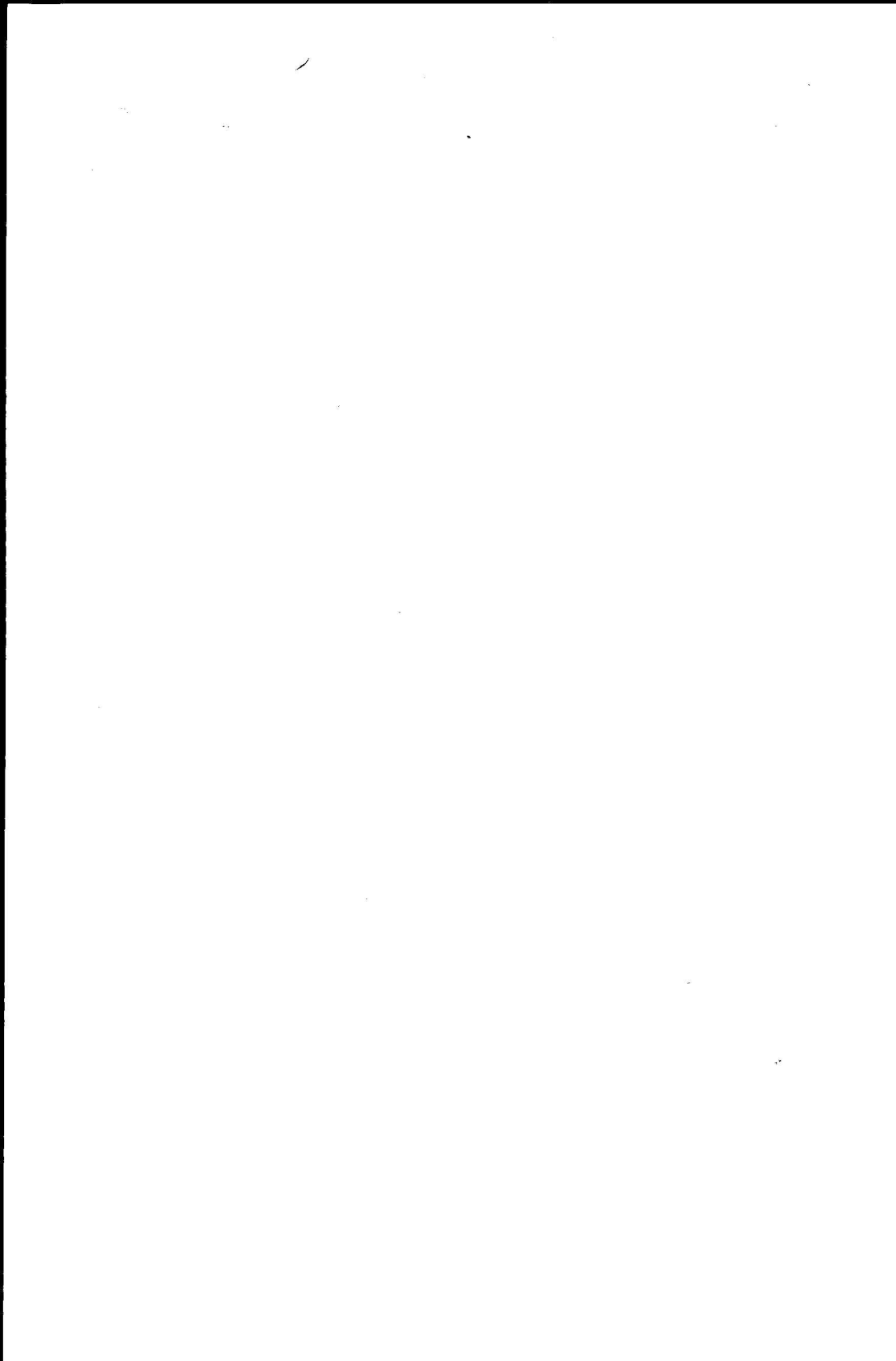
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*Ernest R. Hayes*  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

To you who shall be kind enough and interested enough to read my book on "Fulfilled Prophecies", I wish to express to you my sincere thanks. I pray that it may strengthen your faith in the God we worship, should your faith need any additional help in these days of religious confusion. I wish my brethren to be assured that what we are, IS, "what The Prophets Saw". It is my prayer that we never become confused in the midst of all these modern-day prophetic preachers. I have tried in my humble, yet plain and pointed manner, to expose the fallacies of their "premillennial reign of Christ" theory. There is not ONE WORD OF TRUTH in a single argument they make.

#### **TO MY FRIENDS**

I want my friends, who have been caused to believe that the prophecies of God FAILED and God had to POSTPONE them to a later date, to know that this means, if understood correctly, the ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION of Christianity. THIS is WHY I gave these lessons and WHY I am having this book published. It is one form of infidelity.

#### **I BELIEVE**

To my brethren may I make this suggestion that *I believe* with all my heart that the truths of this book MUST be realized by us or we shall never try to reach the world about us. *I believe* the religious world has become so

confused by these “prophetic preachers” that they have become blinded to the essential facts we must know to become God’s children. I BELIEVE, if they understood the “New Birth” they would KNOW THESE MEN ARE WRONG. All admit we must be “born again”. Yet this very ACT of the NEW BIRTH puts one INTO THE KINGDOM these men are declaring was NOT SET UP and will NOT be until Christ comes again.

### I NEED YOUR HELP

These errors MUST be MET. These men MUST be ANSWERED. They have captured the minds of the religious world. Billy Graham, Garner Ted Armstrong, Richard DeHaan, Theodore Epps, and all premillennial preachers, have TAKEN the WORLD for THIS FAILURE DOCTRINE. I NEED YOUR HELP to CONTINUE this program. It is a personal program, aired with the permission of the elders of the Highland Church in Abilene, Texas because I work for them with the Herald of Truth Radio and Television Program. Because of this it would not be ethical for a congregation to sponsor this program, “FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH”, therefore I can ONLY remain on the air with my discussions, answering the *fallacies* that you will study as you read the book. You may write to me at my home, or general delivery, better to my home, 2143 South 5th, Abilene, Texas, 79605 and make your checks to, “Freedom Through Truth”.

### THE BOOK

You could help me greatly by buying the book and telling others about it. It will have to sell for \$2.00 per copy. In greater amounts I would be glad to give you a discount. If you feel these sermons are worthy then PLEASE HELP ME to CONTINUE THEM. These lessons should be preached around the WORLD by SOME ONE who is capable of delivering them better than do I. *These* sermons are the FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY. THESE SERMONS you are NOT hearing. THESE TRUTHS not heard and believed and the rest is but a SHELL for if the PROPHECIES WERE NOT FULFILLED the New Testament is but a FARCE for it claims the DISTINCTION of being the OLD TESTAMENT REVEALED. WILL YOU HELP KEEP THIS PROGRAM ON THE AIR? Will you HELP ME GET THIS BOOK INTO THE HANDS OF YOUR FRIENDS WHO NEED TO KNOW THE OTHER SIDE?

Thanks to all who will HELP ME.

Ernest R. Harper, Freedom  
Through Truth, Radio Speaker

## LETTERS IN RESPONSE TO “FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH”

Feb. 1, 1969

E. R. Harper  
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Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear Brother Harper;

May I take this means to express my personal thanks to you for the calibre of study and the consistency of quality that you have displayed on Freedom Through Truth.

I have never heard these issues discussed in the frank manner in which you have discussed them. Most Christians are not aware of the danger that is involved when men teach that God's promises have not come true.

This goes further than basic Premillennialism; it repudiates all of the claims of Christ and threatens man's belief in the Bible as the Word of God.

It has been a pleasure working with you on Freedom Through Truth. I feel that I have learned more than a lifetime of private study in this field could have accomplished.

I believe that the “Restoration Movement” will profit for centuries to come because of your competent study of the great question “Did God's promise fail.”

God bless you, and thank you.

Your son through Him,

Jim Hollingsworth

October 25, 1968

Mr. E. R. Harper  
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Fifth and Highland  
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Harper:

I am glad to learn that you are planning to publish a part of the lectures on premillennialism that you have been giving on the “Freedom Through Truth” radio program on KRBC.

I have listened to a good part of these lessons, and I believe that they have already done a great amount of good. It seems that you have shown the error of the premillennial position from just about every possible angle. In fact, I have thought that if somebody could have given to the brotherhood such a thorough study of this subject back in the mid-twenties that the premillennial movement in the late twenties and following never would have had the influence that it did.

I have enjoyed hearing the radio programs and look forward to reading the book.

Sincerely yours,

Don H. Morris



## **PREMILLENNIALISM—AN INSULT TO GOD**

Thank you. To brother Ramey your president; to brother Winkley who wrote the letter inviting me to speak at this time; to the administration as a whole—teachers, students, and friends who are present today, I express my heartfelt thanks for this honor extended to me as well as the pleasure that is mine to address this assembly this morning on such a needed subject in our time.

I have been, and am watching the growth of your school and wish for you and it the success that is rightfully due you and those who so loyally serve you. I would say this to your administration and board, schools like this can be a blessing beyond words if it can be channeled in the right direction—kept on the right course—and the Word of God its directing compass. Let us not forget that every church in America of any age has been corrupted by its schools; that is they have been taken far from the teachings of those who started or founded them. I know of not one that has not so suffered. Shall we remember that what has made us and brought us thus far as a distinctive religious force is that which shall keep us the church the Lord built. Better methods, better trained personnel, greater visions, if possible, even more dedication to the evangelization of the world, greater dedication in our moral and spiritual lives, and an open heart to the cries of those in need during our time.

### **BASIC TRUTHS**

Let us not close our eyes to the **BASIC TRUTHS** of the revelation of God to man. Let us not be caught up in this **HYPOCRITICAL CATHOLIC DECEPTION** in their more recent plea for this **ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT** in which they have created this **DIALOGUE HYSTERIA** that is permeating the religious world and is even gaining momentum among us. It has already destroyed the will of the denominational world to fight for anything distinctive. It is paving the way for the uniting, I fear, of the Church of England, the Episcopal Church of America, the Greek Orthodox Church, the Lutheran Church of Germany and America with the Catholic Church, and is paving the way for the complete destruction of Protestantism, leaving her without a platform upon which to anchor her people. They shall, I fear, go crawling back to Rome.

Should “divided” Protestantism die? Yes as such a thousand times yes, and should come to the unity of truth. That is our task. Let us take advantage of this now in loving kindness letting them know we do not despise them, but that we love and respect them as far as they stand for truth, and this, in a religious sense, is as far as we can go with them.

When we have DIALOGUE with this ECUMENICAL CRAZE now sweeping this world, and do it with a DISTINCTIVE VOICE, though KIND, you shall see that they shall turn their ears from hearing the truth, that we have to present. Dialogue with every honest man or meeting? Yes! BUT DRAW THE LINE WITH NO COMPROMISE. Then your DIALOGUING with them shall be no more, I fear. There will be no more invitations. Maybe it will precipitate debates, instead of JUST DIALOGUES. THIS, I welcome! Then we shall grow with churches STRONG in CONVICTIONS that we ARE the CHURCH the Lord built and THAT WE ALONE are preaching the FUNDAMENTAL AND ESSENTIAL TRUTHS of the revelation of God by which the world can be saved. THIS I BELIEVE. If I did not I would join the protestant world and beg our brethren to disband for we would only be one more division in an already religiously bewildered world. Should some think this RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY then all I have to say is that the church for which we older men and the men of still another generation back fought is in the throes of digression and well on its way to becoming another denomination just as the Christian Church of our time.

### WHAT CONNECTION?

You may be ready to ask, what connection does this lengthy introduction have to do with your subject of PREMILLENNIALISM? Just this: Today these fundamental issues in some places are no longer discussed as once they were. The church of today hardly knows when it reads the announcement of such subjects what it is all about. How long has it been since you have on Sunday mornings or evenings in the more aggressive churches heard sermons on what we are ERRONEOUSLY calling DOCTRINAL SERMONS? A voyage in the time of storm on a ship without an anchor, or an unerring compass and men who know how to direct them is the most dangerous and frustrating experience known to men who realize the danger. If you should doubt this, ask my brother (C. M.) and the men who rode the ships through the murderous typhoons of the South Pacific. They know.

Before any man prays to live long enough to correct the damage done to the church by us older preachers, who are ready to lay aside our battled SCARRED ARMORS and stand before him who OWNS the OLD SHIP OF ZION and receive our condemnation for the scars we have placed upon her, may I suggest that you direct your compass to Jerusalem, of Acts chapter 2 and follow on through to the close of Revelation. Those positions; the battles fought in defense of them; the truths we have defended point out the ones you brand as false, and show us how you would come to the defense of the church today free from mistakes. Remember the churches where you preach today, most of them were handed to you as the result of the work done by us older men who some seem to feel have disgraced the church. We directed the church so it remained a DISTINCTIVE people and we DROVE FROM THE DIALOGUING PLATFORM EVERY RECOGNIZED LEADER OF PROMINENCE AMONG THE DENOMINATIONS AND THE CATHOLIC WORLD. Now shall we COMPROMISE WITH THEM? It would be interest-

ing to know how this generation shall save the church and keep her as a distinct people unless we in this generation keep alive these great truths I am to discuss today and other distinctive doctrines that need to be in the hearts of our people.

### MY LESSON

I begin the discussion of what I shall call “Premillennialism; a reflection upon and an **INSULT TO GOD.**” I honestly believe I can establish this very thing. I do not wish to accuse those who believe this theory as insincere nor do I even intimate that they are dishonest. I believe just to the contrary. I believe, though honest men, that the theory they are propagating before a confused but anxious world is an **INSULT** to God because it makes **HIM**, or **HIS** prophets, one or the other—or both—either **DECEIVERS** or destroys God as an **ALL POWERFUL** and an **ALL KNOWING** God. This I shall prove and **THIS**, I believe is the destructive force of this doctrine. It is a denial of every Old Testament Kingdom prophecy when correctly understood. It simply says, *God FAILED! This*, is an insult to God!

### MEANING

Premillennialism simply means, “before the millennium”. The doctrine is that Christ came to earth the first time to set up the earthly kingdom of David in Jerusalem and rule in His earthly body for a thousand years but **FAILED**; was *defeated* because Israel as a nation rejected Him. Having **FAILED** in His promise to Christ, the seed of David, Christ is therefore having to return to earth to undertake the correction of the **FAILURE** at **HIS** first coming. Hence the doctrine that Christ is coming back to earth **BEFORE** this **1000 YEAR REIGN** of **HIS** begins on earth. It comes from two words—“pre” meaning before, and “mille” meaning “one thousand”. The “ism” simply means the theory as being taught. As brother Foy Wallace would say, “the ‘ism’ just means, ‘it is not so’ ”. The preachers in Abilene are heard to say quite often, “We believe in the premillennial reign of Christ.” This simply means God’s promise to Christ **FAILED**. That simple. Had it *not* failed there would be no need for their “premillennial return of Christ”.

### PROGRAMS ANSWERED

The completion of this line of study is a refutation to the doctrine being taught on the “**HOOR OF DECISION**” by Billy Graham; the “**Back To The Bible Broadcast**” by Theodore Epps; “**World TOMORROW**” by Garner T. Armstrong; “**Radio Bible Class**” by Richard Dehaan; Oliver B. Green, the Adventist; Christadelphian, and the almost entire denominational world regarding the future reign of Christ on earth.

### RADIO BROADCAST QUOTATION

That you may know I am not misrepresenting them when I charge they



teach God FAILED in His first promise, I read from the tract, "The Second Coming of Elijah" from the Radio Bible Class conducted now by Richard Dehaan. "But God in HIS foreknowledge knew that Israel would reject the King when he came, and therefore the Kingdom would be POSTPONED, and not set up until His second coming—Then he adds, "They rejected the King, and *now* instead of the Kingdom comes the Cross, the resurrection, the setting aside of Israel, the *calling out of the Church*, and THEN AFTER that will come the Kingdom." This, by men who know what language means, simply says the New Testament, with all that perfected it, is no part of the Old Testament revealed promises. By the "Dehaan Theory", what we have today has no connection with the original purposes for the Lord's first advent. It is an INTERIM ARRANGEMENT for a plan gone wrong, giving the Lord time to rearrange His affairs and marshal His forces for a second trial to perform that, He so desperately, for centuries, tried to accomplish at His son's first appearing but *failed*. What we MUST see is that PREMILLENNIALISM disassociates completely the entirety of the New Testament with all its accomplishments, actions, and teachings from being any part of that promised by the Old Testament prophets. As R. H. Bell wrote "It is a new and unexpected aspect that the kingdom should assume": and like this article it suggested that "God would know what to do." Such statements hardly deserve an answer for they but acknowledge the writers have found themselves in a dilemma from which they see no escape. Hence they place this dilemma in the hands of God, suggesting *He* would know *what* to do with such an outrageous situation. Well, so do we!

### SUGGESTED ARGUMENTS FOR STUDY

1. SEED OF THE WOMAN. I can but merely suggest this for your study. In Gen. 3:15 you find the promise of the seed of the woman to bruise the HEAD of the serpent. To this seed in Genesis, chapter 22, verse 18 was the promise He would BLESS ALL NATIONS OF EARTH. This seed in 2 Samuel 7: 12,13 was to be given the THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID and BUILD FOR THE NAME OF THE LORD A HOUSE. Paul identifies this Seed in Galatians 3:16 as Christ. It was this Seed to whom was promised the Throne of David. In Acts 2, verse 30, the Spirit through Peter forever settles the truthfulness of this promise when he said that "God had raised up Christ—this seed—to SIT ON HIS (David's) Throne." This promise has therefore been fulfilled for nearly 2000 years. This seed argument, traced fully to its conclusion is a death-knell to every premillennial argument that can be made.

### THE LAND PROMISE

I but briefly introduce the Land Promise of Genesis chapters 15 through 17. It is here these premillennialists go to establish the fact of Israel's return to Jerusalem. They say, some of them, that this today in Jerusalem, is the beginning of the fulfillment of *this* promise. It is here God remade the promise to Abraham, "And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the

land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an **EVERLASTING POSSESSION**.” They base their argument upon the word **EVERLASTING**. This is answered by your next covenant--that of circumcision. In verse 13 God said, “and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an **EVERLASTING COVENANT**” and in verse 9 it states the **DURATION**, “**THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS**.” This is the point in all these covenants we may have overlooked. They lasted **THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS**. Now when the **CIRCUMCISION COVENANT ENDED** their **GENERATIONS ENDED**. Circumcision ended with the coming of the New Covenant for we read in Romans 2:28,29, “For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **BUT** he is a Jew, which is one **INWARDLY**; and **CIRCUMCISION** is that of the **HEART**, in the spirit, and **NOT** in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.” Again in Galatians chapter 5 verses 2-4 Paul declares “if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you **NOTHING**. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised that he is a debtor to do the **WHOLE LAW**. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **YE ARE FALLEN FROM GRACE**.” We need go no further to establish the fact that the “circumcision of the heart” has set aside the “circumcision of the flesh.” This true then the “everlasting circumcision covenant” has come to an end. Since it was to last only “throughout **YOUR GENERATION**” then we find also that the period called the “generations of the Jews”, as used in our Bible has come to an end. Just so it is with the “land promise” and its being “everlasting”. It was only throughout their generations. But was this promise fulfilled? If so then once fulfilled it can never be “re-fulfilled”. You have but to read Joshua chapters 12 through 23 to find it was literally fulfilled and Joshua stated in chapter 21, verse 45 “There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the **HOUSE OF ISRAEL**; **ALL CAME TO PASS**.” In chapter 23, verse 14 he again states “not one thing hath failed thereof.” Therefore the premillennial claim that this present day crisis in Jerusalem is the beginning of the fulfillment of this promise, is false.

### **BABYLONIA RESTORATION**

Today the advocates of this doctrine are using the promises made to Israel of their return from Babylon as proof texts that Israel is yet to be gathered back to Jerusalem in fulfillment of *these* scriptures. God warned Israel that after they were returned to Canaan from Egypt, that they would be destroyed **QUICKLY** from off this good land if they kept not the covenant which God commanded them, Joshua 23 verses 15,16. Isaiah 1-6 sees them as **CHILDREN** who are evil doers, corrupters, having forsaken the Lord. In this same chapter, verses 18-20 is the pleadings of the Lord where He said, “come let us reason together.” Here He promised though their sins be as scarlet and as crimson He would make them as snow and as wool. But said He to them, “if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” Isaiah chapter 13, verse one names the country--Babylon--that He shall use to punish them. In verse 17 Isaiah said, “behold I

will stir up the Medes against them.” In verse 19 the prophet said, “And Babylon, the glory of the kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.” Here He both names the country that shall take Israel captive and pronounces at the same time the doom of that nation for so doing.

### **CYRUS NAMED**

In Isaiah chapter 44 and verse 28 it reads, “That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, thy foundations shall be laid.” Beginning with chapter 45 we read, “Thus saith the Lord to His ANOINTED, to Cyrus whose right hand I have holden—I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which called thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.” Here He actually calls by name the king that shall accomplish this great work.

### **WAS IT FULFILLED?**

Our question now is, has this promise been fulfilled? We now invite your attention to 2 Chronicles, chapter 36, verse 22 where we read, “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing.” That proclamation was that God “charged me to build Him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.” Did Cyrus obey God? Begin now with Ezra, the next book in our Bible. It begins like this, “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it in writing, saying, “Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, the Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.” Thus the building of the temple was ordered by Cyrus the king of Persia. If you will read Ezra, chapters 3 through 6 you will read the story of this building of the house of God. In chapter 6, verse 15 you will find these words, “And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the year of the reign of Darius the king.” It was ordered and begun by Cyrus and completed and dedicated during the reign of Darius the king of Persia. BUT, were the people also RESTORED to Canaan, their former home? Now read for the fulfillment of this promise, Ezra, chapter 2, verse 70 and know this that is taking place today in Jerusalem has no connection with these prophecies relating to the restoration of Israel to their native land. It reads, “So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and ALL ISRAEL IN THEIR CITIES.” You see they had only been in captivity 70 years as stated in 2 Chronicles, chapter 36, verse 21 where it says, “three score and ten years”, and as said in Jere-

miah, chapter 25, verse 11, "70 years". Think you I would not know my home town, Enola, Arkansas, though I be this day 70 years old? How would the Jews today, after more than 1900 years know their cities and the correct genealogies to make sure their proper dwelling places? Their proper relationships to all the various activities allotted to each tribe?

### **FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THIS**

For further confirmation of these facts I would request that you read the beautiful description given by Jeremiah in chapter 1, verse 13 of the "seething pot" and of Ezekiel's "riddle" and "parable" found in chapter 17 where he brings the lessons of the "two eagles" and the "two vines" and their meaning. Beautiful the prophecies of God and their complete and actual fulfillments as promised. These premillennialists are mocking God when they declare His prophecies did not come true, that they **FAILED** and He is **YET** to fulfill these promises of the **RESTORATION OF ISRAEL**. This restoration was complete and cannot be **REFULFILLED**. They will have to find a later set of promises.

### **THE KINGDOM PROMISES**

With these out of the way we are now ready for the **KINGDOM PROMISES**. I am at present delivering these very lessons over radio KRBC in Abilene under the title "Freedom Through Truth". The present series is "Kingdom Journey Through the Bible" in which I have gone (at the publication of this book) from Genesis through Revelation. I shall then begin with Acts, chapter 2 for the fulfillment of these promises and carry this through the New Testament. Having done this I shall, if I have money to carry on, take up the "Church the Prophets Saw: Is it an emergency substitute for God's prophetic failures?" If I am permitted to continue over this station I shall be a voice, the only one I know on radio or TV dedicated to the answering of these men and their "Failure Concept Doctrine of the Bible". I shall then take up the "New Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31" and, if allowed to continue by way of support, I shall present here the beauty of this New Covenant of God to man. I pray for your help in this. I shall expose the Scofield Bible Commentary **PREMILLENNIAL ERROR** in no uncertain terms. I feel some voice should be up and about this task.

### **THE BASIC PROMISE**

I now come to the basic prophecy used by all, 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 12,13. Here Nathan to David says, "When your days are fulfilled and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom" and verse 13 says "forever". God said "**I WILL SET IT UP WHILE YOU SLEEP.**" Not **AFTER** your **RESURRECTION**! This alone destroys the doctrine of premillennialism. In Isaiah chapter 2, verses 2-4 the prophet says, "It **SHALL** come to pass in

the **LAST DAYS**, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we shall walk in his paths." This is a unique prophecy in that the Kingdom was literally set up on top of Mt. Zion, and was therefore exalted above all the hills close by, yet it symbolizes a greater truth, that of a Kingdom established in the midst of the great nations of earth and exalted above them all. I have literally stood on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. This is repeated in Micah, chapter 4, verses 1,2. Mountain therefore stands for governments, Daniel, chapter 2, verses 35-45. Here in Daniel, chapter 2, this stone that became this **GREAT MOUNTAIN** is pictured in verse 45 as accomplishing the same purpose as did the kingdom in verse 44. Therefore this mountain of Isaiah, chapter 2, this kingdom, was established in the "last days", while the "nations of earth were still here", that they might "flow unto it", and it was to begin in the city of Jerusalem. The question is, Did God make good this promise or did He **FAIL**? It is just that simple! In Daniel, chapter 2, verse 44 God said by Daniel, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall **NOT** be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." The question is, Did God set up this kingdom during the reign of the kings of the **FOURTH KINGDOM** as seen in the vision by king Nebuchadnezzar and interpreted here by Daniel? That fourth kingdom is no longer. Did this prophet prophesy **PRESUMPTUOUSLY**? In Psalms 89, verses 2-4 your Bible reads, "For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have **SWORN** unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish forever, and build thy **THRONE** to all generations. Selah." Verses 35 to 37 of this chapter read, "My covenant will I not break—now listen to this closely for I fear we have missed its significance—**NOR ALTER THE THING THAT IS GONE OUT OF MY LIPS**. Once have I **SWORN BY MY HOLINESS** that I will **NOT LIE TO DAVID**. His seed shall endure forever, and his **THRONE** as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness **IN HEAVEN**. **SELAH**." Did God **ALTER HIS WORD**? Did God **LIE** to David after having **SWORN BY HIS HOLINESS** that He would establish His throne? Has David prophesied **PRESUMPTUOUSLY**?

### **WHEN IS THIS TO TAKE PLACE?**

In Psalms, chapter 110, verse 1-4 we find the time when this seed of David was to rule. It reads, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of **ZION** (This is Jerusalem) **RULE THOU** in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of **THY POWER**, in the beauty of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The Lord hath **SWORN** and will **NOT REPENT**, Thou art a priest for-

ever after the order of Melchizedek.” Question, Has the God of heaven fulfilled this promise? Or did *it also* FAIL? The Premillennialists declare it has FAILED, for say they, it is YET TO BE DEMONSTRATED that God can fulfill His promises to Christ that He would give to Him the kingdom of His father David. Did He SWEAR A LIE TO DAVID? Did He ALTER HIS OATH that He said He would NOT CHANGE?

### **THE VISION OF DANIEL**

In Daniel, chapter 7, verses 13,14 is an **UNDENIABLE** passage of what took place at the ascension of Christ which I shall discuss later. It reads, “I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him **DOMINION**, and **GLORY**, and a **KINGDOM**, that **ALL PEOPLE**, **NATIONS**, and **LANGUAGES**, should serve him: His dominion, is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” The question is, When Christ ascended up on high, did God make good this promise or did he **FAIL HIM**? Did God deceive Daniel or did Daniel prophesy **PRESUMPTUOUSLY** after the fashion mentioned in Deuteronomy, chapter 18, verse 22. This doctrine as taught by Billy Graham that the only hope for peace on this earth is when Christ comes to set up His kingdom in Jerusalem and be **CROWNED KING OF KINGS**, and Lord of Lords as he stated in a telecast some three or four years ago and as taught by Armstrong, Webber, Dehaan, Epps, and others, makes all these prophets **PRESUMPTUOUS PROPHETS**, presuming to speak for God when God had not spoken. Did these prophecies **ALL FAIL**? In my broadcast in Abilene I have been begging for someone to write me the prophecy that did *not* come to pass, that **FAILED**. Not one has had the courage yet to so write. I dare say, they will not. Not even the preachers who so teach. Why? When they do say, **THIS ONE DID NOT COME TO PASS**, then God said in Deuteronomy, chapter 18, verses 20-22 that is what I **DID NOT SAY**. He has prophesied **PRESUMPTUOUSLY**.

### **HAS SHILOH COME?**

I ask who is the Shiloh of Genesis 49, verse 10? Who is the “one whose **RIGHT IT IS**” in Ezekiel, chapter 21, verse 27? Ah, my friends it *can* be none other than our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When He comes, “unto him shall be the gathering of the people” and the one “whose right it is” shall be given the “diadem and the crown”. Did God **LIE TO CHRIST** if He and He alone has been promised the **CROWN**, the **DIADEM**, the **THRONE**, the **RULE OF DAVID’S THRONE**? Who dare deny? The question for them to answer is this, Did God **FAIL HIM WHEN HE ASCENDED**? For He **DID ASCEND**, **YOU KNOW**, Acts, chapter 1, verse 11.

### **DENIAL OF THE BIBLE**

My friends, can’t we see that this entire premillennial concept is not just an



innocent theory that some innocent person holds as some private opinion and that we should just overlook it, as we are, and just “preach the denominational Christ” to the world? It is an **OUTRIGHT DENIAL OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS** and forever **DESTROYS** what we today claim to be the fulfillment of the promises of God in sending Christ to this earth. It is equivalent to **DENYING THE GOD WHOM WE SERVE** for they **INSULT HIS OMNIPOTENCE** and **SHAME HIS OMNISCIENCE**. This destroyed and so far as our good is concerned, God might as well be **DEAD** for if He can’t make good His promise made by the prophets He is a God unworthy of our complete confidence. **THIS WE MUST SEE and SHOW TO THE WORLD.** This I shall do over **KRBC** for the next 4 or 5 active years of my life if my brethren will but give me the opportunity to speak over this radio in Abilene. This truth needs heralding around the world.

### **THE DEVASTATING BLOWS TO PREMILLENNIALISM**

I shall now, hurriedly, establish this truth: If the crucifixion of Christ, if the burial of Christ, if His **RESURRECTION**, if His **ASCENSION**, and if His **CORONATION** or receiving the kingdom can be established as *facts in prophecy* then by no stretch of the imagination of man can this premillennial reign of Christ on earth be proven as a “part of the prophecies of God”. In fact, if I establish these facts as parts of prophecy, I shall prove beyond all refutation by their greatest of men, Billy Graham included, that Christ was never promised an **EARTHLY KINGDOM IN JERUSALEM TO RULE IN HIS FLESHLY BODY** for *any* length of time, much less a thousand years. These are simple truths long overlooked by us in our refutation of this **INSULT TO GOD** in denying His promises came true. If Christ came to **DIE** on a **CROSS** in 30 and 3 years, be buried, and raised the third day, remain on earth *only* 40 days and then **ASCEND BACK TO HEAVEN** to be presented before the Ancient of days to receive Dominion, Glory and a Kingdom, then for *certain* He did **NOT** come to live and reign on earth on a literal throne in His flesh for a literal 1000 years. This, **NO MAN CAN REFUTE**. In reality this is all one needs to refute the entire **SCOFFIELD PREMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST**. He could **NOT** have come to **BOTH** die in 30 and 3 years, and ascend back to heaven in 40 days, and at the **SAME** time, come to reign for a thousand years, in His flesh here on earth on David’s literal, earthly throne. *This* is **AXIOMATIC**. Dr. Graham cannot answer it, yet this will not stop him or them preaching it!

### **IN PROPHECY**

1. **FIRST, HIS DEATH.** We now turn to the one prophetic chapter in the Old Testament that neither Jew nor premillennialist can answer or explain IF their doctrine be correct. Isaiah chapter 53 is the **DEATH-KNELL** to it all. To establish in the beginning that the character in this prophetic chapter is Christ, I call your attention to Acts, chapter 8, verses 31-35, especially verse 37 where it reads “and he preached unto him Jesus”. The Ethiopian eunuch



was reading Isaiah, chapter 53, verses 7-9. Here is what we find in these verses: "He was *cut off* out of the land of the living" and "He made his *grave* with the wicked, and with the rich in his DEATH." In verse 12 it reads, "because he hath poured out his SOUL UNTO DEATH." There can be no denying that the character of this prophetic chapter DIED.

2. **SECOND, HIS RESURRECTION.** In verse 10 the prophet says, "the Lord, that is God, shall prolong his days." How, after death, could His days be "prolonged"? David, the sweet singer of Israel, answers this in Psalms 16, verse 10 as he sang "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, nor suffer thine HOLY ONE to see corruption." I but have to call your attention to Acts, chapter 2, verses 25-32 for you to remember Peter applied this very verse to the RESURRECTION of Christ.

3. **HIS STAY ON EARTH 40 DAYS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION.** To deny this would be to deny Acts, chapter 1 and verse 3 where we read, "To whom the apostles also he showed himself alive after his passion--this is His crucifixion--by many infallible proofs, being seen of them FORTY DAYS, and speaking of the things PERTAINING to the KINGDOM OF GOD." I wonder if he had by THIS time been notified from heaven that the promise to Him of receiving the kingdom had FAILED? He is here still preaching the "things concerning the kingdom."

4. **HIS ASCENSION.** Psalms, chapter 24, verses 7-10 are four of the most beautiful verses to me in all the Bible, describing the ascension of the Lord into heaven. There is another later. It reads here, "Lift your head, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." Again we hear this voice in thundering tones, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." Demanding they be certain as to the identity of this King approaching, again they ask the question, "Who is this King of glory" and the answer comes back loud and clear for all eternity. Jews and PREMILLENNIALISTS LISTEN: "The Lord of HOSTS, HE is the KING OF GLORY. SELAH." Here is a picture of His ascension that no man denies so far as I know.

5. **HIS CORONATION OR CROWNING KING.** For this I read a passage that is a two-fold passage; First another ASCENSION SCENE and the CORONATION SCENE. It reads, from Daniel, chapter 7, verses 13, 14, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man *came* with the clouds of heaven, and *came* to the Ancient of Days, and they gave unto him Dominion, 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." This is the same description, in principle, as the kingdom of Daniel, chapter 2 and verse 44. It should "Never be destroyed", it should "stand forever" and this was to be accomplished during the days of the Roman Kingdom, NOT after she had been destroyed and ceased to exist.

# PROPHECIES

## PENTECOST STARS

After David's death and before his resurrection

1. II Sam. 7:12-13
- a. Acts 2:30-31
2. Dan. 2:34, 35, 44, 45
3. Dan. 7:13-14
4. Psalms 89:34-37
5. Psalms 110:1-4
- a. Acts 2:34

After the Image appeared during the Image and before its fall.

6. Isaiah 2:1-3
7. Isaiah 9:6-7
- a. Luke 1:32-33
8. Micah 4:1-2
9. Joel 2:28-32
10. Zech. 6:12-13
- a. Hebrews 8:4

Cannot be before the last days and last days are pin pointed by Peter in Acts two.

in last days

Death — Resurrection  
Image — Fall

God won't change this covenant

# CROSS

DEUT. 18:21-23

THE  
FOUNDATION  
FOR  
TRUTH

## JERUSALEM CITY — TIME: "Last Days"

- |                 |           |   |        |
|-----------------|-----------|---|--------|
| 1. Isaiah 2:3 ) | After     | — | Before |
| 2. Micah 4:2 )  | beginning |   | ending |
| 3. Joel 2:30-31 |           |   |        |

## 33 YEARS TIME SPAN

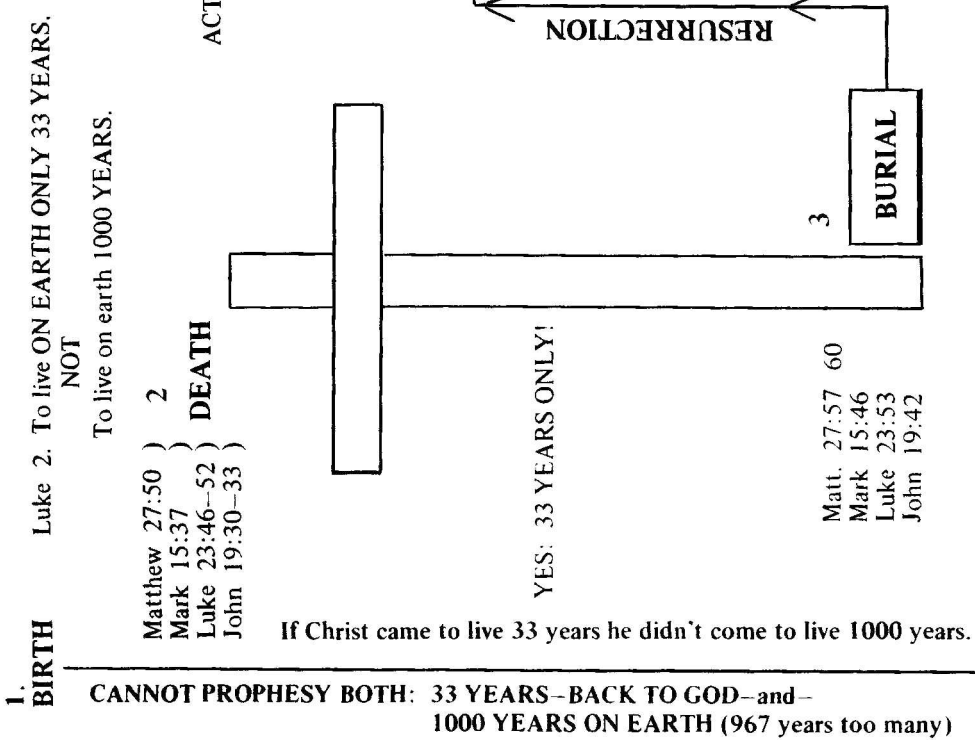
1. Birth: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7 (Luke 1&2)
2. Death: Isaiah 53:8-9
3. Burial: Isaiah 53:9
4. Resurrection: Isaiah 53:10; Psalms 16:8-11 ) 40 days
5. Ascension: Psalms 24:7-9; Dan. 7:13 ) between these events
6. Coronation scene: Dan. 7:14 KINGDOM RECEIVED

If you can prove these there is no such thing as premillennialism.

50 days

PENTECOST  
JERUSALEM CITY

# FULFILLED



**BIRTH - NOT: TO LIVE AND REIGN IN THE FLESH ON DAVID'S THRONE FOR 1000 YEARS OR MORE: LIVED ONLY 33 YEARS**

## I HAVE PROVEN

1. That prophecy foretold of the death of Christ.
2. That prophecy foretold of the resurrection of Christ.
3. That prophecy foretold of the ascension of Christ.
4. That prophecy **pictured** the coronation or the crowning of Christ as King.
5. I, likewise, established the time from the resurrection until He was taken up from them, 40 days.

## CONCLUSION OF THIS APPROACH

We have now successfully and beyond all refutation proven that prophecy could not have prophesied BOTH His crucifixion, or death; His resurrection; His stay of **ONLY 40 days** on earth; His ascension; and His coronation or crowning at the end of 30 and 3 years, IF prophecy also prophesied His coming to earth for: 1. An earthly kingdom. 2. An earthly throne. 3. In His fleshly body to reign over David's earthly possession only. 4. This for 1000 years.

These positions are diametrically opposed, the one to the other. If one be true, then the other cannot. The **CROSS** of Christ is the **DESTRUCTIVE BLOW** that **CUT SHORT 967 years** the **SCOFFIELD BIBLE COMMENTARY PREMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH THEORY**, for He came **ONLY** to **LIVE 30 and 3 years** and go **BACK TO** the **ANCIENT** of **DAYS** to receive a kingdom for **THIS** is exactly what took place. He **DID NOT INHERIT** the **EARTHLY** throne of David in Jerusalem in His fleshly body for 1000 years. **THIS** we all **MUST** admit.

## WAS THE KINGDOM SET UP?

That this kingdom was set up with Christ on David's **SPIRITUAL THRONE** is clearly established in Acts, chapter 2, verses 1-47. But there was a preparation time which began with John the Baptist and continued with Christ and the twelve.

In Matthew, chapters 1-3 we have Mary the mother of Christ as announced by the angel. In chapter 2 we have the priests and the scribes saying to Herod that Christ, who should be "governor" and "rule my people Israel" was to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. In chapter 3, John the Baptist announces "repent ye; for the *kingdom of heaven is at hand*", saying that "He was the one spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." This is Isaiah, chapter 40 and verse 3. And in Mark, chapter 1, verses 14,15 we have this Christ "preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God." We wonder if He were announcing its **FAILURE** or its **POSTPONEMENT**? Echo, answers no! *This* is what He was preaching, "The **TIME IS FULFILLED**, and the **KINGDOM OF GOD** is **AT HAND**, repent ye, and believe the gospel." Time forbids our going through Luke and John confirming this same truth, but we follow Christ to the trial before Pilate and hear Christ answering Pilate when

asked, “Art thou the King of the Jews?” and He says, “Thou sayest,” which is to say, I AM THEIR KING. Over His head, while he was still alive hung the sign by Pilate directed, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS, with never a denial by the Saviour on the cross. That we may know, as you read this in the book, that they all understood Christ as admitting He was King, we read in John, chapter 19, verse 21, the Jews saying to Pilate, “Write not, The King of the Jews; BUT that HE said, I AM KING OF THE JEWS”, and Pilate said, “what I have written, I have written.” Thus hung this sign above the bleeding brow of our Lord, the sign that CURSED and HUMILIATED to TEARS OF SHAME and DEFEAT the Jews who had so loudly cried for His “blood to be on us and upon our CHILDREN”, and also shames the premillennialists to this day.

### THE UNANSWERABLE PRONOUNCEMENT

For you who read this book I would point out this one GREAT destructive argument to every premillennialist that has ever lived. In this trial of Christ we find that every one present, NOT ONE EXCEPTION—take note you SCOFFIELD PREMILLENNIALISTS—admitted that Christ’s kingdom was *not* to be an EARTHLY KINGDOM or that He did not CLAIM HIS THRONE TO BE AN EARTHLY THRONE, NOR HIS KINGDOM LIKE THAT OF CAESAR’S (Jno. 19:15).

### THE JEWS

Present were the Jews who cry, CRUCIFY HIM. They would not have so cried had He led them on a march that day to a VICTORIOUS CROWNING of Him as their RIGHTFUL KING ON DAVID’S EARTHLY THRONE. That is what they wanted. They knew HIS REIGN was *not* an EARTHLY REIGN. They said KILL HIM, “We have NO KING BUT CAESAR” (Jno. 19:15).

### CHRIST

*Christ* knew His kingdom was not of this world for He said, “My kingdom is NOT of this world, then would MY servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is MY KINGDOM NOT FROM HENCE.” That is, not of this world. Just here I would call your attention to the war that has just closed, in fact is still continuing in Jerusalem. This “nation” that they declare today is fulfilling the prophecies of millenniums past are doing it by KILLING, SLAUGHTERING, MURDERING, AND BRAGGING OVER TV and RADIO ABOUT THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. Homes destroyed, innocent mothers and babies herded like animals in compounds. Yet they say *this* is the USHERING IN OF THE REIGN OF PEACE BY THE KING OF PEACE. Ah, yes, my friends, this PREMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH to FULFILL His PROMISES THAT HAVE FAILED is an INSULT TO GOD!

### PILATE

But last at this trial is PILATE, Rome’s representative. After he had tried

Him, heard all their hate-filled accusations, knowing they did it for “envy”, he made this EVERLASTING ANNOUNCEMENT, which shall CURSE the FUTURE REIGN ADVOCATES SO LONG AS THEY LIVE for Pilate declared before all, “I find IN HIM NO FAULT AT ALL.” Had the kingdom of Christ been the kind of kingdom these premillennialists are preaching, Pilate would have tried Him for HIGH TREASON in that He was advocating an EARTHLY KINGDOM TO OVERTHROW THAT OF CAESAR’S. *This*, they have never been able to explain away. It shall show their denials of the fulfillment of the prophecies of God to be an INSULT TO GOD so long as the world shall stand for when it has been destroyed THIS WORD SHALL STILL LIVE ON. It shall still be “I AM KING OF THE JEWS.” “MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD.” Billy Graham notwithstanding.

So, here at the mock trial and conviction of Christ we have all parties concerned. *The Jews* who want an earthly kingdom crying, CRUCIFY HIM, because He would NOT give them an EARTHLY THRONE IN JERUSALEM TO OVERTHROW that of Caesar. *We have Christ*, who is the central figure in this KINGDOM DRAMA, denying that His kingdom is an earthly kingdom of this world. His testimony that satisfied Caesar’s court was, “If my kingdom were of this world, a kingdom like Caesar’s, my soldiers would *fight* that I be not delivered to the Jews.” This is the only KIND of kingdom or king Pilate and the Caesars ever feared. The kingdom of Christ being not THAT KIND OF KINGDOM, with earthly soldiers to fight, *then we have Pilate saying*, “I find in Him no fault at all” and trying to free Him, but for the fear in his cowardly heart, he washes his hands in water and cries, “I am free from the blood of this JUST MAN, see ye to it.” EVERY PARTY CONCERNED in the KIND of kingdom Christ CAME TO ESTABLISH, NOW TESTIFIES BY HIS ACTIONS IT WAS NOT AN EARTHLY KINGDOM IN JERUSALEM ON DAVID’S THRONE. How tragic this! That Dr. Graham, and those mentioned before and ALL the PREMILLENNIALISTS together with the Scofield Bible Commentary tragedy, can’t so understand!

We have now traced the promise of the kingdom from 2 Samuel chapter 7, to the cross of Christ, John 18-19 and find Christ still preaching the KINGDOM OF GOD, that HE IS KING. Even the Thief on the cross, Luke, chapter 23, verse 42 knew that it was He who should receive the kingdom.

### STRANGE THIS!

Strange this--that God let His son come to earth, suffer all this shame and persecution, hang suspended all day between heaven and earth, dying at the hands of this hate-filled, blood-thirsty mob, still announcing to them, I AM YOUR KING, and died without His Father ever making known to Him that He had FAILED HIM: He could NOT MAKE GOOD HIS PROMISE TO HIM OF THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID. He DIED not knowing He would NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM, or He was the world’s greatest DECEIVER.

## WHY THIS?

Why did the Father allow Christ to come preaching “The TIME IS FILLED and the KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND,” and throughout His entire ministry continue preaching this same message? Why lead Him to the cross still preaching it, even at the last passover, telling His disciples He would not eat this supper again until He ate it anew with them IN THE KINGDOM, and then promising *them* a kingdom where *they* may eat the supper with *Him in His kingdom*, if God *knew* this was NOT true? Remember they ate the Lord’s Supper in the church in the first century of Christianity, Acts, chapter 20, verse 7; 1 Corinthians, chapters 10,11. If the church and the kingdom be not the same people at the same time, and in the same place then, under the direction of the Holy Spirit the disciples, together with Paul, STOLE the SUPPER FROM THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST and placed it in the CHURCH, an entirely different institution, *if* premillennialism be right. Why picture to us such a Christ and expect us to have confidence in Him when He came preaching the kingdom is at hand, the time is fulfilled; at the supper promising to “appoint unto them a kingdom”; Luke, chapter 22, verses 29-30; at His trial still declaring He was their King; and on the cross dying underneath a superscription hung there by Pilate saying, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS,” without ever one word of denial, IF He KNEW there was not a WORD OF TRUTH IN IT? We see Him either as a deceiver or as one who DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS PROMISING *if* premillennialism be true. Thank God it is not true! Christ received this kingdom and is today, as I shall prove, on that throne in heaven ruling on the throne of His father David, a *spiritual* throne; *not* an *earthly* throne.

## THE REMNANT DID

That God knew the Jewish nation would reject Him I am certain. That this did not defeat His plans I am just as certain. In Joel, chapter 2, verse 32 we have this reading: “And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: FOR in Mount Zion and in JERUSALEM shall be DELIVERANCE, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.” At no time did God ever anticipate the Jewish *nation* as willing to accept His Son. But He prophesied his *actions*: A remnant He would have. Turn now to Romans, chapter 11, verse 5 where the Spirit guided Paul to give Elias as an example of those who thought they were alone and God had no one else. He said, “Elias I have 7000 men who have not bowed to Baal.” Just so said he, “Even so NOW at THIS time—not after his second coming—but NOW at THIS TIME also there is a REMNANT according to the ELECTION OF GRACE.” In verse 7 he declares, “What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the ELECTION HATH OBTAINED IT, and the rest are blinded.” So are the premillennialists!

## TO ANOTHER NATION

Matthew, chapter 21, verses 33-45 forever answers the premillennial cry



that He could not establish the kingdom BECAUSE THE JEWS OR ISRAEL REJECTED HIM. Read it yourselves. The HOUSEHOLDER is CHRIST; the VINEYARD is Israel; the HUSBANDMEN are the Jews or Israel. They became WICKED keepers of the vineyard. Christ asked the Jews what will He--the householder--do with these husbandmen? They reply as the Lord wanted them to reply. Say they, "He will miserably destroy those wicked men and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen which shall render him the fruits of their seasons." Now listen to Christ, "Did ye never READ the SCRIPTURES, the stone which the builders rejected, the same became the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto YOU--this is Israel--THE KINGDOM OF GOD SHALL BE TAKEN FROM YOU, AND GIVEN TO ANOTHER NATION BRINGING FORTH THE FRUIT THEREOF. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken--listen now--BUT on WHOMSOEVER IT SHALL FALL, it will GRIND THEM TO POWDER." Premillennialist, be as wise as the chief priests for it reads in the next verse, "And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard this parable, they PERCEIVED THAT HE SPAKE OF THEM." Now what do we have? God REJECTED THE JEWISH NATION--ISRAEL; TOOK THE KINGDOM FROM THEM: and GAVE TO ANOTHER NATION. Question, Did God LIE to His Son in giving Him this information? God said "I will NOT lie to David." I will not even "ALTER THE THING GONE OUT OF MY LIPS." Then tell me, the JEWS DEFEATED GOD'S PLAN? Nay, they FULFILLED IT, read Acts, chapter 13, verse 27, and the REMNANT, this OTHER NATION received the kingdom (1 Peter, chapter 2, verse 9).

#### I PETER, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 4-9

In this narration Peter identifies this STONE DISALLOWED, REJECTED, and this stone of stumbling and rock of offence to the Jews. It was the one made "head of the corner", "elect and precious" in the sight of God, called here Jesus Christ. To those at *that* time who followed him Peter calls them a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an HOLY NATION, a peculiar people; that ye--THEN AT THAT TIME--not after the second coming of Jesus Christ--that ye should show forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, which in times past were NOT A PEOPLE, but are NOW--not after the second coming of Christ--but are NOW the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but NOW have obtained mercy." This is further confirmed by the Spirit's revelation recorded in 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 9-12 in which he shows that the SALVATION THEY HAD THEN was that "salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you, searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the SUFFERING of CHRIST, and the GLORY that SHOULD FOLLOW." This was His CRUCIFIXION and His REIGN on David's throne that followed. Then your Bible forever settles the truth that what we now have is exactly what the prophets foretold, including His DEATH, and His REIGN (glory) for it reads, "Unto whom it was REVEALED, that not unto

themselves, **BUT** unto us—back then—they did minister the things, which are **NOW** reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent **DOWN** from **HEAVEN**, which things the angels desired to look into.” In this we identified this “other nation” to whom the Lord gave the kingdom. It was in existence nearly 2000 years ago, so reads your Bible, by the Holy Spirit given, made up of Christians, both Jews and Gentiles.

### **WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE—OR WHAT KIND OF NATION?**

That we not become confused by these men in their determination to establish an **EARTHLY KINGDOM IN JERUSALEM** I shall now establish the fact that this **NEW NATION** or kingdom given to **ANOTHER PEOPLE**, is a **SPIRITUAL NATION**, a **SPIRITUAL** people and **NOT** a **FLESHLY EARTHLY NATION**. That this **SPIRITUAL NATION** is made up of fleshly, earthly people is a fact too well known to labor its proof. But that they are to constitute now a **SPIRITUAL HOUSE** or **PEOPLE** I shall establish. In verse 5 of 1 Peter chapter 1 we read, “Ye, also, as lively or living stones, are built a **SPIRITUAL HOUSE**, an Holy Priesthood, to offer up **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” This is in direct contrast with the old Jewish **HOUSE** or kingdom. *It was* fleshly Israel, but *now* **WE ARE SPIRITUAL ISRAEL**. Galatians chapter 5, verse 23 reads “But he who was of the bond woman was born **AFTER THE FLESH**; but he of the **FREE** woman was of **PROMISE**.” In 1 Corinthians, chapter 10, verse 18 your Bible reads, “Behold Israel *after the flesh*; are not **THEY** which eat of the **SACRIFICES** partakers of the altar?” In Galatians, chapter 6, verses 14-16 we find the people who are saved by the Cross of Christ are called, “The Israel of God”. In Romans, chapter 9, verses 6 and 8 Paul declares, “For they are not all Israel which are of Israel—They which are the **CHILDREN OF THE FLESH**, these are **NOT** the children of God: **BUT** the children of the **PROMISE** are counted for seed.” Here the **SEED** of Isaac, who is the **SEED** of Abraham, who are the **SEED** of the promise, are called “Israel”. But they are **NOT FLESHLY ISRAEL**. That you may know the “seed of promise” the “seed of Isaac”, called in Isaiah, chapter 53, verse 10 the “seed of Christ” is a **SPIRITUAL** people, a “spiritual house”, I read again from 1 Peter, chapter 2, verse 5 where your Bible reads, “Ye—are a **SPIRITUAL HOUSE**”—to “offer up **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES**.” So the “Israel of God” today is not “fleshly Israel” and never shall be (Romans 2:28,29). The “Israel of God” today is Spiritual Israel. It is the “house of God”, which Paul calls the “church of the living God” in Ephesians, chapter 3, verse 15 and also called by the writer of the Hebrew letter chapter 12, verse 28, “A kingdom which cannot be moved whereby we—at that time, not after the second coming of Christ—we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

### **TWO BIRTHS—TWO KINGDOMS**

That we may further see the absurdity of this “future reign of Christ on earth” concept, I would call attention here to the two ways men entered these

two kingdoms or covenants. In Galatians, chapter 5, verses 22-31 is that called an "allegory". Two women, two sons. One was born after the flesh; the other was born of promise. These represent two covenants. One, Mt. Sinai in Arabia, representing the fleshly and earthly Jerusalem. The other covenant represents the Jerusalem from above, which is the mother of us all. Now in verses 28,29 it is spelled out. "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born *after the Spirit*, even so it is now." He concludes by saying, "So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free." That is, the "Israel of God", Galatians, chapter 6, verse 16 is not BORN AFTER THE FLESH but AFTER THE SPIRIT. To so climax this that the reader can never stand before God and his blood cry at my hands, should he read this, I must now show how this SPIRITUAL BIRTH is perfected.

### **SPIRITUAL BIRTH**

We turn now to John, chapter 3, verses 3-5 where the Lord said, "Except a man be BORN of WATER and the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the KINGDOM OF GOD." Here is the Spiritual kingdom—the Israel of God—the SPIRITUAL HOUSE this "holy nation"; entered only by a SPIRITUAL BIRTH of "water and of the Spirit". This is that other nation to whom the Lord gave the kingdom when He TOOK IT FROM THE JEWS. God DEFEATED? A million times no! Their rejection but FULFILLED or COMPLETED the promises made by the prophets that He would take it from the Jews, have a remnant handy, and give it to ANOTHER NATION—ANOTHER PEOPLE who were not a people then, but are NOW, at that time, the PEOPLE OF GOD—"THE ISRAEL OF GOD", 1 Peter, chapter 2, verse 10; Galatians, chapter 6, verse 16. Hence we have the TWO BIRTHS; the one of the FLESH, the other of "water and the Spirit". John, chapter 3, verse 5 called the "spiritual birth". Yes WATER, no matter how hard these same Premillennialists some of them deny it, Water is IN this NEW BIRTH. Think this over with an unprejudiced mind for it is by this NEW BIRTH of "Water and the Spirit", yes Christ said "Water" we enter this NEW KINGDOM of which Christ is now King.

### **ITS ESTABLISHMENT**

Now to the question: Were these prophecies regarding the establishment of the Kingdom fulfilled? Turn now to Isaiah, chapter 2, verses 2-4. Here the mountain of the Lord's house was promised. Its beginning place was JERUSALEM—Mt. Zion. The prophet Micah, chapter 4, verses 1,2 makes this same promise—Jerusalem. Joel in chapter 2, as I have already quoted said in verse 32 "deliverance shall be found in Mt. Zion and in JERUSALEM." Mt. Zion is the HEART of Jerusalem. I have walked her dirty and filthy streets. Daniel, chapter 2, verse 44 declared this kingdom would be established during the reign of the kings of the FOURTH BEAST. That was Rome. Isaiah prophesied it would be "in the last days." So during the "last days", during the "Roman Kingdom", in "Mt. Zion, in Jerusalem" we are to find the absolute

and certain fulfillment of ALL the hopes, dreams, and promises made by the Old Testament prophets. Not one of them having failed. This kingdom was never promised to any seed but that of David, admitted by all to be the Christ born of Mary, the Virgin in Luke, chapters 1,2.

### **ALL THINGS SPOKEN OF CHRIST**

In Luke, chapter 24, verse 44 Christ speaking says, "All things must be **FULFILLED** which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the **Psalms concerning me.**" Then he speaks of his suffering, which is his crucifixion, and declares that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, among all nations, **BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.**" He bears witness with the prophets that Jerusalem shall be the **BEGINNING CITY.** Then He commands them to "tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high." Here He was "carried up into heaven" from them.

### **THE RETURN TO JERUSALEM**

Christ now ascends to the Ancient of Days. Ten days He is with the Ancient of Days, receiving His "dominion, glory, and kingdom" as mentioned in Daniel, chapter 7, verses 12-14. The apostles are now in the city of Jerusalem awaiting the coming of the "promised power" for it is said in Acts, chapter 1, verse 8 that "ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The Holy Spirit as promised them by the Lord in John, chapters 14, 15 and 16 to "guide them into all truth" is now to be fulfilled unto them here in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost AFTER the resurrection of the Lord. It has now been 50 days since His crucifixion scenes. The apostles are in Jerusalem awaiting the promise of the Spirit that they may receive the power or authority to begin the announcement that the prophecies of the Old Testament are now being fulfilled as promised. The Spirit comes upon them. They begin to speak "as the Spirit gives them utterance" (Acts 2:4). The crowd assembled. The Spirit, through them, began to speak. Never since God made Adam had the Jewish nation ever seen or heard any such demonstrations as were being performed right before their eyes and in their ears. There were gathered devout Jews from every nation under heaven and they were hearing these Galileans speak, every man in his own tongue, wherein they were born. The Bible says, "They were **AMAZED**, and were in doubt, saying one to another, what meanest this?" But others mocking said, "These men are full of new wine." That is, they must be drunk!

### **4000 YEAR OLD SERMON**

It is here that begins all eternity's greatest and most profound sermon ever delivered through mortal man. Here hangs the destiny of all mankind for all eternity. It is now 9 o'clock on what we call today, Sunday morning, Pente-

cost, the first day of the week. Here begins the Kingdom promised by the prophets. Here begins the reign of Christ on David's throne. Here is announced for the first time on earth the plan by which man's sins may be forgiven by the blood of Christ. Here is the first time man was commanded to "repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Here is the day the church the prophets saw, had its beginning; as we say, was established. This is the day Christ became the reigning King on David's throne, verse 30; this is the day He became the head of the body the church as stated in Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 22,23. This is the day He was announced as Lord, verse 36, which means this is the day He became Lord of Lords and King of kings, 1 Timothy, chapter 6, verse 15. To these statements there is NO ANSWER. That you may know the testament of Christ began after His death read Hebrews, chapter 9, verse 15-17. That it was after His resurrection He was given all power, read Matthew, chapter 28, verse 17; Romans, chapter 1, verse 5. It is now that Peter begins to announce this is the time foretold by the prophets. He is the man to whom the Lord said in Matthew, chapter 16, verse 19, "I will give unto thee the KEYS of the KINGDOM of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This is only DELEGATED AUTHORITY. It is binding, for God is its POWER. WATCH WHAT HE BINDS. It is here the entire doctrine of premillennialism is "weighed in the balance and found wanting."

### **THINGS HEAVEN BOUND**

Peter begins this great sermon by these words, verses 14-36. "Ye men of Judea and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words. For these men are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing this is but the **THIRD HOUR OF THE DAY.**" (This is why we know it is 9 o'clock for the third hour of the day IS 9 o'clock.) Then he says, "But this **IS THAT** which was **SPOKEN** by the **PROPHET JOEL**" and here he quotes Joel, chapter 2, verses 28-32 in which the prophet declared, that in "Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance as the Lord hath said, and in the **REMNANT** whom the Lord shall call." They are in Mount Zion, which is the **HEART** of Jerusalem: right place! Verse 17 reads, "And it shall come to pass in the **LAST DAYS.**" This is the right time as declared by Isaiah, chapter 2, and Micah, chapter 4, "the **LAST DAYS**". It is also during the reign of the "**FOURTH BEAST**" of Daniel, chapter 2, verses 40-44 when Rome held sway over the entire world. **PETER** declares, **THIS IS IT.** Verse 23 declares, "Him being delivered by the **DETERMINATE COUNSEL AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD**, YE have taken, and by wicked hands have **CRUCIFIED AND SLAIN.**" This is the literal fulfillment of Isaiah, chapter 53, the **CRUCIFIXION SCENE.** Beginning with verse 25 he quotes Psalms, chapter 16, verses 8-11 as having been fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ.

## THE GREAT PROPHECY

Now begins the greatest of all prophecies fulfilled as relating to the promised KINGDOM. (2 Samuel 7:12-13) Dr. Graham, Dr. Armstrong--on World Tomorrow, Dr. Richard Dehaan and all others lend me your unprejudiced ears and hear the Holy Spirit speak to us through this man of God to whom the Lord has given the Keys of the Kingdom of heaven with power to bind. Verse 29, "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both DEAD AND BURIED and his sepulchre is with us unto THIS DAY. Therefore 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 CHRIST TO SIT ON HIS THRONE: HE SEEING THIS BEFORE SPAKE OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST, that his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption. THIS Jesus hath God RAISED up, whereof we are ALL WITNESSES. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted--(here is the ASCENSION AND CORONATION OR CROWNING SCENE OF DANIEL, chapter 7, verses 13-14 FULFILLED)--EXALTED, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost or Spirit, he hath shed forth THIS which ye NOW see and hear."

My friends here is the announced FULFILLMENT of the promise of the prophet in 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 12,13 where God promised the seed of David to "establish his KINGDOM", and to establish the "THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOREVER." Peter BOUND this prophecy as having been FULFILLED THAT DAY by THE RESURRECTION of Christ from the dead. He QUOTED THIS VERY PROPHECY. Yet they DENY THE KINGDOM WAS SET UP AND THIS PROPHECY FULFILLED, SAYING THAT IT FAILED and Christ is HAVING TO RETURN TO MAKE GOOD THIS PROMISE. An INSULT TO GOD? That is MILD LANGUAGE.

## GREAT THIS PROPHECY

Should this not be plain enough as to *this day* being the day of fulfilled prophecy, then listen to verses 34,35. Here Peter quotes from Psalms 110, verse 1 where he says, "For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith *himself*, The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand until I make thy foes thy footstool." This prophecy was fulfilled THAT DAY as quoted by Peter. But what further does this prophecy say, and THIS is David's prophecy. Dare we DENY HIS PROPHECY? (FRIENDS, WHAT IS WRONG? WHY NOT GIVE UP THIS PREMILLENNIAL FUTURE REIGN OF CHRIST THAT HE MAY COME AND FULFILL THESE VERY PROPHECIES that Peter here QUOTES AND DECLARES "THIS IS THAT SPOKEN BY THEM?") The next verses in Psalms 110 declare, "it is the day of his STRENGTH IN ZION"; that is the right place; it is when He is to "RULE IN THE MIDST OF HIS ENEMIES"; It is the day when His "people shall be willing"; It is the "day of His POWER"; It is the SWORN PROMISE OF THE LORD that, "Thou art a PRIEST FOREVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK." Here, the day of His POWER, when He should "rule in



the midst of his enemies” until they “become his footstool”, is the same day or time when He was a “**PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.**” Hebrews, chapters 4-10 declare in no unmistakable words that Jesus was “made an **HIGH PRIEST FOREVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK,**” back then, chapter 6, verse 20. Now, what of this time? Peter, in Acts, chapter 2 and verses 34,35 declared all these were fulfilled **THAT DAY.** In Acts, chapter 11 and verse 15, referring to Pentecost Day, called it the “beginning”.

### **PETER'S CONCLUSION**

In verse 36 comes his final conclusion. It is **NOT MISUNDERSTANDABLE.** He, by the Spirit said to them, “Therefore let all the house of **ISRAEL** know assuredly that God hath—not **WILL,** at his second coming, but **HATH—made** this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, **BOTH LORD AND CHRIST.**” Lord means **RULER.** Christ means the **ANOINTED OF GOD.** It is the word for Messiah of the Old Testament, the one for whom Israel had been looking to be their King for lo, these millenniums. You know Paul declared Him to be, “Lord of lords, and King of kings, the **ONLY POTENTATE,** 1 Timothy, chapter 6, verse 15 (**LET THE POPE AND THE CATHOLICS TAKE NOTICE**). John in Revelation, chapter 17, verse 14 also declared Him to be “Lord of lords,” and “King of kings,” notwithstanding Dr. Billy Graham in one of his telecasts sometime back announced to millions that Christ was returning to establish or set up His kingdom and then He would be **CROWNED** King of kings, and Lord of lords. Sorry Billy, but the Bible is right!

### **THE ONLY CONCLUSION**

Now that we have found what Peter bound that day in Jerusalem, the right place and the right time, namely, the prophecy by Joel, chapter 2, verse 38 to close; Psalms, chapter 16, verses 8-11, Isaiah chapter 53 on the resurrection; 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verse 12,13 the promise of the Kingdom; the coronation scene of Daniel, chapter 7, verses 13,14, and Psalms 110, verses 1-4, we **MUST** conclude that Christ kept His promise and **BOUND ON THAT “PENTECOST DAY”**, the **FULFILLMENT** of these prophecies. This true then all these men, though honest they may be, are wrong. Their teachings therefore are not “innocent theories” to be left alone by us that we may have peace among the denominations. They are a **DENIAL** of the Old Testament. They brand God as a deceiver or, a man who did not know and who **FAILED.** It reflects upon the omnipotence of God; it insults the omniscience of God. It denies in principal that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed; and the New Testament, the Old Testament **REVEALED.** For if the prophecies did not come true, Christ is **YET** to return to undertake a *second* **TRY** at fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies; a **FAILURE** one time experienced. It simply means that what we have today is **NOT** what God foretold by the Old Testament prophets for if what they teach was his purpose for coming had been fulfilled we would not have the New Testament today. Think this over! I



would love to see the man that would undertake to begin with Acts 2 and conclude with verse 47 and prove these prophecies DID NOT COME TO PASS AS PETER DECLARED THEY DID. This is the OTHER SIDE of this issue that the world about us has never heard. No voice by national radio or TV is crying out against this pernicious error after the same fashion “they” are propagating it. I have a radio program in Abilene, Texas. I call it “Freedom Through Truth.” I am now discussing “Kingdom Journeys Through the Bible.” When through with this I shall discuss the “Church the Prophets Saw”, Is it an emergency substitute for God’s prophetic failures, and then the “New Covenant” promised by Jeremiah. I shall not leave one argument of this error to stand. That is, I shall do this IF my brethren feel this issue is worthy of our defense, it should be told to all the world.

### THE MESSAGE CHANGES

From the day of Pentecost on we have a different message. We find the Kingdom here on earth. Listen as I hurriedly give you these Scriptures. Acts, chapter 8, verse 12 Philip is "Preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ." He was preaching to them and "They were baptized, both men and women." What were the THINGS CONCERNING THIS KINGDOM? Was it that it had failed and therefore postponed? Would this have inspired them to be baptized? Christ, in whose name this kingdom was being preached had said in John, chapter 3, verses 3-5, "Except a man be born of water, yes WATER and the Spirit he cannot ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD." This was WHY they were baptized! Ah, my friends, why fight it? Did these ENTER THE KINGDOM? Not if it were postponed and will not be here until, no one knows when!

### KINGDOM OF GOD'S DEAR SON

In Colossians, chapter 1, verse 13 the Bible reads, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath—past tense—hath translated us *into the kingdom of his dear son.*" Whose kingdom? The kingdom of Christ. How could this be if it had not been set up and would *not* be until "who knows when"?

### KINGDOM RECEIVED

In Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 28 your Bible reads, "Wherefore WE—then, NOT after his SECOND COMING—WE RECEIVING a KINGDOM which cannot by MOVED, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a CONSUMING FIRE." Why did they have to have this kingdom? To serve God with "reverence and godly fear". Yet these men today are teaching you that you are NOW, TODAY, WITHOUT THE KINGDOM, serving God with "reverence and godly fear". They could not back then. How can you now? Why not surrender this Scofield Commentary DENIAL of the prophecies? Yes it is a COMMENTARY. It is NOT a simple Bible. Yet millions have bought it thinking it a

Bible—even hundreds of MY brethren. It is responsible for most of this tragic error.

### IN KINGDOM OF CHRIST

I now take you to Revelation, chapter 1, verse 9 where John, the recorder of the trial of Christ, directed by the Spirit, recorded accurately the happenings at this trial, John, chapters 18,19. He wrote for all time and eternity these words when Pilate asks Christ, “Art thou the King of the Jews?” Christ replied, “Thou sayest I am.” That is, Yes, I am. He now writes by this *same* Spirit these words, Revelation, chapter 1, verses 9-11, “I, John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, AND *in* the KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST, was in the Isle that is called Patmos, for the WORD OF GOD, and the TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ.” Again John writes, this time verse 6, “and hath made us kings, and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and DOMINION forever and ever. Amen.” Dominion means “rule or authority.” Here he has been given that “dominion” and the “Kingdom” recorded in Daniel, chapter 7, verse 14. Here, *we* are kings, that is *we* rule *with* Christ while here, *on earth*. Here over 1900 years ago, John and the seven churches of Asia, to whom this letter was written, verse 11, were *all* “In the KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST.” In Paul’s letter to the Saints in Colosse, and in the letter to the Hebrew Christians, they were all in the “Kingdom of Jesus Christ,” a Kingdom that “could NOT BE MOVED.” Question? How could this be true IF the premillennialists have the truth, that the kingdom FAILED and will therefore not be SET UP until the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST? One thing for sure—He had not COME THE SECOND TIME DURING THE FIRST CENTURY, and yet *they, then* were in HIS Kingdom, so states our Bible.

### HOW ENTER?

One outstanding principle reigns throughout. From Acts 2 through Revelation 1, all came into the Kingdom by “believing and being baptized.” Acts, chapter 2, verse 38 they “repented and were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ FOR the REMISSION of SINS.” In Acts, chapter 8, verse 12 they were “baptized, both men and women.” In Colossians, chapter 2, verse 12 they were “buried with Him in BAPTISM, wherein also ye were RISEN with Him through the faith of the OPERATION of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.” The Hebrew Christians in Hebrews, chapter 10, verse 22 were advised as follows, “Let us draw near with a true heart in FULL ASSURANCE of faith, having our BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER.” This the writer declared was the “new and living way”, with an “high priest over the HOUSE OF GOD”, and your Bible declares that this was the “covenant” by which His laws were “put into their hearts” and by which their “iniquities **will be remembered no more**”, and by which they “received remission of sins.” (Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 16-18). No where do we get “water”, PURE WATER, in our New Testament except in BAPTISM. And last, but

not least, are those in Revelation, chapter 1, verses 9-11 in which is mentioned by name the church in Ephesus. They also believed and were baptized in the name of the Lord AFTER surrendering the baptism of John the Baptist.

### THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

Turn to Acts, chapter 19, verses 1-7 and we find those in Ephesus had only the “baptism of John the Baptist.” They *surrendered* his baptism and were “baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.” It says “the number of men were about 12.” Do you claim to have John the Baptist’s baptism? Then give it up as did these.

### BAPTISM DENIED

Is it not strange that most of these “premillennial” preachers are also repudiating the command of “baptism” as essential to man’s salvation and his entrance into the kingdom of God, as well as denying the kingdom of Christ is here now and has been for lo, these nearly two millenniums? Strange indeed, when in so many words *both* are recorded in our Bible with the Lord Himself commanding “all nations” to be “baptized *into* the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” Matthew, chapter 28, verses 18-20; RSV; and when each of the examples given in our Bible where they were *both* in the church AND THE KINGDOM, they were, in each example, “baptized” and also where they were saved and enjoyed the remission of their sins. There is *no* exception!

### GATHERED THE JEWS—ISAIAH—11

Before I close this lecture I wish to notice the argument made, based upon the promised return of the Jews, in Isaiah, chapter 11 verses 1-12. Here, it is contended, is the promise for a second re-gathering of Israel to INHERIT THE EARTHLY KINGDOM OF DAVID AND THE LAND PROMISE made to Abraham in Genesis chapter 17. Upon careful investigation we find this is not in “our future”; that it has already been fulfilled; that it is only the “remnant” as is also spoken of by Joel, chapter 2; and they shall be gathered from the “four corners of the earth”; an “ensign shall be set up for the nations”; this gathering shall be made up of the “outcast from Israel” and the “dispersed from Judah” all this has been fulfilled in Jerusalem, Acts chapter 2, verses 5-11. It will be seen that here is the *uniting* of the Jewish people into *one* people and in God’s sight there will no longer exist in this New Kingdom the old divided condition of Israel. This destroys the purpose of Garner Ted Armstrong’s fabrication regarding England and America being parts of the “ten tribes of Israel that are to be gathered to Jerusalem,” that the Kingdom of Prophecy be set up because in God’s sight there exists no longer the *two divisions* among the Jews, they became one in Christ Jesus. This divided kingdom is found recorded in I Kings, chapter 12. The same

answer and explanation here, showing them “one nation” at the time foretold in Isaiah’s writing is the answer to Jeremiah 23:5,6 where this “stem” is called, “The Lord our righteousness”, and in Zechariah 3:8 where he is called the “Branch”, and 6:12,13 where this Branch is the one to “reign upon his throne”, at the *time* He is also a “PRIEST”. This is the temple built by Him, which symbolizes the church and or the kingdom of Christ. It also answers the Mormon’s quibble about the “two sticks” in Jeremiah chapter 37, in which he plainly symbolizes by these two sticks the *uniting* of the *two divisions* of Israel’s people into “one nation.” All this is *prophetically pointing to the reign of Christ*. They are PENTECOST STARS, ILLUMINATING the path of events more clearly until these stars finally stand over the city of Jerusalem on Pentecost Day when these prophecies were all fulfilled.

### GATHERED IN JERUSALEM, ACTS 2

All these things are to take place during the reign of the “stem of Jesse”, who in Isaiah 11:1 is called the “BRANCH.” The peace and happiness of this glorious event is symbolically pictured in the illustrations of the “wolf dwelling with the lion”; the “leopard with the lamb”; and the little child “playing on the hole of the asp”, and “putting his hand on the cockatrice den.” This is not a *literal* handling of the one, the other. It is a beautiful description of the peace that should be enjoyed in the “New Kingdom” during the reign of the “stem of Jesse”, the “BRANCH”, who is our RIGHTEOUSNESS now and the “*priest who is reigning on his throne now.*” That priest is Christ our Lord, Hebrews chapters 4 through 10, who is priest now and therefore on His “throne now” for He was a “priest” while “on his throne”. Zechariah 6:13.

### ISAIAH 11 AND ACTS 2

Now to one of the most potent arguments, to me, in your Bible based upon prophecy and its fulfillment. This that shall take place here in the gathering of Israel from the nations of the earth to Jerusalem, called a “second time” to “recover the REMNANT of his people as recorded in Isaiah chapter 11:10,11, was to take place in that day when this “root of Jesse” should stand for the “ENSIGN OF THE PEOPLE”, and when the “Gentiles shall seek His blessings. It states here, the very point I made before, “And his REST shall be GLORIOUS.” As gloriously peaceful and happy as the symbol or picture here of the “wolf, the lamb, the leopard, the kid, the calf, and the lion, the cow and the bear all lying down together.” This is to be brought about by the “knowledge of the Lord covering the earth as the waters the sea in this *new nation.*” These animals, living peacefully in this symbolic illustration is picturing to us the peace to be enjoyed in Christ Jesus, this “Ensign of the people” as they come into His Kingdom. It is not a literal fulfillment of these beasts.

## WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

In Isaiah chapter 11 verse 11 is named the countries from which the REMNANT was called. The strength of this prophecy is found in Acts chapter 2:8-11 and climaxed with verse 5. Every place mentioned in Isaiah 11:1-12 is either mentioned specifically or included in verse 5 here mentioned in Acts 2. Trace them on your map. Here in Acts 2:5 the Holy Spirit put the final touch to it all in that it reads, "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of *every nation under heaven*." The very claim that is made by the Premillennialists that God had promised to "re-gather Israel" from every nation under heaven to Jerusalem that He might "set up his kingdom" is exactly what has taken place here in Jerusalem with God's remnant nearly 2000 years ago. Here is the LITERAL FULFILLMENT of Isaiah chapter 11, verse 1-12 which includes the prophecies mentioned from Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah, just read.

## JEWS AND ISRAEL

That you may know the "one kingdom" or "nation" promised by the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 37 where he said they shall be "one nation", with "one king" and no longer "divided into two kingdoms", I read to you now the fact that in Acts chapter 2 we have mentioned BOTH the "Jews" and "Israel." Here the TWO tribes and the ten tribes are fused into ONE NATION—into ONE KINGDOM and Peter declares that "All Israel," this includes both the "Two Tribes" and the "Ten Tribes" for they were all a part of Israel; that "all Israel" should know assuredly that God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

## JEWS

In Acts 2:5 it reads, "Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven" and in verse 22 Peter says, "Ye MEN OF ISRAEL" and in verse 36 he addresses them all as the "House of Israel" in which he included the ENTIRE GROUP BEFORE HIM ASSEMBLED. Here is the fulfillment of the UNITING OF THE TWO KINGDOMS, the "two sticks", into ONE NATION—ONE KINGDOM—with ONE KING and that King, was pointed out to them as the "Christ raised to sit upon the throne of David, this "stem or seed of David", in verse 30 above. Ah, my friends, who hear me or who read this book and this manuscript, know the PROPHETS DID NOT FAIL. This has all been fulfilled. Christ is NOW on David's throne as promised by all the prophets from Samuel's day, Acts 3, until the gathering of the Jews on Pentecost day, the occasion of the "passover feasts" at which time they were gathered as foretold by Isaiah from the nations of earth. This prophecy cannot be "refulfilled" for it *literally* came to pass—once a prophecy is fulfilled that prophecy ends. His Kingdom is a "Spiritual Kingdom" with its throne in heaven, Ps. 85:35-37.

## PAUL PINPOINTS ISAIAH 11

Turn now with me to Romans chapter 15, verses 8-17 and hear Paul identify this "Root of Jesse" in Isaiah chapter 11, who shall "RISE TO REIGN over the Gentiles" by "offering them up as acceptable to God by the 'GOSPEL of God'". He calls by name this "root of Jesse". Here the name of identification is, "Jesus Christ." This prophecy has therefore been fulfilled in Christ. I close this with these beautiful verses: "Now I say that JESUS CHRIST was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to *confirm* the *PROMISES MADE UNTO THE FATHERS*," Romans 15, verse 8. This once and for all confirms that what they were then, WAS and IS that spoken by the prophets and in Christ all was fulfilled. In verse 9 we continue to read, "And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, for this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again, he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord all ye Gentiles; and laud him, ALL YE PEOPLE." Not just the Gentiles, but in "Christ Jesus he is the Saviour to all people" (Luke 2:8-11). And now the UNANSWERABLE VERSE 12, "And AGAIN, Esaias saith, this is Isaiah chapter 11, verse 1 and 10, "There shall be a ROOT OF JESSE, and he that shall RISE to REIGN over the Gentiles; in HIM shall the Gentiles trust," Isaiah 11:1-10. Then in verses 16,17 Paul writes, "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the GOSPEL OF GOD, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God." All this was promised by the prophets and fulfilled in Christ at his first coming and *not* at his second coming. Had he come only to be an earthly king none of this could have been in the prophecies. Neither could Christ have been the Gentiles' hope.

That this "New Kingdom", this "New Nation" is composed of both the Jews and Gentiles we have but to quote verse 26 of Romans 15, concerning the contribution sent them from the Gentiles where it reads, "For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia (Gentiles) to make a certain contribution for the poor SAINTS WHICH ARE IN JERUSALEM (Jews)." We read in Acts 2 where 3000 of these saints in Jerusalem had been baptized the same day after having been commanded by Peter to "repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." It was in this chapter they became citizens of the kingdom with Christ having been RAISED to SIT on DAVID'S THRONE, verse 30, and where the Lord "added to the CHURCH" those being saved, verse 47. Here is the fulfillment of a two-fold prophecy in 2 Samuel 7:12-13, showing that the way you become a citizen of the kingdom, you also become a member of the church, all at the same time. The Kingdom and the Church both on earth then at that time. The CHURCH is the people CALLED OUT OF THE WORLD TO SERVE GOD:



the KINGDOM is the GOVERNMENT PLACED OVER THEM and Christ is its ABSOLUTE KING. Same people, same place, same time. This is NOW! *Not* at his second coming!

### NEVER AGAIN

Never again can the Premillennialists affirm truthfully that Isaiah chapter 11 is YET to be FULFILLED and the Jews are to be returned again the SECOND TIME, for this spoken by the prophet was a "remnant", Isaiah 11, verse 11, and Paul in Romans chapter 11, verse 1-7, declared plainly and quoted this prophecy, proving it was all fulfilled in Christ when He came the FIRST TIME and now today both Jew and Gentile are citizens of His Kingdom and members of His church. Hence no "Church Age," separate and distinct from the "Kingdom Age." They were together on Pentecost Day in Jerusalem in A.D. 33.

### CONCLUSION

I have now proven that all the promises discussed concerning the "promised seed" from Genesis 3:15 to Revelation 1:6-9, have been fulfilled in Christ at His first advent. The prophetic STARS that shone so dimly in the distant past in the Garden of Eden, have continued through the prophets to glow more brightly until they hung o'er Calvary's cross and illuminated the sign that hung above the Saviour's head, placed there by Pilate, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS", and finally STOOD OVER JERUSALEM ON PENTECOST DAY in the coming of the Spirit to the Apostles, as promised, when Peter declared the Christ whom they had crucified had been *raised* up to "SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE." This cut them to their hearts; they saw they had crucified their long looked for Messiah, the Seed of David, their promised King and they asked WHAT TO DO and the answer was FORTHCOMING and 3000 of them, with penitent hearts, obeyed the command of God that day to be baptized for remission of sins. And remember Christ said "whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." This true then the *prophecies* were not only bound *that day*, BUT the *terms* of salvation, the *conditions* of *entrance* INTO THE KINGDOM and *into* the CHURCH were *all* announced as Peter SPAKE in Acts 2:1-47 AS THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE HIM UTTERANCE. There is NO OTHER WAY and Peter in Acts 11:15 called this day the day of Pentecost, the "BEGINNING." These are all "bound in heaven." Matt. 16:18, 19.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE KINGDOM

But one wishes to know, what shall happen to the Kingdom established on Pentecost? Turn now for the last remarks to I Corinthians 15:12-26. Here is the resurrection chapter of the Bible. Paul is confirming the fact of the resurrection by bringing to them the truth of the resurrection of Christ. Now he tells them what shall happen when Christ comes again. It is NOT to fulfill his prophetic failures and to ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM. Just the

opposite. It reads, "Then COMETH THE *END*—NOT THE BEGINNING—when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have PUT DOWN ALL RULE AND ALL AUTHORITY and POWER." It will be remembered that the people of the Kingdom were also the people of the Church. The Church being the people and their government the Kingdom. Hence both delivered up to God at the second coming of Christ. Now *WHY*, I ask YOU Premillennialists should Christ rule this long in heaven? The answer is, "For he MUST REIGN, TILL he hath put ALL enemies UNDER HIS FEET—(isn't that what Psalms 110:1 and Acts 2:33-35 both declared?) "The LAST enemy that shall be destroyed is DEATH." How long does Christ REIGN? Until the LAST ENEMY IS DESTROYED. Who is this LAST ENEMY? DEATH. How is death destroyed? By the RESURRECTION, John 5:28; Revelation 1:18. When does this resurrection of the righteous come? The LAST DAY, John 6:44. Now the second coming of Christ is on the LAST DAY. The SECOND COMING OF CHRIST is the END of His RULE. The SECOND COMING OF CHRIST is the END of DEATH. The SECOND COMING of Christ is when the FATHER TAKES OVER THE RULING POWER of this KINGDOM and *it* shall literally HAVE NO END for there will be no more King to sit on God's throne ruling over His people. This is why it is referred to as the "everlasting Kingdom" in 2 Peter 1:11. Since the RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS ON THE LAST DAY, there cannot be 365,000 days AFTER the LAST DAY. Since the RIGHTEOUS are to be RAISED ON THE LAST DAY, there can be no 1000 years between the resurrection of the RIGHTEOUS and the WICKED unless the WICKED are RAISED FIRST, for the RIGHTEOUS, those who come to Christ by the Father, are RAISED UP AT THE LAST DAY. Martha knew this also, for in John chapter 11 and verse 24 she declared, "I know he shall rise again in the RESURRECTION at the LAST DAY."

This destroys every argument made for a "rapture"; for a "thousand years reign" based upon Revelation chapter 20, for since Christ is reigning NOW on His THRONE, until the LAST ENEMY, which is DEATH, that is overcome by the resurrection at the "last day", then there will be NO place for one single argument being presented by this group to transpire. His SECOND COMING THEREFORE IS THE END OF HIS REIGN, NOT THE BEGINNING. It is the end of the world!

### A PLEADING

I come pleading with those who deny the prophecies were fulfilled to surrender this FAILURE CONCEPT and come with us, REJOICING from our HEARTS that God is OMNIPOTENT and OMNISCIENT and knew from the beginning that His promises would NOT FAIL. Help us to SPREAD the BORDERS of Christ's kingdom until it reaches every soul accountable to God and until, in His kingdom the "will of God may be done as it is in heaven," Matthew chapter 6, verse 10. It is in His Kingdom His will is to be done and not just during some "so-called millennial reign" way down the future, yet to be. It is NOW!

This question is asked, "How was it that God could fulfill every prophecy in the Old Testament but this one great prophecy, promising Christ a Kingdom? Why did it fail?" You may answer, "They rejected him as king." I answer by saying they also rejected Him as their Saviour, Redeemer and High Priest. Why did these then not fail? If the rejection of one caused it to fail. Why not the rejection of the others cause **them** to also fail? If God possessed the power to fulfill all the other promises though they be rejected, then why did He not possess the power to fulfill the promise of the Kingdom? You see this argument does not hold. The Kingdom promise did not fail. He took the Kingdom from the Jews and gave it to another nation, Matthew 21, verses 33-46. To which nation I have already discussed, I Peter, chapter 2, verses 1-10, with special emphasis on verse 9.

## THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: IT'S RELATION TO GOD'S ETERNAL PLANS FOR CHRIST NO. I

May I thank you who are listening to my lessons on my, KINGDOM JOURNEYS THROUGH THE BIBLE. I know some may say, Well it is just another one of those lessons of the prophecies; or on that kingdom question, I realize that some may grow tired of such lessons; but, my good people, the prophecies and their truthfulness become the foundation of our hopes in Christ Jesus. For *generations* others have been preaching to you this FAILURE CONCEPT of the prophecies, telling you the promises of God, by them, did *not* materialize and for that reason Christ is having to return to complete the work they say God sent Him to do the first time but failed. If Christ had finished that work for which they declare He came; had He set up that *earthly* kingdom of David in Jerusalem while in His flesh, there would be *no need* for His *returning* for that *SAME* PURPOSE. THIS is *what* our world has *never* been caused to realize. They have never been brought to see that, by such teaching, God's promises FAILED. I press again this question for any man to answer. If Christ HAD received the earthly kingdom of David over Israel for which they claim He came to set up; if He *had* begun His reign over that earthly kingdom; and *had* remained on earth until *now* over THAT kingdom, please point out to me just ONE, not a hundred, but just ONE BLESSING that would have been fulfilled, that *has* been Christ's and ours, to enjoy since He returned to God's right hand. Just ONE! You see what Christ is NOW; what He means to us NOW; the blessings of salvation we enjoy NOW, were *all* made possible because of Christ's resurrection and because of His having returned to the right hand of God. Just point out *one present honor* in Christ; *one present blessing* to us, especially to us Gentiles, that would have been His *or* ours, to enjoy, had Christ *remained* on earth, in His flesh, on David's earthly throne in Jerusalem. JUST ONE. You see if Christ had to return to *God's right hand* for *just one* of these blessings, He then could *not* have remained on *earth*. How could Christ have become our Saviour; our Redeemer; our Advocate; our mediator; our sin bearer; our substitute; our High Priest to offer Himself on Calvary for our sins; our hope of a resurrection; had He lived *on earth* on David's earthly throne, as the King over Israel only? And that is absolutely *ALL* DAVID'S reign included. This true, then I ask you, HOW WOULD HE HAVE BECOME *OUR* KING? How could *we* have received this NEW BIRTH? Please, I beg of you who are preaching this FUTURE KINGDOM THEORY, point out to me the blessings and advantages *we Gentiles* would have enjoyed by an *earthly reign of Christ on David's Throne* over Israel only. Please point out the advantages and blessings that the *Jews* would have received that would have been *greater*

to *them* and more advantageous to them than reconciliation to God through Christ by the Cross of Calvary as in Ephesians chapter 2, verse 16. Even this FAILURE DOCTRINE in setting up their earthly kingdom with Christ on David's throne turned out to the salvation of the Jews *and* ours. Then tell me that not *one* of these great blessings to both the *Jews and* us Gentiles was in God's original purpose for sending Christ to earth to die for my sins and yours? My good friends WHAT has gone wrong with our religious thinking that we are denying the prophecies came true and teaching the world that, the "CHURCH AGE", is an "EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE" during an "INTERIM PERIOD" between the ascension of Christ and His second coming as the result of God's prophetic failures?

### CHRIST'S PURPOSE FOR COMING

What Christ is NOW, and what He is doing for us *today*, was THE purpose for His coming to earth. NOT ONE PROMISE OF GOD FAILED! NOT ONE! If so *please* write me today and point it out to me that I may correct this statement over this radio program and ask forgiveness of God; and you. I am going to make this statement this morning: Not one promise of God to man, whether unconditional on man's part *or conditional* on man's part, has ever failed. Just point out one. JUST ONE! Those denying the kingdom prophecies came to pass, they are *obligated* to tell us what would have been the *condition* of the *Jew and* the Gentile *this day had* God's promises *come true* as they teach and tell you God intended, when He sent Christ to earth. Suppose God HAD set up David's earthly kingdom and suppose Christ *were* ruling on David's earthly kingdom NOW, describe to us what would be taking place *now* in the religious world between the Jew and the Gentile. During David's earthly reign the two were fighting. Read to us the prophecies describing what would be the relationship between the Jew and Gentile *during* this earthly reign on David's throne giving chapter and verse that you are so loudly proclaiming was the original purpose for Christ's coming to earth. According to your theory, tell us where the present things that *are* actually *taking place today* as Christ sits at God's right hand, were spoken of in the prophets. Then show us how these things *now* at God's right hand could have been promised IF at the SAME TIME these same prophets had prophesied that Christ would *not* return to God's right hand but would instead remain on earth on David's earthly throne in His flesh. *You, my friends*, should *demand* an answer to these things. The question that I have asked here I feel as certain as I am speaking to you, that my audience has never thought to ask them. I am *just* as certain, that many who are preaching this FUTURE KINGDOM DOCTRINE have likewise, never thought of these questions I am asking. They just tell you that Christ is coming again to set up His "World Tomorrow"; his "Earthly Utopia"; or his "Golden Age" on David's earthly throne. They never explain to you that if that doctrine be true then Christ did *not* come to earth as our Saviour, but as the King over David's earthly kingdom, over Israel only and failed. I would love to sit in their audience and hear them undertake to point out how Christ, at God's

right hand *today*, could be *all* that He is now, and do *all* that He *is* doing for us: now, IF their doctrine *had come true*; had Christ come to earth *just* to inherit David's earthly throne in Jerusalem and live and reign in HIS FLESH. You see by their theory they would HAVE to deny that Christ came to live but 30 and 3 years, be crucified, resurrected, and return to God's right hand. For, if ALL this be true, then He DID NOT COME to live in His flesh and rule on an earthly kingdom for lo, these two thousand years and maybe longer.

### LET THEM TELL US

Let them tell us just HOW LONG THE PROPHETS DECLARED CHRIST WOULD REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE, *LIVING IN HIS FLESH*. Let them read the prophecies that tell us WHAT CHRIST WOULD DO AFTER HIS EARTHLY REIGN ENDED. What was to take place THEN on earth? Let them give us the PROPHETIC PRONOUNCEMENTS and explanations of what was to take place AFTER CHRIST ENDED HIS EARTHLY REIGN. Let them point out to *both* the Jews *and* to US what *spiritual* blessings would have been *theirs and* ours to enjoy together had Christ *remained to this day* on an earthly throne. What blessings would have been more *glorious* than the blessings I have pointed out to you, yes actually read to you right from your Bible. My friends, Christ was never promised an earthly kingdom. He will never inherit an earthly kingdom. He came to both DO and BE *just* what He HAS DONE and what He NOW IS. Who in his *right mind* will deny this? I am pointing out to you *what* Christ ACTUALLY DID and *what* He now ACTUALLY IS. Could it be possible that neither of these is WHAT HE CAME TO DO, AND BE? At least, WHAT I AM PREACHING *is* what He actually DID and IS, as He sits this day, at God's right hand. What THEY preach and tell you He *came to do and be*, HE IS NOT. THAT WE DO KNOW.

### QUESTION

Now which one shall you live, work, and die for? That which he DID AND IS, that I am presenting, or THAT for which they say HE CAME TO DO AND BE BUT could not? *This alone* would cause ME to leave this FAILURE DOCTRINE, telling me that the prophecies of God FAILED as promised by the prophets. *This alone* would cause me to surrender these HUMAN FABLES and turn to WHAT CHRIST ACTUALLY DID AND IS *THIS DAY AS HE SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND*. It is YOUR soul and that of your children that I am concerned about. Accept this theory that denies God's prophets spake the truth if you so wish but as for me and mine, IF I am able to influence them, we shall believe that what Christ *has* DONE and what Christ *now, this day IS doing*, is *that* for which God sent Him to earth. One thing I repeat again: This that I am preaching *is* what Christ ACTUALLY DID and what he ACTUALLY IS, and is what SAVES OUR SOULS FROM A DEVIL'S HELL. If the world desires to *deny* that Christ came for THIS PURPOSE, and teaches its children that Christ was originally

sent to do just the opposite, that God's promises FAILED, that is the world's privilege, but I beg you, come thou with us and help us to get this great truth to our world before it is too late. Christ is NOT RETURNING TO JERUSALEM TO ESTABLISH THE OLD DAVIDIC KINGDOM AND RULE FOR 1000 YEARS OR ANY PERIOD OF TIME. He is REIGNING NOW on David's SPIRITUAL THRONE and men are TODAY, THIS DAY, BEING BORN AGAIN INTO Christ's spiritual KINGDOM, John chapter 3, verses 3-5. Yet many have been caused to believe *we* do not *teach* that man must be BORN AGAIN. O, *yes we do, but we* know WHY he is to be BORN AGAIN. It is to ENTER NOW INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, SO SAID YOUR LORD and HE SHOULD KNOW. BUT IF THE KINGDOM WAS NEVER SET UP, THEN THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE NEW BIRTH for *its* PURPOSE was to make one a CITIZEN of this prophetic kingdom. No KINGDOM; no need for the New Birth. If one is actually "born of WATER—yes Christ said WATER and the Spirit" then Christ declared he entered "INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD", John chapter 3, verse 5, and it was Christ its King, speaking. Friends, honestly, WHAT IS WRONG? Why *preach* the NEW BIRTH but *DENY* THE KINGDOM'S BEING HERE, FOR THE NEW BIRTH PUT ONE *INTO* THAT KINGDOM. *This* can't be answered.

## HEBREWS

I now continue my discussions of this question by studying with you the Hebrew letter written to the Hebrew Christians. If you will read this book and then follow my lessons taken from it you will see this book is one book that will COMPLETELY destroy every possible argument presented in favor of this FUTURE KINGDOM REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH ON DAVID'S THRONE. Not one TRUTH presented in this book, that is essential to man's salvation, could have happened IF these theories be true that these men are presenting, such as, "The World Tomorrow" with Christ on earth; this "Earthly Utopia" at Christ's second coming, as is being preached by one of the world's greatest evangelists; and this "Golden Age" theory that shall take place when Christ returns to set up His kingdom, as they are presenting. Not one! If they are preaching the truth then the entire book of Hebrews to the Hebrew Christians, is a *sad mistake* and a pathetic commentary, for if these men be true the Holy Spirit was wrong OR, this book of Hebrews was written by UNINSPIRED MEN and is a BOOK OF FABLES, *BUT* this book *IS* INSPIRED AND RIGHT. To introduce to you this letter to the Hebrew Christians I read from Hebrews chapter 8, verse 1 where we find these words, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the SUM:" I wish us to comprehend the complete meaning of this expression, "THIS IS THE SUM". "We have such an HIGH PRIEST, who—now listen right good—who *is* SET ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF THE MAJESTY IN THE HEAVENS. A MINISTER of the SANCTUARY, and of the TRUE TABERNACLE, which the Lord pitched, and NOT man". *But* one may ask, Of whom is the writer speaking? He never mentioned the Christ. In two



chapters before, the writer had already identified the HIGH PRIEST OF GOD when in Hebrews chapter 6 and verse 20 he wrote, "Whether the fore-runner is for US entered, even Jesus, made an HIGH PRIEST FOREVER after the order of Melchizedek". In the verse just read from chapter 8, this High Priest who is SET ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY IN THE HEAVENS is this same Jesus. Therefore THIS LETTER to the Hebrew Christians is relating to them the great blessings they were THEN receiving in Christ, who was at *that very time*, sitting at God's right hand. The writer is proving to them that the priesthood of Christ so far surpassed the priesthood of the old Davidic Kingdom that they MUST *sever all* ties to THAT regime and surrender themselves to this better priesthood that was granted to Christ as He sits at God's right hand. THIS is one of the reasons WHY he has written this letter to the Hebrew Christians. He was trying to get *them* to *completely* surrender this EARTHLY KINGDOM WITH CHRIST ON DAVID'S EARTHLY THRONE WITH THE EARTHLY PRIESTHOOD CONCEPT that kept bothering them. He has written this letter to THEM, the JEWS, not to US GENTILES, to keep *them* from forsaking the priesthood of Christ, *at God's right hand*, and going back to what he called the "house of Moses the servant". In Hebrews chapter 3, verses 1-3, it reads, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and HIGH PRIEST of OUR PROFESSION, Christ Jesus; who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house". And now LISTEN CLOSELY—"For THIS man was counted worthy of MORE glory than MOSES, inasmuch as he—this is Christ—inasmuch as he who hath BUILT the HOUSE hath more honour than the house". Then in verse 5 the writer says, "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house; as a *servant*, for a testimony of those things TO BE SPOKEN AFTER". There was something to come AFTER MOSES AND HIS LAW AND the PRIESTHOOD under HIS LAW. Just *what was* that to come AFTER? Christ on an earthly throne? Nay, verse 6 tells us, "But Christ as a SON OVER HIS OWN HOUSE: whose HOUSE ARE WE, IF we hold fast the confidence ~~and~~ the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end". The Jews were about to give up the priesthood of Christ. He wasn't having any trouble with the Gentiles, trying to keep THEM from wanting to be UNDER this Old Davidic priesthood and rule. It was these JEWS he was trying so hard to keep from rejecting Christ and HIS priesthood at the *right hand of God*. Yet today Gentile preachers are trying to get you to believe that this old Jewish Kingdom was the *kind of* kingdom God was to restore to the Jews with Christ on David's earthly Throne. They declare God FAILED, and is bringing Christ BACK TO EARTH to restore to the Jews the *very thing* the writer of *this Hebrew* letter is trying SO HARD to prevent them from believing. Why do the Gentiles today want and try so hard to restore *that* kingdom and PUT US under that priesthood, from which this letter so earnestly, is striving to prevent back then? So here I have again established this same great truth that was so beautifully and wonderfully pictured to us in Ephesians and Colossians by Paul, the inspired apostle to US GENTILES, that Christ was resurrected and seated

at God's right hand to become ALL THESE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS TO BOTH THE JEWISH NATION AND TO US, the Gentiles. In this Hebrew letter he is pleading so hard with them NOT to go back under this old Jewish rule that has been abolished in the death of Christ, but to surrender it completely and put themselves under the priesthood of Christ at God's right hand as they had been led to do, but have allowed themselves, as have some today, to desire the EARTHLY RULE OF DAVID which would restore this Jewish PRIESTHOOD.

### HOW CAN YOU?

O, I know that most every one listening to me this morning, is ready to say, "But Brother Harper, WE believe EVERY WORD OF WHAT YOU ARE PREACHING except on the Kingdom. We believe we are no longer under the law of Moses that we are no longer under the Jewish priesthood but under the PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. Why do you MISREPRESENT US SO? I am not DENYING that you think you believe in the Priesthood of Christ; and that you feel you have been freed from the law of Moses and its priesthood. That is NOT the point and it is for THAT REASON I am saying this again. You CAN'T BELIEVE *THAT* and believe at the same time the reason they give for Christ having to return to earth to set up the old Davidic Kingdom in Jerusalem for 1000 years. You just CAN'T believe that Christ came to live on earth for ONLY 30 and 3 years, be crucified, arise from the dead, ascend back to God's right hand, to be made our High Priest that our souls might be saved from sin and at the SAME TIME believe that Christ did NOT COME TO EARTH TO be crucified, resurrected, to ascend back to God in 30 and 3 years to become our High Priest that we GENTILES MIGHT BE SAVED you can't believe what I am preaching and at the same time believe that Christ came ONLY to set up David's earthly kingdom to live and reign over it in His flesh until now. One *just can't* believe both!

### ONE OR THE OTHER

If he came for one of these He DID NOT COME for the other. *My* good friends, have never *seen* the tragic contradiction and the PATHETIC DILEMMA that one involves himself in when he undertakes to believe *both* of these CONTRADICTORY THEORIES. Christ either came to die, be resurrected and ascend as He did, back to the right hand of God to be made our Saviour, our Redeemer, our High Priest, that we might be saved by His blood shed on Calvary, and be made our High Priest to make reconciliation for our sins or He DID NOT. It *had* to be ONE OR THE OTHER. Christ either came to sit on David's earthly throne in Jerusalem in His flesh as these men are teaching you, until now, or He DID NOT. We know ONE THING; HE DID NOT inherit an earthly throne. We know another thing; HE DID ASCEND BACK TO GOD AND *IS* AT HIS RIGHT HAND *THIS DAY* AS OUR SAVIOUR, OUR REDEEMER, OUR HIGH PRIEST MAKING RE-

CONCILIATION FOR OUR SINS BY THE BLOOD OF THE CROSS. We know another thing. He is **DOING EXACTLY WHAT I AM PREACHING AND HE WENT BACK TO GOD'S RIGHT HAND TO BECOME ALL THIS**, for on **EARTH** He could *not* be *this* **HIGH PRIEST** to reconcile us to God. You ask, Brother Harper how do you **KNOW ALL THESE THINGS?**

### LET OUR BIBLE ANSWER

Let our Bible answer this question: Read now with me from Hebrews chapter 8, this same chapter from which I took my text, verse 4; it reads, "For if he—this is Christ—for if he were **ON EARTH**, he should **NOT BE A PRIEST**". Now **WHY?** Do you my listening friends know **WHY?** Your Bible tells us, "Seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the **LAW**". Now I ask you: Had Christ never become our **HIGH PRIEST** would we be saved? Would we? Well let our Bible answer again, this time Hebrews chapter 2, verse 17 where it reads, that Christ "became a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to **GOD**, to **MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE**". How did Christ receive this marvelous grace for us? By His resurrection from the dead and His ascension back to the right hand of God. On earth, on David's earthly throne, He could never have been our high priest that either the Jews or Gentiles be saved. I close with this question. Did Christ come to earth to save our souls from sin by His precious blood, as He sits at God's right hand, as our **HIGH PRIEST** to make reconciliation for the sins of the people or did **HE NOT?** If **THIS** is that for which He came and who will this deny, then He **DID NOT COME TO INHERIT AN EARTHLY THRONE TO RULE IN HIS FLESH AND GOD WILL NOT DEMOTE HIM TO SUCH A LOW STATE** at His second coming. But listen as I continue this study of the Hebrew letter to the Hebrew Christians when I shall read to you from this Hebrew letter that Christ *is* the fulfillment of this prophecy in Psalms 115:6, "Thy throne, O God is for ever and ever; the sceptre of **THY KINGDOM** is a **RIGHT SCEPTRE**". Yes the "Book of Hebrews: Its Relation to God's Eternal Plans For Christ" is made clear proving that God **SEATED CHRIST AT HIS RIGHT HAND** to both *DO and BE just what He is this day*. Who will deny this? But may God bless and keep you is my prayer always in the name of Christ, my King. Remember I am your friend **ALWAYS** for **FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH**. Remember, Christ was never promised an **EARTHLY KINGDOM IN JERUSALEM NOR AN EARTHLY PRIESTHOOD**. He had to ascend to God's right hand to receive **BOTH**. His Spiritual kingdom and His spiritual priesthood. We today enjoy both by the New Birth, John 3:5. Yet preachers tell you we do not believe in the New Birth of John 3:3-5. Yes we do and we retain the "water" in it just as Christ put it in. Do you? Why not?

## THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: IT'S RELATION TO GOD'S ETERNAL PLANS FOR CHRIST NO. II

Today I am continuing the subject, "The Book of Hebrews: Its Relation to God's Eternal Plans for Christ". Man cannot believe this letter to the Hebrew Christians if he understands its teachings and believe and teach the "FUTURE REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH IN JERUSALEM". I am not unmindful that many thousand would disagree with this statement. They tell me they DO believe *both* the things written in this book, while at the same time they claim to believe in the premillennial reign of Christ on David's earthly throne in Jerusalem. This seems to refute my statement. You ask, Brother Harper how do you harmonize your suggestion with the plain statement of thousands that they DO BELIEVE BOTH the book of Hebrews AND the premillennial reign of Christ on Earth. Just this: They THINK they believe both. In this they are honest. The difficulty is; they have never come to grips with what the book of Hebrews *really* teaches concerning the *mission of Christ to earth the first time*. They have never come to see *yet* that Christ could NOT have come to earth to BOTH live in his flesh on earth on David's earthly throne in Jerusalem and, at the *same time* be and do what the Hebrew letter teaches concerning the mission of Christ to earth. If Christ came to do what the book of Hebrews teaches, then he COULD NOT HAVE COME TO EARTH TO REIGN ON AN EARTHLY THRONE until NOW. THIS, I hope to make plain to you who listen. The statement I have made IS true. You can't believe BOTH for they are contradictory.

In our last week's introductory letter to the Hebrew Christians I read to you where the things taking place with Christ, today, had to take place AFTER CHRIST died, after He was resurrected and after He had ascended *back* to the RIGHT HAND OF GOD. They could *not* therefore have taken place with Christ on earth, living in His flesh, reigning on an earthly throne. THIS is what we MUST see and understand. This understood, you will at once see the why of my statement that you can't believe BOTH at the same time. That this is true I read to you from Hebrews chapter 8, verse 1 where your Bible says, "Now of the things which we have spoken THIS IS THE SUM." We *have* such an HIGH PRIEST, who is set ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF THE MAJESTY IN THE HEAVENS". So we see the blessings which were recorded in the Hebrew letter took place AFTER Christ went back to the RIGHT HAND OF GOD. It was not while Christ was on earth; nor is it yet *to be* at the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. It was THEN. Hebrews chapter 1, verse 3 says "When he had purged our sins, he SAT DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD". That was then! Hebrews

chapter 10, verse 12 reads, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, SAT DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, FROM HENCEFORTH," or from that time on, "EXPECTING TILL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE HIS FOOTSTOOL". *That* had taken place *then!* Last I read to you from this same letter chapter 12, verse 2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and NOW LISTEN RIGHT GOOD ONCE MORE, AND *IS* SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD". These quotations from this one book of Hebrews forever settles the truth that the things taking place recorded by *this writer* of Hebrews were taking place after Christ's ascension back to God's right hand. They could NOT have transpired had He been on earth. As I said, You CAN'T believe BOTH of these for they contradict the one the other. He *WAS* in HEAVEN. *NOT* on earth during all these things.

### SIX EVENTS

There were *six events* to take place before *any* of these blessings bestowed upon Christ, and then bequeathed to us as recorded in this Hebrew letter could be His and ours to enjoy. They are His BIRTH, His DEATH, His BURIAL, His RESURRECTION, His ASCENSION, and his CORONATION, OR BEING SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND on His throne. *These six things HAD* to be experienced by the Christ BEFORE He *could* become the blessings to us that this book of Hebrews describes. If, the things in this Hebrew letter are essential to man's salvation, then HOW could a *single one of them* be performed for us had Christ remained *on earth* on David's earthly throne, reigning over David's earthly kingdom? THIS is why I stated that man cannot believe BOTH the book of Hebrews as essential to our salvation, and at the same time believe this EARTHLY REIGN OF CHRIST THEORY. THEY ARE CONTRADICTORY. I wish now to establish these six facts right from our Bible.

### BORN

In order for Christ to enjoy the blessings promised Him, and through Him, for us, He *had* to FIRST be BORN. This He was, for in Luke chapter 2, verse 11, we have this reading: "For unto you is BORN THIS day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

### DEATH

*SECOND*, He had to DIE. This we know is true for in Hebrews chapter 2, verse 9 our Bible records these words, "But we see JESUS, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of DEATH, crowned with glory and honor; and that he by the grace of God should taste DEATH for every man". In First Timothy, chapter 2, verse 6 the Bible declares that Christ "GAVE HIMSELF a ransom for all."

## BURIAL

**THIRD** He had to be BURIED. In Matthew chapter 27, verses 58-60 is the record of Joseph begging the body of Jesus. The record reads, "And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and LAID IT IN HIS OWN NEW TOMB."

## RESURRECTION

**FOURTH** Christ had to be resurrected. This the Hebrew letter plainly affirms. In Hebrews chapter 13, verse 20 we read, "Now the God of peace, that BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant." Incidentally, in THIS VERSE is also the necessary inference of the BURIAL OF CHRIST in that God BROUGHT HIM FROM THE DEAD. Their knowing of His BURIAL ALREADY, this verse was so understood by them.

### I CORINTHIANS 15, verse 3

That we further confirm the DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AS FACTS already having been fulfilled at the writing of the Hebrew letter, I now read from I Corinthians chapter 15, verses 3-4; "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I ALSO RECEIVED, how that CHRIST DIED for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was BURIED, and that he ROSE AGAIN the THIRD DAY according to the scriptures". All these acts *before* the writing of this HEBREW LETTER.

## ASCENSION

**FIFTH** it was essential after His resurrection that He ASCEND back to HEAVEN. This same letter, Hebrews chapter 4, verse 14 reads, "Seeing then that WE HAVE a GREAT HIGH PRIEST, that is PASSED, (THAT IS ASCENDED), INTO THE HEAVENS." Chapter 9, verse 24 identifies the Christ and His ascension into heaven; "For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are the figures of the TRUE, but INTO HEAVEN ITSELF." Of course all Bible students know that in Acts chapter 1, verses 9-10 is the record of His ACTUAL ASCENSION ON THE CLOUD INTO THE HEAVENS.

## CONCLUSION

We have *now* established the truth of His BIRTH, His DEATH, His BURIAL, His RESURRECTION, and His ASCENSION. All I NOW am called upon to do is to establish the fact of His CORONATION AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND ON HIS THRONE OVER HIS KINGDOM.

## CORONATION

**SIXTH** this I shall now prove by this HEBREW LETTER. In chapter 1, verse 8 it reads, “But unto the Son he saith, **THY THRONE IS FOR EVER AND EVER: A SCEPTRE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** is the **SCEPTRE OF THY KINGDOM.**” When was **THIS** to take place? Verse 13 of chapter 1, says, “But to which of the angels said he at any time, **SIT THOU ON MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES THY FOOTSTOOL**?”

But this one further great truth the writer calls to their attention I beg of you to hear. In Hebrews chapter 12, verse 28 we read, “Wherefore **WE RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE MOVED** let **US** have **GRACE** whereby **WE** may **SERVE** God **ACCEPTABLY** with **REVERENCE** and **GODLY FEAR.**” This did not take place *way down* at His **SECOND COMING**, it was *then!* Friends, **IF** it were necessary for **THEM**, nearly 2000 years ago, to have received this **KINGDOM** that they might **SERVE** God with **REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR**, how do **WE** think **WE** can, *way down* here over 1900 years this side serve Him **ACCEPTABLY WITH REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR** without this Kingdom? Is God a respecter of persons to **US**? How can *we* just actually **READ** where **THEY**, *way back then*, had **RECEIVED THE** promised **KINGDOM**, and then **LOOKING RIGHT AT THIS VERSE**, **DENY** that the Kingdom *is* here now?

I have established the **SIXTH** in this item of events that had to transpire before Christ could receive the blessings promised Him, that *we* through Him might receive the blessings made possible for *us* by His death and His resurrection.

## DO YOU KNOW? THE PROPHETS DID!

But do you know that **ALL** the above events were accomplished in 30 and 3 years? The prophets did! Do you know that *each* of the six things Christ *had* to *undergo* and *receive* before He *could* become a blessing to us, was foretold *by* the prophets? Beginning with His **BIRTH**:

## BIRTH

His birth is foretold in Isaiah chapter 9, verses 6-7 and Isaiah chapter 7, verse 14.

## DEATH AND BURIAL

His **DEATH** was prophesied in Isaiah chapter 53, verse 9, likewise His **BURIAL**. It reads, “And he made his **GRAVE**—with the **WICKED**, and with the rich in his **DEATH.**” Here are **BOTH HIS DEATH AND HIS BURIAL** prophesied.



## RESURRECTION

*His RESURRECTION* was announced centuries before it took place. Psalms chapter 16, verses 9,10, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh shall also rest in hope, FOR thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine HOLY ONE—this is Christ—to see CORRUPTION". In Acts chapter 2, verses 31,32 Peter quoted this psalm and applied it to the "RESURRECTION of Christ".

## ASCENSION

*His ASCENSION:* Listen to it beautifully heralded centuries before, in Psalms chapter 24, verse 7 as the psalmist sang of this event in these words, "Lift up your heads O, ye gates; and be lift up ye everlasting doors, and the KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN". Again this announcement of His ascension is made in the vision of Daniel, chapter 7, verse 13—"I saw in the night visions, and behold, one LIKE THE SON OF MAN *came to the Ancient of days*, and they brought him near before him".

## CORONATION

Will you now listen to and believe this next verse as I read of His CORONATION, His RECEIVING HIS KINGDOM at this ASCENSION SCENE? Beautiful THIS: "And there was given him DOMINION, and GLORY, and, listen right good now, and a KINGDOM, THAT ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, and LANGUAGES, should SERVE HIM: His DOMINION IS AN EVER-LASTING DOMINION; NOW PLEASE HEAR THIS and HIS KINGDOM that which shall NOT BE DESTROYED". When was He given all these? When He ASCENDED TO GOD'S RIGHT HAND IN HEAVEN not on earth; when He was brought BEFORE the ANCIENT OF DAYS; WHEN did He ASCEND? Acts chapter 1, verses 9-11 records His ACTUAL ASCENSION INTO THE HEAVENS ON THE CLOUD, GOING HOME TO HIS FATHER. Will our Bible teachers today go before their classes or audiences and tell them that NOT ONE of the blessings presented at this hour by Harper was in the ORIGINAL plans and purposes for God's sending Christ to earth? Will they? Will they tell them that *instead* of Christ's having come to earth the *first* time for THESE blessings and honor, He came to SET UP INSTEAD THE OLD EARTHLY THRONE AND KINGDOM OF ISRAEL to rule in HIS FLESH as an EARTHLY MONARCH OVER Israel only UNTO THIS DAY AND MAYBE LONGER? Explain to them how Christ came to do in 30 and 3 years *all* the things I have read to you concerning the Christ, and yet at the SAME TIME He DID NOT COME to DIE in 30 and 3 years on a cross but *rather* came to *live millenniums on earth*, in His flesh on an earthly throne. HE COULD NOT HAVE COME THE FIRST TIME TO DO BOTH for He DIED 967 years TOO SOON for the SECOND. No WONDER they tell us these KINGDOM PROPHECIES FAILED; and that God had to

*suddenly prepare* these EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTES and bring Christ back to Him and, inaugurate instead, what they are calling the CHURCH AGE, at the end of which CHURCH AGE, God *will* make a *second* attempt to make *good* His promises that **FAILED**. Question, how do you *know* he *can* succeed the second time? You see what *I* am preaching *is* what happened. What **THEY** are preaching that **WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE, DID NOT**. They **HAVE** to have **SOME EXCUSE FOR THEIR DOCTRINE'S HAVING FAILED**. I DO NOT, FOR MINE CAME TRUE AND I HAVE READ IT TO YOU RIGHT FROM THE BIBLE.

### **BIBLICAL TRUTHS ESTABLISHED**

I have now established the SIX Biblical facts that *had* to be fulfilled *before* Christ COULD receive the honors provided Him in, and BY the fulfillment of these six PROPHETIC PROMISES by which OUR salvation COULD BE effected. These SIX things are His BIRTH; His DEATH; His BURIAL; His RESURRECTION; His ASCENSION; and His CORONATION, WHICH SIMPLY STATED, IS HIS BEING SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND ON HIS PROMISED THRONE IN HEAVEN, and all this in 30 and 3 years.

### **SIX PROPHETIC TRUTHS**

Before I present to you the blessings provided for us by the SIX PROPHET-IC ESSENTIALS just established, made possible by the WILLING SURRENDER OF CHRIST FOR US, I shall read from this Hebrew Letter to the Hebrew Christians SIX OTHER PROPHETIC TRUTHS that MUST have been FULFILLED at the time of the writing of this letter before Christ could be a blessing to mankind. Now, should these SIX PROPHETIC PROMISES be true and THEY ARE, they FOREVER CONFIRM EVERY TRUTH PRESENTED BY ME IN MY "KINGDOM JOURNEYS THROUGH THE BIBLE", AND AT THE SAME TIME FOREVER DEFEAT EVERY ARGUMENT POSSIBLE TO BE MADE TO SUSTAIN THE FALSE DOCTRINE THAT CHRIST WILL YET, AT HIS SECOND COMING, FULFILL THESE PROPHETIC FAILURE PROMISES TO ESTABLISH AN EARTHLY KINGDOM FOR CHRIST. *Think this over!*

I shall now prove to you by THIS Hebrew Letter that Christ had inherited the THRONE, the KINGDOM, and was *Lord* at this writing, as promised by the prophets. I shall likewise prove that at this SAME TIME the CHURCH promised by the prophets, was *here*; and that they at that time had the New COVENANT, or New Testament of prophetic promises.

This done then we KNOW that the KINGDOM and the CHURCH are NOT millenniums apart but that they were and ARE COEXISTENT, that is, that *prophecy decreed* they should be in EXISTENCE AT THE SAME TIME. THIS true and *it is*, then there is no place for a "Substitute Church Age," during what they call "The INTERIM PERIOD" between the ascension and

the second coming of Christ for the church and the Kingdom BOTH exist AT THE SAME TIME. I shall now take these in the order just as mentioned: the THRONE; the KINGDOM; His LORDSHIP; the CHURCH; the NEW COVENANT; and the NEW TESTAMENT, all of which were in existence at the time of the writing of this Hebrew Letter.

### HIS THRONE

The FIRST to establish is HIS *THRONE*. In Hebrews chapter 1, verse 8 we read concerning Christ, “But unto the Son he saith, *THY THRONE*, O GOD, is for ever and ever”. This is the fulfillment of Psalms 46, verses 6,7.

### HIS KINGDOM

The *SECOND* is His *KINGDOM*. The concluding part of this SAME VERSE reads, “A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of *THY KINGDOM*”. This is called the kingdom of *His Son*, in Hebrews chapter 1, the same verse, verse 8. THIS DO NOT FORGET.

### HIS LORDSHIP

The *THIRD* IS His *LORDSHIP*: In verse 10 of Hebrews chapter 1, we read, “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hand”. This refers to verses 1-3 above speaking of Christ. His LORDSHIP is forever established by Hebrews chapter 2, verse 3, where it reads, “How shall we escape if WE, back then—neglect so great SALVATION; which at the first began to be spoken by the LORD, and was CONFIRMED unto US, BACK THEN—UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM”. Friends, don’t we see that all these blessings were fulfilled at the time of the writing of this letter? And can’t we see that had Christ remained on earth to that time on David’s earthly throne IN JERUSALEM that not *one single one* of these could have been in existence then? This kills this FUTURE REIGN DOCTRINE.

### THE CHURCH

The *FOURTH* is that of the *CHURCH*. In chapter 2, verse 12 we read, “Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCH will I SING praise unto thee,” this is from Psalms chapter 22, verse 22. But one may say, Brother Harper this does not say WHEN this was to be. This letter answers this question as to WHEN they were IN THE CHURCH. Beginning with verse 22 of the 12th chapter of this Hebrew letter, it reads, “But YE ARE—present tense—ye *are* come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly JERUSALEM—NOT EARTHLY JERUSALEM—and to an innumerable company of angels,—LISTEN RIGHT GOOD JUST HERE—to the general assembly AND the *CHURCH OF THE*

*FIRST BORN*, which are **WRITTEN IN HEAVEN**". Then!

## **NEW COVENANT**

The *FIFTH*, the *NEW COVENANT*. In this same chapter, the *NEXT VERSE* 24, we read, that they had come "to Jesus the *MEDIATOR* of the *NEW COVENANT*". This is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:31-34.

## **NEW TESTAMENT--OR WILL**

THE *SIXTH*, the *NEW TESTAMENT OR WILL OF CHRIST*. In Hebrews chapter 10, verse 9,10 is one of the most beautiful readings in this book. It reads, "Lo, I came to do thy *WILL* O, GOD. He taketh away the first, that he might establish the second. By the which *WILL* we are sanctified *THROUGH THE OFFERING OF THE BODY* (that is the death) OF *JESUS CHRIST ONCE AND FOR ALL*". I know some may say, but this says a "*WILL*". It did not mention a "testament". We shall see that this *WILL* and the New Testament are one and the same. Remember *THIS WILL* was made possible by the *death* of Christ. Let me now read to you the companionate passage, this time from Hebrews chapter 9, verses 15-17 relative to this New Testament in which *both* are made possible by His death, and forever settle this question. "And for this cause he is the mediator of the *NEW TESTAMENT* (Hebrews 12:24 says "New Covenant" making them the same), that means of *DEATH*, for the transgressions that were under the *FIRST TESTAMENT*, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is of force, there *MUST ALSO OF NECESSITY* be the *DEATH* of the *TESTATOR*, or the maker of the testament, who is here Christ. Now *WHY*? "*FOR* a Testament is of *FORCE AFTER* men are *DEAD*; otherwise it is of *NO STRENGTH AT ALL WHILE THE TESTATOR LIVETH*". This is the fulfillment also of Jeremiah chapter 31, though there it is called a New Covenant.

## **CHRIST THE PROPHET SPEAKS**

But here I give you a prophecy made *BEFORE CHRIST'S DEATH*, therefore *BEFORE HIS TESTAMENT WAS IN FORCE*. Hear it for it may startle us to know that *THIS* is a prophecy during the Old Testament Days, made by their *GREATEST PROPHET*, *CHRIST HIMSELF*, as He says in Luke 22, verse 20, "Likewise also the cup after supper saying, This *CUP* is the *NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD*, which is shed for you". That Christ was a prophet read Luke chapter 24, verse 19. You may say, Brother Harper, *THIS* was during Christ's New Testament for Christ was speaking. That is *why* I *KNOW* it *WAS NOT* during His testament, the *New Testament*, for I have just *read* to you where Christ had to *DIE* before *His* testament *COULD BE OF FORCE*. *REMEMBER?* Incidentally, the "Thief on the Cross" was never under the New Testament! We need to *KNOW WHICH TESTAMENT*

WE ARE UNDER and WHEN IT BEGAN. I have now established from this book of Hebrews, and *confirmed* it by many other scriptures in the prophecies, these 12 facts; Christ's Birth, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension, Coronation, His having received His Throne, the existence of his Kingdom, His Lordship, the existence of the church and the kingdom at the same time *back then*, the New Covenant and the New Testament. I have established by prophecy each of these events, showing that the *first six* were promised by the prophets THAT the *second six* also promised by the prophets might be enjoyed by Christ as He sits on His throne, ruling over His kingdom, exercising His Lordship over His people called the CHURCH being exalted at God's right hand in heaven. At this same time they have for their rule of faith and practice His New Testament, called also His New Covenant dedicated by the blood of the Cross shed for the remission of our sins. Friends! *THIS* is WHY Christ came to earth! NOT to inherit an EARTHLY KINGDOM OVER fleshly ISRAEL ONLY, FOR A THOUSAND YEARS OR UNTIL THE END OF TIME! This one thing I press again: He could NOT have come to earth to DO BOTH, for what He HAS done took only 30 and 3 years to perform. The *other* would have lasted on earth to this good day. If not, how long would this earthly reign of Christ have lasted? Tell us!

### CONCLUSION

Yes I was right when I told you one cannot believe BOTH of these positions for they cannot be harmonized. What I am preaching Christ DID and *is!* What *they* are preaching he DID NOT DO and is not! *THIS* can't be answered! Hence I have established the "Relation between the Book of Hebrews, to God's Eternal Plan for Christ". It shows plainly God did *not* send Him to earth to *rule* on an *earthly throne* BUT, that He came to earth *that He might qualify* as our Saviour, our Lord, our High Priest, and our King, SITTING AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND IN HEAVEN. NOT IN EARTHLY JERUSALEM. What I am preaching *is what* Christ IS doing *THIS DAY*. I am preaching the TRUTH. Christ was never promised an earthly throne. He will never rule on earth over an earthly kingdom from Jerusalem NEVER!

But may God bless you is my prayer in His holy name, Remember I am your friend ALWAYS for FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH.

## THE GREATNESS OF THE HEBREW LETTER NO. I

In this great letter to the Hebrew Christians we have enough truth to forever settle this question I have been discussing for months. Is the kingdom promised by the prophets here now, or did it fail? In this letter is expressed many EXACT REASONS FOR WHICH CHRIST CAME THE FIRST TIME. They are spelled out in so many words. There are many beautiful facts to which I shall call attention as I have time this day.

1. This letter presents Christ as the CREATOR of all things together with God the Father, chapter 1, 1-3. 2. It pictures His sinless life without which He could never have qualified as God's high priest to offer for our sins, chapter 2, verses 14-16; chapter 7, verses 25-27. 3. It tells of His sacrificial death upon the cross where in chapter 12, verse 2 we read, "Who for the joy set before him ENDURED THE CROSS, despising the shame, and is SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD". In verse 9 of chapter 2 we see the ALL INCLUSIVENESS of His death. It was not for any one person, group, nation, or race of people. It reads, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of DEATH crowned with glory and honor; THAT He by the grace of God should taste DEATH FOR EVERY MAN". 4. No more beautiful picture of His *resurrection* and *ascension* could be given than in these words, recorded in chapter 4, just after having spoken in chapter 2 of His DEATH FOR ALL MEN. In verse 14 the writer says, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that IS PASSED INTO THE HEAVENS, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession". Again in chapter 9, verse 24, "For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are figures of the true; but INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, now to appear in the presence of God for us". This necessarily infers His resurrection and His ascension. 5. After His death, resurrection, and ascension we find Him now at *God's right hand* for in chapter 8, verse 1 we read, "We have such an high priest, who is set on the RIGHT HAND of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens". Here we have His DEATH, His RESURRECTION, His ASCENSION and now again Christ at GOD'S RIGHT HAND to appear for us. 6. In chapter 1, verse 1 the Hebrew letter reads, "God who at sundry times and divers manners spake in times past until the fathers by the prophets, HATH, in THESE last days, spoken unto us by his Son". He no longer speaks to us by Moses, nor the prophets, but by Christ Jesus, the Son of God. 7. Christ by His death destroyed, or overcame the power of the Devil, for we read in Hebrews chapter 2, verse 14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; THAT through DEATH he might destroy him that had the power over death, that is the Devil". This is the fulfillment of Matthew chapter 12, verse 24 where Christ said, "But if I cast out Devils by the Spirit of God, then is the kingdom come unto you. Or else how can one ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE, and SPOIL his goods, EXCEPT he FIRST BIND, the STRONG MAN? And THEN he will SPOIL HIS GOODS". Here the STRONG MAN was the Devil. Christ was the man who entered his house and BOUND HIM

and "SPOILED his goods". Here took place the actual "binding of Satan" Revelation 20:1-4 is therefore a "figurative binding." How could He have done THIS, sitting on an earthly throne in Jerusalem never having died when Hebrews chapter 2, verse 14 declared "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he, that is Christ, he also himself likewise took part of the same; THAT through DEATH he might DESTROY him that had the POWER of DEATH, that is the Devil". In these Scriptures it plainly says that Christ came to BIND by His death and resurrection the Devil; SPOIL his GOODS; DESTROY his POWER over death. THIS could NOT have been done had Christ only come to sit on an earthly throne in Jerusalem for 1000 years and not to die. 8. Another reason why Christ came to earth to DIE, NOT to reign on an earthly throne in Jerusalem, is expressed in Hebrews chapter 2, verse 15 this way, that He came to die that He might "deliver them who through FEAR of DEATH were all their lifetime subject to bondage". Until Christ died and was resurrected men were in the bondage of fear as death closed their eyes to sleep, fearing they might never live again but in His resurrection that fear of death was overcome. This is so much greater than just reigning for a thousand years on earth over the Old Davidic Kingdom of Israel, that there is no comparison between the two. Christ could NOT have come to do BOTH. Christ either came to live and die in 33 years, or to live in his flesh for 1000 years. He could not have come for BOTH! But the world may never see these great and wonderful blessings that God has provided for us, namely, our salvation from sin and the dispelling of this fear of death by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, rather than to have had Him come to earth JUST for the purpose of inheriting David's throne reigning in His flesh from Jerusalem, never having died for our sins; never having dispelled our fear of death through His death and resurrection from the dead. Once the beautiful hopes of Christ's death on the cross dawn upon your hearts, you will WANT yes hasten to surrender this theory of the old MATERIALISTIC, HUMANISTIC, EARTHLY REIGN OF CHRIST ON DAVID'S EARTHLY THRONE. He never came for that purpose in the first place. He came that the world might be saved and that we might forever, blot from our minds the fear of death. This that the Hebrew letter is loudly and clearly saying to us is that of which David sang in Psalms chapter 110, verses 1-4, and of which the prophet Zechariah chapter 6, verse 13 spake some 2500 years ago promising that Christ should sit at God's right hand ruling over His enemies until they became His footstool, while at the same time He would be officiating as God's High Priest making reconciliation for our sins. He was never promised a KINGDOM RULE in His flesh ON EARTH. 9. This Hebrew letter presented Christ to us as our Lord, for in chapter 2:8 the question is asked, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord." This same truth is stated in our Bible the record of which is found in I Timothy chapter 6, verses 14,15 where Christ is called "King of kings; and Lord of lords". This question I ask, How COULD He have been "KING of kings; and LORD of lords" IF the KINGDOM had NOT been set up? Explain this to your classes today. 10. It was



in this letter to these Hebrew Christians, who were being influenced by the Jewish leaders to surrender the Lordship of Christ and return to this old Davidic Regime, that the writer of this letter is **EARNESTLY** pleading with them that they **NOT** return to this old Davidic Regime, but that they remain under the **LORDSHIP OF CHRIST**. That the writer might **INDUCE** them **TO REMAIN** with Christ he quotes to them from Psalms chapter 2, verses 6,7 where God by David declared “Yet have I set my **KING** upon my holy hill of Zion. Thou art my Son; **THIS DAY** have I begotten thee”. The fulfillment of **THIS** prophecy the writer ascribes to Christ. To further strengthen their faith in Christ as the promised **HEIR TO** inherit the prophetic kingdom I would ask you hear these words from chapter 12, verse 28, “Wherefore, **WE** (back then) receiving a **KINGDOM** which **CANNOT BE MOVED**, let **US** have **GRACE**, whereby **WE** may serve God acceptably with **REVERENCE** and **GODLY FEAR**”. Yes the “Greatness of the Hebrew Letter” is **SPELLED OUT** in **SO MANY WORDS** showing Christ the **COMPLETE FULFILLMENT** of the Old Testament prophecies. So far I have proven by this great letter that Christ was, at the *writing* of *this* letter, their Lord; their King; their High Priest; and now that **THEY**, back **THEN** had **RECEIVED THAT KINGDOM THAT COULD NOT BE MOVED**. **Daniel said SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED, DANIEL CHAPTER 7, verse 14**, also that it “shall **STAND FOREVER**”, Daniel chapter 2, verse 44. And my Hebrew letter declares here it “**CANNOT BE MOVED**”. **THIS** confirms everything I have ever taught you regarding the fulfillment of the prophetic kingdom’s being here then and now. Here is the verse that just plainly said they had **RECEIVED THE KINGDOM**. The world actually **LOOKS THIS VERSE RIGHT IN THE FACE** and then declares this is not true, **THE KINGDOM IS NOT HERE**, O, yes, “**HOW GREAT THIS HEBREW LETTER,**” *IF THE WORLD WOULD STUDY IT* and believe its truths. *11*, it is *this* wonderful letter, that records the **CHURCH** as existing at the same time Christ is **LORD**; at the same time He is **KING**; at the **SAME TIME** they have the **KINGDOM**; at the same time He is **HIGH PRIEST**, for Hebrews chapter 10, verse 21 reads, “**And HAVING an HIGH PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD: let us draw near with a TRUE HEART in FULL ASSURANCE of FAITH—**”. Of *course* the **CHURCH** is here at *this* time for Christ is **HIGH PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD** and in I Timothy chapter 3, verse 15 our Bible plainly states “**That the HOUSE OF GOD IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, the PILLAR and the SUPPORT OF THE TRUTH**”.

### A DILEMMA

But here I have a **TWO HORNED DILEMMA** for my **FUTURE REIGN FRIENDS**. Here we have Christ, *High Priest* **OVER** the **HOUSE OF GOD** – the **CHURCH** at the writing of this letter. But at this **SAME TIME** they had also **RECEIVED** the **KINGDOM** that **COULD NOT BE MOVED**. How could they have **BOTH** received the **KINGDOM** they **CAN’T MOVE** *and* the **CHURCH** at the same time *if* the **KINGDOM HAD FAILED** and the **CHURCH** came in only as an **EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE**, **DURING** an **INTERIM PERIOD**, called the **CHURCH AGE**? They have the **CHURCH**, it is

THERE with Christ officiating over it as HIGH PRIEST *and* a KINGDOM THEY CAN'T GET RID of, for they CAN'T MOVE THE THING. Now my friends, I do not mean to be out of order, but isn't this RATHER AMUSING in the light of all this preaching we are hearing of THIS being the CHURCH AGE; its being the INTERIM PERIOD between the ASCENSION of Christ and His SECOND COMING *at which time* YOU KNOW they are telling us that God will SET UP THIS KINGDOM, when they HAVE, here AT *THAT TIME BOTH* the CHURCH, with Christ her High Priest offering for our sins, AND the KINGDOM on their hands that they CAN NEITHER MOVE, nor GET RID OF? And they HAD to have that kingdom *before* they COULD SERVE GOD, in this so CALLED "CHURCH AGE", with "REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR". Would you just present this DILEMMA to your Bible teacher today as he or she begins this long spiel telling you this is the CHURCH AGE at the end of which time Christ is returning to earth to set up the kingdom promised, which kingdom FAILED? Will you just humbly point out to them that in this *Hebrew* Letter they, way back then, had BOTH the CHURCH *and* the KINGDOM? A Kingdom they could not GET RID of for it COULD NOT BE MOVED? There never was but one KINGDOM PROMISED IN PROPHECY and THAT is the one *they* had received *then* and could not get rid of it. As I pass from this point on the kingdom will you let me indulge in a little humorous illustration that will never let you forget this dilemma these future kingdom advocates are in. It reminds me of a man who has a bear by the tail and can't turn him loose, can't be moved away from him, and *yet* is "hollering" to those about him *THERE IS NO BEAR*, and there will *be* no bear *until* I have gone hunting and bring one in at my coming again! There *IS* no bear he says and yet he has him by the tail and can't turn him loose. There *is* no kingdom they tell us, and yet they had one THEY could not TURN LOOSE; could NOT MOVE. If you would read verse 27 above you will see what he is talking about by this expression, "Which cannot be moved". I am going to let YOU read it and then YOU will know. My, my, my a kingdom back then that COULD NOT BE MOVED, that is could not be DESTROYED or DONE AWAY as had been done to the *things* referred to in the verse above, and *yet* they are telling us it *never was set up* they never had *any such kingdom then*, and will *not* until Christ returns a second time. *Why not give this doctrine up* that declares the prophecies failed? Am I YOUR ENEMY? Honestly? Do you think HARD of me? If so try answering my Hebrew Letter Discussion. You will be surprised. How *could* they have on their hands, this kingdom that can't be moved IF it had FAILED and would not be established for, we know, at least 2000 years later, which would bring us to our time and yet time STILL GOES ON without an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem with Christ reigning over ISRAEL? What IS this thing the Hebrew Christians had back THEN that they called the KINGDOM that could not be moved? The KINGDOM that *they* HAD to have before *they could serve God* with reverence and godly fear? Where in prophecy is THIS kingdom promised, that they *then* had, which is NOT the one promised Christ at HIS first COMING? Just which prophet promised TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF KINGDOMS to Christ? If

this FUTURE KINGDOM DOCTRINE be true, there HAD to be TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF KINGDOMS PROMISED IN PROPHECY evidently, for if this future kingdom idea be true, the one they *then* had was NOT the one they tell us today *was* to be set up but failed, and that *will* be set up at the second coming of Christ for if *that* Kingdom *had* been set up Christ would *not* have returned to God in heaven. Daniel said the one of which he spake could *not be DESTROYED*; it would *STAND FOR EVER*, Daniel, chapters 2 and 7. This one they had CAN'T BE MOVED. Are they the same? or are these two DIFFERENT KINGDOMS? And if TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF KINGDOMS, which one was CHRIST PROMISED? and *WHY THIS ONE IN HEBREWS CHAPTER 12*? Where did it come from? Ladies and gentlemen, THIS will not be answered THIS day nor the day FOLLOWING, for back *then* these Hebrew Christians had BOTH the CHURCH and the KINGDOM that COULD NOT BE MOVED. And THEY WERE JEWS, ISRAELITES. The Jews evidently had the kingdom THEN. They *had* to have it that they by the grace of God could serve God with reverence and godly fear. Yet many teach today *they* serve God this way WITHOUT THIS KINGDOM. HOW? 12. Christ had at that time offered Himself for the perfecting of those who are sanctified, chapter 10, verse 14. He was at that time the "author and finisher of our faith, sitting then at God's right hand", Hebrews chapter 12, verse 2. He had by his death, made it possible for us to be "sanctified by his blood" for verse 12 gives the reason WHY He came the first time as it reads, "Wherefor Jesus also, THAT he might SANCTIFY the PEOPLE with his OWN BLOOD, suffered without the gate". He was also the "Author of eternal salvation to all them that obeyed him," chapter 5:9. Could He have provided these GREAT and wonderful blessings sitting at that time, upon the earthly throne of David? And YET they are trying to tell us His purpose for coming the first time WAS JUST TO SET UP DAVID'S EARTHLY KINGDOM AND RULE IN HIS FLESH ON THAT THRONE! What IS wrong? At that writing the testament of Christ was in force and both Jew and Gentile had to comply with its mandates should they hope to share in its promises. This we know from Hebrews chapter 9, verses 14,15. Listen as I read these great and precious promises for them, at that time, and for US this day, it reads, "How much MORE shall the BLOOD of Christ, who through the ETERNAL SPIRIT offered himself without spot to God, (HEAR THIS NOW), PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE from dead works to serve the living God." "And for THIS CAUSE he IS—at that time—he *is* the MEDIATOR of the NEW TESTAMENT that by means of DEATH, for the REDEMPTION of the TRANSGRESSIONS that were under the FIRST TESTAMENT, they which are called might receive the PROMISE OF ETERNAL INHERITANCE. For where a testament IS, there must also of NECESSITY be the death of the testator." This was Christ. His death, *honoring* Him as the MEDIATOR of this New Testament was for the purpose of LOOKING BACK through the AGES PAST during the Old Testament and looking forward through the ages to come during the New Testament, and by His death make possible the hope of ETERNAL INHERITANCE for all who had and who would abide by the testament in force at the time of their existence. Then tell me that Christ *only* came to re-establish the OLD DAVIDIC EARTHLY KINGDOM to LIVE HERE *ON EARTH* IN HIS *FLESH* ruling

*only* OVER Israel. My good friends WHAT HAS GONE WRONG WITH OUR SPIRITUAL VALUES that would DEMOTE the Christ from His place in prophecy at the RIGHT HAND OF GOD as the MEDIATOR of a testament made possible by His death on the cross? A mediatorship by way of the cross by which He could bestow upon all men this promise of eternal inheritance from Adam's day until the end of time, who have met the terms of the testaments at the time each was in force? Was NONE OF THIS in God's original plans for sending Christ to earth? Not ONE of these blessings for us and those before us, *COULD HAVE BEEN, IF GOD* sent Christ the FIRST time JUST to set up David's earthly kingdom and rule over Israel in His flesh here on earth. He had to DIE, be BURIED, resurrected, ASCEND back to God, and be seated at God's right hand having received ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH before one single blessing that is ours *now* to enjoy *could* have been bestowed upon us. Then tell me I am WRONG? One thing is for certain, Christ could not have bestowed one of these while on earth. What I am preaching to you IS what God had planned for Christ for it IS that which Christ is doing for us now. Could it be possible that Christ is not doing that for which God sent Him to do? But I bring this lesson to a close today pleading with you that you listen as I continue next time this discussion of the Greatness of the Hebrew letter to the Hebrew Christians of the first century of Christianity. Listen as I present THREE GREAT ETERNAL FACTS that *had* to be IF you and I were to be saved. Not ONE of them was the EARTHLY REIGN OF CHRIST ON DAVID'S EARTHLY THRONE IN JERUSALEM at THAT time or ANYOTHER TIME in history. Aren't we ASHAMED to try to pawn OFF THIS DISGUSTING THING IN ISRAEL TODAY as the USHERING IN OF CHRIST'S REIGN OF PEACE? If it be that then He is having His people to KILL, MURDER, and cause to STARVE, innocent women, little children, and helpless cities. Christ said plainly at His trial, John chapter 18, "My kingdom is NOT OF THIS WORLD. *If MY kingdom were of THIS WORLD, THEN would MY SERVANTS FIGHT*". Yet men professing themselves to be GREAT PROPHETIC SCHOLARS are trying to make us believe THIS TODAY IN JERUSALEM is the USHERING IN OF THE KINGDOM of peace, the kingdom OF CHRIST, the fulfillment of prophecy. Let me tell you WHAT YOU may be DOING. You may be getting ready to SLAUGHTER YOUR SONS upon the BATTLEFIELD IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL, BECAUSE YOU ARE TEACHING THIS UNSCRIPTURAL DOCTRINE THAT *THIS TODAY IS THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY*. Think THIS over Daniel, chapter 2 said this kingdom would be set up DURING the REIGN OF the ROMAN KINGS. Are *they* NOW ruling? If not then ROME would have to RETURN TO WORLD POWER before the kingdom of PROPHECY could be set up. But may God bless you is my prayer in His name. Remember I am your friend for FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH.

## THREE ESSENTIAL AND UNANSWERABLE FACTS OF THE HEBREW LETTER

I begin my study of the Hebrew letter by discussing with you, "THREE ESSENTIAL AND UNANSWERABLE FACTS OF THE HEBREW LETTER", facts essential to man's *salvation*. In my lessons thus far I have proven that the prophecies regarding Christ's Birth, His Death, His Resurrection, His ASCENSION, and His CORONATION, or to express it another way, HIS BEING SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT ON HIS THRONE, had all been fulfilled at the writing of this letter. That all those *had* to be fulfilled *before* Christ *could* fulfill His mission to earth. I also established the fact that the prophecies foretelling of Christ's spiritual reign on His THRONE, over His KINGDOM, exercising His LORDSHIP over His people, had all been fulfilled at the *time* of the writing of this Hebrew letter. Furthermore I established the truth of the CHURCH being established at that time; of the New Covenant, or the New Testament promised Christ during His reign, as the rule of faith and practice, also, being in force at the time of the writing of this letter. *These essential twelve things* therefore had already been fulfilled at the time of this letter: His BIRTH; His DEATH; His BURIAL; His ASCENSION TO THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD; His CORONATION; His THRONE ESTABLISHED; His KINGDOM set up; His LORDSHIP a reality; the CHURCH also ESTABLISHED during His KINGDOM; the New Covenant and the New Testament, essentially the same, in operation at the writing of this Hebrew letter. All other things essential to man's salvation are incorporated within the frame-work of these twelve prophetic fulfillments in Christ. Not *one* of these *could* have been *possible* had the premillennial doctrine been true, for had Christ come ONLY to set up David's old EARTHLY THRONE AND KINGDOM, he *could not* have come for but *one* of these twelve facts essential to the salvation of man. *That one* fact would have been His BIRTH. All others, by their theory would have been eliminated. You see if their theory be correct, Christ did not come to DIE on a CROSS in 30 and 3 years. But had He not DIED, not ONE of the OTHER 10 COULD have taken place. NOT ONE! Can you believe a theory that would have defeated all ELEVEN of these essential FACTS, all but his birth, *COULD BE THE TRUTH? CAN YOU? THESE* are the things NEVER POINTED OUT TO YOU by these proponents of such a theory. But let us thank God their theory was false and did not happen. Let us thank God that we today are in the FULFILLMENT OF THAT GLORIOUS PROPHETIC AGE OF SALVATION by the CROSS OF CHRIST where our sins may be washed away by the precious *blood* of Christ: where we have Christ as our Saviour and as our spiritual reigning King, instead of His being on earth today in His flesh on

David's earthly throne ruling as a fleshly King over the JEWISH NATION only, of which *we Gentiles* could never have had any part. The kingdom given to Israel, at their rebelling against the judges, was over Israel only. Never over the Gentiles. That *this* is true, I read to you from I Samuel chapter 12, verse 1, "And Samuel said unto ALL ISRAEL, not us Gentiles, behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that YE said unto me; and have made a KING OVER YOU. (This was Saul). And now, behold, the KING WALK-ETH BEFORE YOU", this was ISRAEL. Chapter 13, verse 1, reads, "Saul reigned one year, and when he had REIGNED TWO YEARS OVER ISRAEL. . .". In I Samuel chapter 14, verse 47 we read, "So Saul took the KINGDOM OVER ISRAEL, and fought against ALL HIS ENEMIES on every side". These were the Gentiles. In I Samuel chapter 15, verse 1 it reads, "Samuel said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be KING over *HIS* PEOPLE; OVER ISRAEL".

## DAVID

That you may *also* know that *David* reigned only over *all* Israel I invite you to read chapter 5, verses 3,4 where it reads, "So all the *elders* of *Israel* came to the king, to Hebron; (this was David as he reigned only at that time over Judah for seven years), and king David, made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they ANOINTED DAVID KING OVER ISRAEL". "David was THIRTY YEARS OLD WHEN HE BEGAN TO REIGN AND REIGNED FORTY YEARS". Again in I Chronicles chapter 17, verse 14 your Bible reads, "So David REIGNED OVER ALL ISRAEL, and executed judgment and justice among ALL HIS PEOPLE". No Gentiles! You see, we Gentiles were NEVER called HIS special chosen PEOPLE. From this we see that if God sent Christ to earth the first time *just* to re-establish the old Davidic Kingdom for 1000 or more years, we *Gentiles* would have been excluded. Just so it would be should He return a second time for this *same purpose* to set up this exact Kingdom of Israel. We *Gentiles* could have no part in that kingdom for it would be the re-establishing of the Old Davidic Kingdom over ISRAEL ONLY (no New Birth in it!). Let us give praise to God that Christ's reign is a SPIRITUAL reign; that His kingdom is a SPIRITUAL KINGDOM; and that *both Jew and Gentile* are invited to come citizens of His kingdom by being "BORN AGAIN of WATER and the Spirit", John 3:5. My friends let us cease praying for this old Davidic Kingdom to be set up since it eliminated back then, us Gentiles, and if that *same kingdom* were set up at Christ's *second* coming, it would *again* eliminate us. THIS is the TRUTH. THIS is UNANSWERABLE. But now for the ESSENTIAL, and UNANSWERABLE FACTS found in the Hebrew Letter *without which man could not be saved*.

## FACTS

These facts I shall divide into three groups. 1. Those found in Hebrews



chapter 12; 2. those setting forth God's purpose for sending Christ to earth the first time; 3. the things essential in becoming heirs to the blessings provided by Christ as He sits this day at the right hand of God. These I shall discuss as far as time permits.

## HEBREWS 12

Beginning with Hebrews chapter 12, verses 1,2 we establish WHEN all this is taking place; while Christ sits at God's right hand for it reads, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let US lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us (incidentally this is the SIN OF UNBELIEF) and let *us* run with patience the race that is set before *us* looking unto JESUS the AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith; who for the joy that was set BEFORE HIM, ENDURED the CROSS, despising the shame, and is SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD". Why did Christ ENDURE the CROSS? WHY did He DESPISE *that is*, not mind the spectacle made of Him, the mockings hurled at Him as He hung between two thieves but was willing to die? Was it because He was to INHERIT the EARTHLY throne of David and rule over Israel only *after* His RESURRECTION? Nay my friends. It was for "the joy that was set before Him", so reads your Bible. What was and IS that Joy? Just an EARTHLY REIGN on an EARTHLY throne, in an EARTHLY CITY, Jerusalem for 1000 years? Let this same chapter answer. Please notice the contrast between what Christ *was* to enjoy while at God's right hand, and the OLD EARTHLY REGIME of David directed by the OLD COVENANT, dedicated by the blood of animals should Christ have inherited that. Having now said to them in verse 12-14 "LIFT UP THE HANDS WHICH hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet", and having said to them, "Follow peace with all men and HOLINESS, without which NO man shall see the Lord", he gives the reasons *why*. In verse 18 the writer says this to them, "For WE are not come unto the MOUNT that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto *blackness* and *darkness* and *tempest*, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words". Then, UNTO WHAT HAD they come at THAT TIME? Please watch the sudden transition here so beautifully portrayed in the passing from this Old Mosaic and Davidic regime to that SPIRITUAL, HEAVENLY, regime of Christ our Lord, in verse 22 the writer transcends all EARTHLY, MATERIALISTIC, HUMANISTIC relationships and carries us away into that sublime and majestic HEAVENLY and SPIRITUAL relationship with our blessed Lord, Lifting us from that FEAR OF DEATH about which I read to you in my last lesson, inspiring us with hope that would not let our hands hang down, but would create within us the desire to follow peace with all men and present our lives as lives of holiness that we may have the joy of seeing our Lord. Here is how it begins.

In verse 22 it reads, "But YE ARE, (at that time), come unto MOUNT ZION, and unto the CITY of the *LIVING* GOD—the HEAVENLY JERU-



SALEM". This you see could not be touched with human hands, it is spiritual. It was NOT the earthly *city* of a DEAD KING DAVID, but that of the LIVING GOD. NOT to an EARTHLY JERUSALEM, but to a HEAVENLY JERUSALEM. NOT to the MOUNT that can be TOUCHED; not to BLACKNESS, DARKNESS, and a TEMPEST, BUT to MOUNT ZION, which MOUNT Zion IS this spiritual CITY of the LIVING GOD, this NEW JERUSALEM where there is HOPE, PEACE, and LOVE. I have not the time to discuss this more in detail but this is enough to cause us to see that this, *they* had received as the result of Christ's death on the cross, was an ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE FOR THEM. It was HEAVENLY, not EARTHLY. It was a SPIRITUAL Kingdom, not earthly and MATERIALISTIC. It was ushered in and dedicated by the precious BLOOD of Christ, NOT by the blood of ANIMALS, as was the Old Davidic Kingdom and its symbolic animal sacrifices. *This* they have received is as much *greater* than that of the earthly reign, animal sacrifices, and kingdom of David, as is Christ with His sacrifice and kingdom greater than David and the animals David offered for his sins, every one of which was a STAR OF HOPE POINTING TO the fulfillment of *this* VERY TIME SPOKEN OF HERE BY THE WRITER OF THE HEBREW LETTER.

My dear friends, my VERY dear friends, will you please listen to the next verse of Hebrews chapter 22, verse 23, where the writer says they had come "To the general assembly and CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN, which are WRITTEN IN HEAVEN, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of JUST MEN MADE PERFECT". Christ had to DIE on the CROSS and ASCEND BACK TO THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD for THIS to have been perfected. On earth, sitting on an earthly throne, this would *never* have been. THIS truth I hope to BURN INTO YOUR MINDS and HEARTS so VIVIDLY that you can neither rest nor sleep until you become members of the church here mentioned in verse 23. You ask me WHY? For it reads, "Which are WRITTEN IN HEAVEN". Why were their names written in heaven? They were in the church, the FIRSTBORN ONES. They had been "born of water and the Spirit" as commanded by Christ in John chapter 3, verse 5. No names among them were written, enrolled in heaven, in the book of life, *except* those who were *members* of the *church*. Out of the CHURCH their names were NOT written in heaven. IN the CHURCH, their names WERE WRITTEN. It is just that plain. Those who teach you this unscriptural doctrine of the FUTURE REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH, are also teaching you that the CHURCH IS NONESSENTIAL; that you and your children do *not have* to be *members* of the *church* to have *your* names ENROLLED or WRITTEN IN HEAVEN. BUT REMEMBER SO LONG AS YOU LIVE, *THESE HAD* to be MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TO HAVE *THEIR* NAMES WRITTEN IN HEAVEN. *THERE WAS BUT ONE CHURCH ON EARTH AT THAT TIME*. No, they were not in something, this same group, called the "invisible church". The Bible knows nothing of a "visible" and "invisible church" with different conditions for membership. This is an apology for their "unscriptural religious denominational churches". I trust you will not

miss my lessons on the subject, "The Church The Prophets Saw: Was It an EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE"?

## NEW COVENANT

In this same chapter, 12, verse 24 the writer pointed out to them that they had also come unto "Jesus the MEDIATOR of the NEW COVENANT". The word mediator means one who "makes friends between two or more parties". The parties here concerned are God and man. Man has left God. God did not leave man. Man must now be reconciled unto God. They must make friends. Man cannot come to God by himself, with his own works. He cannot merit this reconciliation with God. He cannot WORK OUT this RECONCILIATION on his own. He *MUST HAVE HELP* to approach God for reconciliation. If the world would only understand this one great truth it would KNOW God did *not* send Christ to earth to INHERIT A MATERIALISTIC KINGDOM in old Jerusalem. Christ *had* to be at the RIGHT HAND OF GOD for this reconciliation to be perfected. In 2 Corinthians chapter 5, verses 18,19 your Bible reads, "And all things are of God, who hath RECONCILED us to himself BY Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, now listen right good, to wit, that God was IN CHRIST, RECONCILING the WORLD unto himself, not imputing their sins unto them, and hath committed unto us the WORD OF RECONCILIATION". Friends, THIS is why God sent Christ to earth to RECONCILE the WORLD to God. NOT to just SIT on an EARTHLY THRONE IN OLD JERUSALEM! Once THIS GREAT MISSION of RECONCILIATION for our sins dawns upon us that THIS was the REASON for Christ's coming to earth and NOT to inherit David's earthly throne, the world will turn loose this future reign doctrine, teaching them Christ is returning to earth for the SPECIFIC PURPOSE of REINSTATING this old EARTHLY KINGDOM OF DAVID. This ONE THING to remember: If He is coming the SECOND time to fulfill THAT for which He came the FIRST and FAILED, then that which He NOW IS DOING was NOT that for which He came the first time. This true then by that doctrine He did *not* come TO RECONCILE the world to God the Father through His MEDIATORSHIP. And if He re-establishes that for which they say He came the FIRST TIME and FAILED He will HAVE to REESTABLISH THE OLD EARTHLY KINGDOM OF DAVID as it was *when David reigned over it*, OR it will not BE THAT KINGDOM. It would be a CHANGED KINGDOM and again Christ would *not* be fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies as they teach. That theory is wrong any way you approach it. Christ came to be the MEDIATOR between God and man. This MEDIATORSHIP was effected by His blood on the cross and through this NEW COVENANT spoken of here in this same verse, Hebrews 12, verse 24 for it reads, "Jesus the MEDIATOR of the NEW COVENANT". In Hebrews chapter 8, verse 6 the writer says, "But now hath he, this is Christ, obtained a more EXCELLENT ministry, by how much also he IS THE MEDIATOR of a BETTER COVENANT, which was ESTABLISHED UPON BETTER PROMISES". What were these promises? A COMPLETE RECON-

CILIATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN and the **BLOTTING OUT** of their sins and their iniquities, **REMEMBERING THEM NO MORE**, Hebrews 8, verses 8-12. You see the **OLD COVENANT** was in force **DURING** David's **KINGDOM**. That covenant has been done away and a New Covenant has taken its place. That old covenant had Moses as its mediator offering the blood of animals. This New Covenant has Christ as its **MEDIATOR** offering His **BLOOD** of the **CROSS** of Calvary. If now they **RESTORE** the **OLD DAVIDIC KINGDOM** of the **OLD COVENANT** they will have to bring back this **OLD COVENANT**, dedicated by the blood of animals that could never take away sins, Hebrews chapter 10, verses 1-4, or it would *not be that OLD KINGDOM*. Last in this twelfth chapter of Hebrews is the fact that they had **RECEIVED THIS KINGDOM OF PROPHECY AT THAT TIME** for we read in verse 28, "We receiving a **KINGDOM** that **CANNOT BE MOVED**, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a **CONSUMING** fire **GOD**". As I pass from chapter 12 I read to you from verse 26 a startling and paralyzing statement to those who have rejected the **KINGDOM** that **THEY** had received then. Please hear it, "See that ye **REFUSE NOT HIM THAT SPEAKETH**. For if they refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we **TURN AWAY FROM HIM THAT SPEAKETH FROM HEAVEN**"--**NOT** from **EARTHLY JERUSALEM**. Listen again, "Whose voice then shook the earth--this was the giving of the law on Mount Sinai--but now hath promised saying, Yet **ONCE MORE** I shake not the earth **ONLY**, but also heaven. And this word or expression, *Yet once more*, signifieth the **REMOVING** of **THOSE THINGS** that *were* **SHAKEN**, as of things that are made, **THAT THOSE** things which **CANNOT BE SHAKEN MAY REMAIN**". **THIS** is one of the most **SIGNIFICANT** and **DYNAMIC** **UTTERANCES** **EVER PENNED IN YOUR BIBLE**. The command is to **REFUSE NOT HIM THAT SPEAKETH**; Turn not away from Him. His voice once shook the earth. Next it will shake the heaven. That voice *removed* those things that could be shaken: the law of Moses; the Old Covenant; the offering of animals; the earthly kingdom of David in earthly Jerusalem. God established instead those things that could **NOT BE SHAKEN**; those things that would **REMAIN**. Now hear, I beg of you, this **VOICE** and listen to what it is saying in this letter would remain as, directed the Holy Spirit of God. It reads as follows in verse 28, "We receiving a **KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE MOVED**". That is **CANNOT BE SHAKEN**; that which **SHALL REMAIN** for it **CANNOT BE MOVED**. And **YET** men will look at these verses; will look at verse 28 and deny that they had **RECEIVED THAT KINGDOM THEN THAT COULD NOT BE SHAKEN**; **COULD NOT BE MOVED**, and would **REMAIN**. Why **REMAIN**? That they might "Serve God with reverence and godly fear". Why will the world not give **UP** this **FAILURE CONCEPT** being taught to them when back *then* they **ACTUALLY HAD THE KINGDOM**? There lives not a man in Abilene that can take *this* chapter and prove that what I have told you this morning is **NOT** the truth. He could not prove they had **NOT** received at that time the kingdom that could not be **SHAKEN**, could not be **MOVED**, but would **REMAIN** for **THIS** is what your Bible *actually says* they *had* received *then*.

## CONCLUSION

I do not have time to enter a detailed discussion of the last two separate facts of this lesson though I have discussed many of the things for WHICH CHRIST came, but in my next lesson I shall discuss the other two at length.

Fulfilled in this twelfth chapter of Hebrews we found Christ as the “author and finisher of our faith”. We found Him dying on the cross for the JOY SET BEFORE HIM. That was seeing the lost of earth come to Him for reconciliation with God by Jesus Christ. We found Christ again at God’s right hand; NOT in old Jerusalem. We found them at that time having come unto Mount Zion, and unto the CITY of the LIVING GOD, NOT to the city of David, earthly Jerusalem; We found them having come unto the HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, not OLD JERUSALEM. We found them having come unto the CHURCH; we found that ONLY those in the CHURCH had their names WRITTEN IN HEAVEN. THIS should cause the world to change its mind concerning salvation out of the church, the church *is* the saved. We found they had come to Jesus the MEDIATOR of the NEW COVENANT. We also heard the writer say, Refuse NOT, nor turn AWAY from him that speaketh, He announced the end of those things of the Old Testament, which testament included the reign of David, with its animal sacrifices. We heard him announce to them that *instead* of those things which were shaken and done away, that they, at *that time*, had received that which could NOT be shaken, could NOT be REMOVED but would remain, the KINGDOM promised Christ by the prophets. And YET men will mount pulpits, and by radio and TV tell you, as you look right at this, and read it WORD for WORD that the KINGDOM IS NOT HERE. THAT IT FAILED and Christ is having to return to set it up. PLEASE listen to my *next* discussion. May God bless you is my prayer in His Holy Name. But remember I am your friend ALWAYS for FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH. REMEMBER we must NOT TURN FROM THE VOICE OF GOD WHO ANNOUNCED THE KINGDOM HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THEM AT THAT TIME, AS GOD SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DIRECT THE PEN THAT WROTE THESE WORDS.

## THE GREATNESS OF THE HEBREW LETTER NO. II

Today I conclude my discussions taken for the writer to the Hebrew Letter to the Hebrew Christians encouraging them to remain loyal to Christ, their Lord and King as He sits at God's right hand on His throne, ruling over His KINGDOM OF righteousness as stated by this writer in Hebrews chapter 1. You may ask, Brother Harper, does the first chapter say all this? Yes and much more. Much of this chapter is the fulfillment of Psalms chapter 2:1-7 and Psalms chapter 45; verses 6,7. There can be no doubt therefore that I have the right prophetic person, sitting on the right prophetic throne, with the right prophetic sceptre, ruling over the right prophetic kingdom, sitting at the right prophetic time at God's right hand.

### TWO REMAINING FACTS

Now to the two remaining facts that I did not have time to discuss in my last lesson as I had hoped to do. The FIRST of the remaining two facts is God's SPECIFIC PURPOSE for Christ's first advent to earth. Or simply stated, "*Why Did Christ Come To Earth*"? In this Hebrew letter I have 30 or more SPECIFIC reasons for God's sending Christ to earth, not ONE of which was to INHERIT DAVID'S EARTHLY KINGDOM. In fact NOT ONE of which He COULD have come to do and be, *had* He remained on earth as an earthly king on an earthly throne. I can but mention them and give you the chapter and verse. Then if you are interested in knowing if I have told the truth you may read the Hebrew letter in your OWN BIBLE.

1. God sent Christ to be His mouth piece by whom He was to speak to the world. Chapter 1, verse 1. 2. AND to PURGE us from our sins, verse 3. 3. To prepare Him for His throne and that He might receive His SCEPTRE of righteousness as He ruled over His kingdom, which was to be a kingdom of righteousness, chapter 1, verse 8. 4. To make possible what he called in chapter 2, verse 3, this "great salvation" which at FIRST began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him". 5. To bring us SANCTIFICATION by the offering of His own body upon the cross. Chapter 2, verse 11 and chapter 10, verse 10 where it reads, "By the which will we are SANCTIFIED THROUGH the OFFERING of the BODY of Christ once for all". 6. To destroy the power of Satan, the Devil and to free us from the FEAR of death by His OWN DEATH. Chapter 2, verses 14,15. 7. To make "reconciliation for our sins" that we might have access to the "throne of his grace," "that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in

the time of need". Chapter 2, verse 17 and chapter 4, verse 16. 8. To be made the "author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him", chapter 5, verse 9. 9. To prepare for us a REFUGE that we may lay hold upon the hope that is set before us, which hope we have as an ANCHOR of the SOUL, both SURE and STEADFAST, and which ENTERETH INTO THAT WITHIN THE VEIL. Chapter 6, verses 18,19. 10. To qualify Christ as a MERCIFUL and FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST in remembering our sins and our iniquities no more for ever as He before the Father Eternal makes intercession for our sins, chapter 2:17; chapter 7, verse 25; chapter 8, verse 12 and chapter 10, verse 17 where it reads, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more". 11. Now my friends I beg of you to listen to this another essential and unanswerable fact, revealing to us WHY GOD SENT CHRIST TO EARTH to be born of the virgin Mary. It was to obtain ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us, as He entered into the holy place, into the PRESENCE OF GOD with His OWN BLOOD, to put away sin by the SACRIFICE of HIMSELF. This could not have happened had Christ come just to reign on earth. It reads like this, chapter 9, verses 11-14. "Now Christ being come an high priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his OWN BLOOD entered INTO the HOLY PLACE, having OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US, For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the flesh; HOW MUCH MORE shall the BLOOD of CHRIST, who through the eternal Spirit OFFERED HIMSELF WITHOUT SPOT TO GOD, PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE from dead works to serve the LIVING GOD". Then in verse 24 of this same chapter it reads, "For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are the FIGURES of the TRUE; but INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, *now* to appear in the PRESENCE of God FOR US". Now WHY again, I ask, Did Christ appear before God with His blood? Verse 26 of this same chapter answers the question once more, "But now once in the end of the world hath he—Christ—APPEARED to put away SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF". But one might say, Brother Harper, THIS is at His SECOND COMING? No, my friends for verse 28, two verses below answers that as it reads, "So *Christ* ONCE OFFERED to bear the SINS of many". Now this was at His first appearing which had to be the time intended in verse 26 above for here it stated that He "APPEARED to PUT AWAY SIN by the SACRIFICE of HIMSELF". Listen right good to the closing part of verse 28, I shall just read the entire verse again. "So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the SINS of many; and unto them that LOOK for him shall he COME THE SECOND TIME *without* SIN unto SALVATION". Here it is specifically stated that His SECOND COMING is NOT for the SAME PURPOSE AS THAT OF HIS FIRST COMING. His *FIRST* coming was for the SPECIFIC PURPOSE of OFFERING HIMSELF AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS, that THROUGH HIS BLOOD we might have our sins and our iniquities remembered no more forever. But NOT SO at His SECOND COMING. He is not coming for THAT purpose to PUT AWAY OUR SINS but for the SALVATION, for the ACCLAIMING, for the RECEIVING of His OWN



to be with Him in that city He has gone to prepare for His own where sin cannot invade, nor where thieves break through and steal. **THIS PURPOSE** for sending Christ to earth the **FIRST** time, and His sending Him back the **SECOND TIME** are as different as day from night. **THIS STATED PURPOSE** for Christ's **FIRST ADVENT** forever destroys the teachings of the **PRE-MILLENNIALISTS** who claim Christ came the **FIRST TIME JUST TO SET UP DAVID'S OLD EARTHLY THRONE** and **SIT AND RULE IN HIS FLESHLY BODY ON DAVID'S EARTHLY THRONE OVER AN EARTHLY KINGDOM IN EARTHLY JERUSALEM**. Your Bible states here **POSITIVELY** and **BEYOND MISUNDERSTANDING** that He came the **FIRST** time as a **SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS** by His **DEATH ON THE CROSS**, **THAT** is **THE WHY HE CAME** and all other things relating to His mission to earth and His actions now at God's right hand, are related inseparably to this **MISSION** for coming to earth that the world might be saved for Christ said Himself as recorded in John chapter 12, and verse 32, "And I if I be **LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME**". That you may **KNOW** I am speaking the **TRUTH** for Christ's **FIRST COMING** listen as I read from your Bible, this time I Timothy chapter 1, verse 15 as Paul states it this way, "This is a **FAITHFUL SAYING**, and **WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTATION**, that **CHRIST JESUS** came **INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS**: of whom I **AM CHIEF**". If *THIS IS WHY* He came **INTO THE WORLD**, then He **DID NOT** come **INTO THE WORLD TO SET UP DAVID'S EARTHLY KINGDOM TO RULE ON EARTH IN HIS FLESH FOR 1000 YEARS OR MAYBE LONGER FOR THEY HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE LENGTH OF HIS REIGN ON EARTH BY THEIR FAILURE DOCTRINE**. Then try to **TELL ME** that God's *purpose* for sending Christ to earth was to *set up* this *old Jewish kingdom* of David and now to compensate for **THIS FAILURE ON GOD'S PART**, He has been forced to bring in what they call the "Church Age" during what they call the "Interim period"? Not so! He came to offer *Himself* on the *cross* for our *sins* that He **MIGHT SAVE SINNERS** from their sins. (But remember that not **ONE** of these blessings would have, nor could they have been, had Christ remained on earth. He **HAD** to return to the right hand of God where He is this day!

## **NEW COVENANT**

Having now read where Christ came to put away our sins by the sacrifice of Himself; to sanctify us by the offering of His body on the cross; and where He has "offered **ONE SACRIFICE FOR EVER**", I now invite your attention to Hebrews chapter 10, verses 16-23 where is made one of the most important Biblical announcements ever made. It reads, "This is the covenant that I *will make* with them **AFTER** those days, saith the Lord, (this was after the Law of Moses and the Davidic Regime) I will put my laws into their **HEARTS**, and in their minds will I write them". You see **THIS** was a **DELIBERATELY PLANNED DECISION BEFORE CHRIST CAME TO EARTH**. Then it reads, "Now where **REMISSION** of **THESE** IS, there is **NO MORE OFFERING FOR SINS**. Having **THEREFORE**, brethren, boldness to **ENTER INTO** the



HOLiest by the BLOOD OF JESUS, By a NEW and LIVING WAY, which he—Christ—hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, HIS FLESH; And—now listen RIGHT GOOD—And having an HIGH PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD, let US DRAW NEAR with a TRUE HEART in FULL ASSURANCE of FAITH, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, AND OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER. Let us hold fast the PROFESSION of our FAITH without wavering” none of this *could* have taken place *before* Christ died. This whole, entire, and complete process above read, was the result of the promise God made in Jeremiah chapter 31. Beginning with verse 31, through verse 34 God promised through Jeremiah, “I will make a NEW COVENANT” putting my “Law in their inward parts, and WRITING it in THEIR HEARTS”. Christ as God’s High Priest is sitting *now*, over the house of God, which Paul plainly stated in I Timothy chapter 3, verse 15, is the “CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD”. Christ, being the MEDIATOR of this NEW COVENANT, as this letter states in those exact words in Hebrews chapter 12, verse 24, He is *now* ready to MEDIATE between God and man bringing as, God’s High Priest, RECONCILIATION *between* God and man. But WHERE and WHEN is all this being perfected? As Christ sits *as* God’s *HIGH Priest* over the HOUSE OF GOD the Church of the living God, on God’s RIGHT HAND IN HEAVEN. NOT on earth in the old city of Jerusalem ruling on David’s earthly throne. Christ was never *promised* David’s *earthly* kingdom. He never came to reign on David’s earthly throne. He came to qualify as God’s *High Priest*. That He while sitting *as* High Priest on HIS *THRONE* IN HEAVEN, at God’s right hand, might make reconciliation for our sins; reconcile man to God, and by so doing become man’s Saviour; man’s Redeemer; man’s Advocate; man’s sin-bearer; that He might SAVE MAN FROM HIS SINS THROUGH HIS OWN PRECIOUS BLOOD. ALL THIS He could NEVER HAVE DONE LIVING IN HIS FLESH, NEVER HAVING *DIED* FOR OUR *SINS*, JUST REIGNING ON EARTH ON DAVID’S EARTHLY THRONE. No, He *never* came to sit on David’s earthly throne in the *first* place and He will not RETURN to sit on that throne in the *second* place.

### THE THIRD FACT

I now present the THIRD and LAST of these THREE ESSENTIAL and UNANSWERABLE FACTS of the Hebrew letter. Namely HOW were they to qualify for these glorious blessings provided by the Christ? “They were born again having had their bodies washed with pure water making them members of the church.” I have carefully studied again, eight of the leading commentaries in my office as to the full meaning of the expression found in Hebrews chapter 12, verse 23 where it reads, they had come “To the general assembly and church of the FIRST BORN, which are written, OR more LITERALLY EXPRESSED, ENROLLED, in heaven”.

I believe you would find that they agree that this is expressing the idea of

WATER. The like figure whereunto even BAPTISM doth also NOW save US, (not the putting away of the *filth* of the *flesh*, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

Here was the act of baptism in water that resembled ones WASHING AWAY THE FILTH OF THE FLESH. This is EXACTLY what Hebrews chapter 10 and verse 22 says, “having our BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER”. My friends the ONLY place you get “PURE WATER” anywhere in the gospel is in BAPTISM. In Acts chapter 8, Philip baptized the eunuch in water. In Acts chapter 10, Cornelius had WATER BAPTISM. In Matthew chapter 3, verse 16, “Jesus, when *He* was BAPTIZED, went straightway up OUT OF THE WATER”. In John chapter 3, verse 5, the Lord said WATER. Why FIGHT IT? ARE WE BETTER THAN JESUS CHRIST? The Bible is just as explicit as to the *act* of baptism as it is in the element of baptism being WATER for your Bible reads, “Buried with him IN BAPTISM wherein we are also RISEN WITH HIM THROUGH THE FAITH of the operation of God, who raised him from the dead, “Colossians chapter 2, verse 12. The religious world may laugh at this; they may ridicule this; they may reject this, *but* this is WORD FOR WORD AS YOUR BIBLE READS and IT HAS to be right, *or* we are forever lost at sea without a guiding compass. And remember the Bible declares there is “but ONE BAPTISM” (Ephesians chapter 4, verse 5). Have YOU obeyed it?

### THE CHURCH

The THIRD and LAST qualification I shall mention, taken *strictly* from the Hebrew letter, is the FACT of ones having to be IN THE CHURCH to be saved. At the close of this discussion on Kingdom Journeys Through The Bible, I shall introduce a series of lessons on the CHURCH THE PROPHETS SAW, as I have been announcing. In this I shall have a special place for the study of the PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. But in closing this Hebrew letter may I call your attention to the fact again that Hebrews chapter 10, verse 21 reads, “having an HIGH PRIEST over the HOUSE OF GOD, let us draw near with a true heart—”. You cannot separate the *church* from the PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. Since it is the HIGH PRIEST that makes reconciliation for our sins; since he is over the HOUSE OF GOD, which Paul in I Timothy chapter 3:15 says definitely *is* the CHURCH of the LIVING GOD, then it follows as night the day, if one expects to receive the blessings of reconciliation with God he must be where the HIGH PRIEST IS AND, *HE IS OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD THE CHURCH*. THIS will be explained in detail when I come to the Priesthood of Christ but as for now just remember that OUT of the CHURCH you do not enjoy the blessings of the High Priest of God, for YOUR BIBLE SAYS PLAINLY that *He* is OVER the HOUSE OF GOD. One who does not know his Bible very well might say, Brother Harper, the Hebrew letter did not say CHURCH; it said HOUSE OF GOD. Let me read to you Hebrews chapter 2, verse 12 where the Hebrew letter reads, “I will declare thy name unto my brethren IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCH

WILL I SING PRAISE UNTO THEE". Yes the CHURCH IS THE HOUSE OF GOD.

This true and it is, then whatever it takes to become a member of the church the Lord built, one shall have to do to be reconciled unto God, for Christ is HIGH PRIEST *over* the *HOUSE OF GOD, THE CHURCH*. In Acts chapter 2 and verse 47 the "Lord added to the CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED". In Acts chapter 2, verses 38,39 we have recorded what they did. They were baptized FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS as PENITENT BELIEVERS for the command was "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" and verse 41 says about 3000 were baptized. They were added to the church by the Lord and there was BUT ONE church on earth THAT DAY. It was the CHURCH OF CHRIST, promised by the Christ in Matthew chapter 16, verse 18.

### CONCLUSION

I have definitely established the THREE ESSENTIAL and UNANSWERABLE FACTS RECORDED in the Hebrew letter. 1. That the things stated in Hebrews, chapter 12, had all taken place AT THAT TIME as Christ sat on the RIGHT HAND OF GOD. That not ONE of them was to have taken place at Christ's second coming. 2. That the WHY God sent Christ to earth, was NOT to sit on an earthly throne for 1000 years, *but* that by His *death* He might qualify as God's High Priest to make reconciliation for our sins that we might be saved. 3. I have established that the Hebrew Christians had been BORN AGAIN, ENJOYED WATER BAPTISM; and were members of the church, the house of God with Christ as their high priest, as the WAY, the ONLY WAY, to enjoy the blessings provided for them by the PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. In establishing these truths I forever established the fact that Christ *had* to DIE and *ascend* to the right *hand* of God *before* these blessings *could* be ours to enjoy. Therefore, God did NOT send Christ to earth as an earthly king on David's throne but as the SAVIOUR of man from his sins, so STATES YOUR BIBLE. May God bless you is my prayer in His Holy Name. Remember I am your friend always, for FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH, and I *have* preached the *truth*.

## **THE THOUSAND YEARS REIGN WITH CHRIST OF REVELATION CHAPTER 20**

Today I enter a discussion of the most controversial and most misunderstood chapter, in our Bible from many viewpoints. This is the chapter that men rely upon to prove what they call, "The Thousand Years Reign of Christ on Earth". It is taught that Christ came to earth the first time to establish an earthly throne, to rule over an earthly kingdom, which kingdom was the old Kingdom of Israel over which David reigned when he was king. It is to comprise just his territory; its headquarters to be in Jerusalem; Christ to be sitting on that earthly throne ruling in His fleshly body. **THIS**, they tell us, was the promise made to Him by his Father. **THIS** promise they tell us **FAILED**. Having **FAILED** at His first coming they tell us God just withdrew that promise, postponed it for an indefinite time, that indefinite time being the **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**. **HAD** God's promise to Christ taken place at the time promised as they say, there would have been no need of His having to come a second time to fulfill that promise, for Christ would have inherited it at His first advent. It was a **FAILURE** on God's part. This **POSTPONEMENT DOCTRINE** does not set aside the fact that the **FIRST PROMISE TO CHRIST FAILED** for it **DID NOT TAKE PLACE**. Now to substitute for this **FAILURE** of God to make good His promise to Christ, they have substituted for this kingdom that should have been set up, what they call a special "church age" to fill in that which they have designated an "interim period", neither of which can be found in the Bible. At the conclusion of this "interim period", called this special "church age" Christ is supposed to come, set up this promised kingdom of prophecy and reign for a thousand years. Revelation chapter 20 is the chapter to which all men finally go when pressed to the wall. Say they to me, "But Brother Harper the Bible just plainly says Christ will reign on earth for a thousand years" and cite Revelation chapter 20. I will send a \$100.00 check to the first person who will send in the verse that reads, "Christ lived and reigned on earth for a thousand years", or that "Christ **WILL** live and reign on earth for a thousand years on the earthly throne in Jerusalem". Now I would collect the check or surrender the doctrine. The tragic part is, No one will collect the check; but most shall continue to believe and teach it for they have been told this so long it will be like death to surrender it. I shall now begin a discussion of Revelation chapter 20. I shall show you it is not discussing the reign of Christ on earth or anywhere else as the **PRIMARY** thought. His reign comes into this scene only in what I shall call, **A REIGN by ASSOCIATION**. His relation with this reign is **SECONDARY**. The reign in Revelation chapter 20 is that of **OTHERS; NOT Christ**.

## SYMBOLIC OR FIGURATIVE

The first thing I wish to point out in this discussion is that the entire book of Revelation is a highly SYMBOLIC, FIGURATIVE, and a CODED book. BY CODED, I mean that you have numbers and figures such as "666" the name and number of the beast by symbols and figures are such as these: the four beasts in chapter 4; the seven seals in chapter 5; the seven angels in chapter 8; the three woes in chapter 8,9 and 11; the battle of the great day of God Almighty, chapter 16; the calling them together in a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon; the rider of the WHITE HORSE of chapter 19; the SHARP SWORD in Christ's mouth with which He goes forth to fight His enemies. These and many more are enough to establish the unanswerable truth that this book is a book of symbols, figures, and codes. They all PICTURE and SYMBOLIZE great events to take place as the King from heaven directs the affairs of men and nations in bringing to pass His great SPIRITUAL VICTORY over His enemies; the SALVATION of his SAINTS and the complete and o'erwhelming defeat of His enemies. Just so Revelation chapter 20 begins with the most SYMBOLIC and FIGURATIVE language in the entire book of Revelation, yet men today try in vain to change these symbols and figures into literal, earthly, and *carnal encounters* of warfare between the Lord's earthly people and those of His enemies. They try in vain to make this chapter say that Christ is on earth reigning over the kingdom of prophecy, from Jerusalem, at the beginning this thousand years, hence the "1000 Years Reign of Christ" or the MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH. It teaches NO SUCH DOCTRINE AS I SHALL NOW PROVE if language means anything at all. Will you PLEASE stay tuned to this study and call your friends who believe this doctrine and ask them to hear it.

## THINGS TO PROVE

For their doctrine to be true they must prove the following things: 1. That this is the literal second coming of Christ. 2. That the resurrection here mentioned is a bodily resurrection of the beheaded saints. 3. That this reign of these beheaded saints was taking place on earth, with Christ reigning on the earthly throne of David. 4. That this scene is taking place from the literal city of Jerusalem. 5. That this includes us or those on earth at any future period of time together with the resurrected saints of all ages. 6. They will have to prove this chapter mentions Christ on earth, in His flesh, reigning on an earthly throne from Jerusalem. 7. They will have to prove these SOULS, as seen in this vision of John, had been bodily resurrected and that they were in their resurrected bodies, living and reigning on earth. 8. They will have to establish one of two things with reference to these SOULS seen in verse 4, that they were, either in their RESURRECTED SPIRITUAL BODIES and on earth; or if they were clothed in their FLESHLY BODIES and brought back to earth. 9. They will also have to establish by Biblical proof one of two things relative to the existence of Christ; Was He in His SPIRITUAL BODY AS HE NOW IS; or did He return in His fleshly body? 10. Should Christ

and His MARTYRED SAINTS return in their SPIRITUAL FORMS no human eyes could see them, any more than we can now see them. If Christ and these Saints return with their original fleshly bodies then they would be subject to physical death again and would have to again live in the "fear of death". 11. They will be forced to prove that this chapter is PRIMARILY discussing the LIVING and REIGNING of Christ ON EARTH from Jerusalem on David's old earthly throne and no other reign. 12. They will be FORCED to present the passage in this chapter that mentions Christ ON EARTH at all, reigning from the city of Jerusalem. They cannot do this.

Friends, you thought no doubt that all these things were mentioned in this Revelation, chapter 20, when as a matter of fact NOT ONE of them is *mentioned* in this chapter. NOT ONE! They have built them a theory and have MISAPPLIED this chapter to fit a doctrine that is neither logical, nor Biblical. Please take these twelve facts stated in my lesson, and there are many more, and force them to read one single fact of these 12 from verse 1 through verse 10 of Revelation 20. This chapter does not discuss the REIGN OF CHRIST. It does not discuss the LIVING of Christ. At no place in this chapter can you, nor can they, read where it says, "Christ lived and reigned for a thousand years on earth". I will give you one hundred dollars to read that in Revelation, chapter 20. Now I would collect this reward or cease to preach the THOUSAND YEARS REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH, when you can neither read from this chapter where it says Christ ever "lived and reigned on earth for a thousand years", nor can you read from this chapter that Christ will ever be on earth living and reigning in His flesh on His earthly throne from earthly Jerusalem. It is time now for them to begin answering these things I have presented today. My friends, as I have said before, It is YOUR SOUL not mine. It is the SOULS of YOUR CHILDREN. If you are a mind to sit idly by, not desiring that these statements made by me be answered and blindly, though honestly, follow these doctrines that teach you the promises of God, made to the seed of David FAILED, and God must make a second try at fulfilling them, that is YOUR PLEASURE but I say to you from my heart, not ONE WORD of TRUTH is found in these doctrines. God's promises DID NOT FAIL. Revelation chapter 20 is *not* the FULFILLMENT of the promises of the Old Testament prophets for not ONE of the prophets ever limited the reign of Christ to a thousand years on earth and then leave Him here with no further instructions as to what He should do after the thousand years during this "little season". If you will free your minds from all prejudices that have been created against us, trying to portray us as just FIGHTERS, men who do not love mankind, men who deny the saving grace and power of God, through the cleansing blood of Christ our Lord, if you will do that and *listen* with open and honest hearts with your Bibles in your laps following me, I promise you I can dispel from your minds all this erroneous doctrine that God's promises FAILED and that Revelation chapter 20 is the second attempt at fulfilling those promises made to the seed



of David centuries before Christ came to earth. There is nothing the Anti-Christ would want better than to have us believe that our God FAILED in His first attempt because of the power of the Devil, or this Anti-Christ and to keep us looking, longing, and hoping, but never reaching in *our* life time, the fulfillment of those hopes, and dreams that God will one day make good His promises made by the Old Testament prophets, which promises they tell us FAILED at the *time* they were promised. Every generation for centuries back has been taught this tragic doctrine of the premillennial reign of Christ on earth. Every generation has died just like you will, and their doctrine has never come true. Each one was preaching that Christ is coming *soon*; the millennial reign of Christ is IMMINENT and those who have so taught have been sleeping lo, these centuries and their predictions never came true. Christ was NOT coming SOON then and you, my good friends shall be disappointed, for Christ will not return during your day, nor mine *just to begin* a MILLENNIAL REIGN on Earth from Jerusalem for any period of time, O yes He will come one day, but not for the millennial reign. You just as well forget it. Revelation chapter 20 does not so teach as I shall now prove. But do not forget these 12 FACTS they MUST prove before their PREMILLENNIAL REIGN DOCTRINE CAN BE TRUE.

### FIGURES OF SPEECH

The first truth I wish you to see is that this chapter, like the others is filled with symbols or figures of speech. These symbols and figures teach lessons, most certainly. The question is WHAT are the lessons the Lord is trying to get before them by these symbols and figures? Certainly the symbol or the figure is *not* the THING SYMBOLIZES, (not represented by the FIGURE.)

### LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

What are the lessons now to be understood from the symbols and figures found in Revelation chapter 20? Begin with me now with verse 1. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven--notice now, all this is still being directed from HEAVEN, NOT from EARTHLY JERUSALEM, (keep that in mind)--having a key of the BOTTOMLESS PIT and a great CHAIN in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a THOUSAND YEARS". Let us notice the symbols or figures of speech in these two verses. Here is one of the angels coming down from heaven with a KEY. Is this to be interpreted as a LITERAL METAL KEY? If not what does this KEY in his hand symbolize? If you will read Isaiah chapter 22, verses 20 through 22; Revelation chapter 3, verses 7,8; Revelation chapter 1, verse 18; and Matthew chapter 16, verses 18,19, you will see that the expression KEY or KEYS signifies POWER, or the RIGHT to preform certain functions. Hence KEYS here mean POWER or RIGHT, or AUTHORITY to bind. What does the symbolic expression, "bottomless pit" mean to convey to our minds? Is it a LITERAL PIT? If



so how can it be a LITERAL PIT if it has no bottom? That is not what *our* word PIT signifies. This “bottomless pit” symbolizes a place of confinement. Now is this place of confinement a literal pit? This “GREAT CHAIN” in the angel’s hand; is it a LITERAL CHAIN OF STEEL, or of some other metal strong that will hold that which is cast into this pit? It symbolizes the power or instrument used by this angel to bind. That which shall hold the prisoner. It is not a literal chain. The “DRAGON” here: What does this symbolize? Is it a LITERAL DRAGON? Who would even try to argue? This “old serpent”? Is this a literal SERPENT, as we know serpents? Who would be so foolish as to so argue? Then *what* does it symbolize? It symbolizes evil, deception, wickedness, as pictured in Genesis chapter 3. Who would try to make this serpent in Revelation 20 a literal serpent? Then the BINDING of the Devil, Satan, with this chain. Do you visualize the actual Devil being literally bound with a literal chain of steel? If not what does this BINDING symbolize? It simply pictures to them, to whom this letter was written, that the power of the Devil, Satan, this old serpent, would be limited, confined, or contained. Then in verse 3 it says of this old serpent, the Devil that he was cast “into the bottomless pit”, shut up, and a seal set on him. Do we expect to be able to walk up to a literal PIT, look into a BOTTOMLESS PIT, see the actual Devil, chained with an actual chain of steel, shut up and locked in with a literal key?

I believe some of you, who have studied this rather carefully would become almost offended at me should I suggest that you believe all this to be LITERAL, as we call literal. Now what this represents *would* take place. All this simply signifies that the power the Devil was then exercising over the earth in fighting the Lord and His kingdom of people, would be stopped to the extent that, as in verse 3 we read, “That he should deceive the nations no more”. Nations were freed from his domination over them to the extent the truth of God could now be preached to the world. Now, how long was the Devil to be CHAINED in this pit? The Bible says “a thousand years”. This question? Why force upon this expression, “A thousand years” a LITERAL MEANING, forcing it to mean a literal thousand years, no more, nor less, when all the rest of this we admit to be symbolic? This expression “a thousand years” is one of the symbols used here to teach them a truth, just as the others were used. It simply signifies in the Bible a “period of time” without respect to definite years any more than key means a literal key; bottomless pit, means a literal bottomless pit; or the chain means a literal chain of steel; or the binding means a literal binding with a literal chain.

It is symbolic of a duration of time, a cycle of time, as to how long, we do not know. O, I know one will say “it says a thousand years”. Yes, it also said a CHAIN; a BOTTOMLESS PIT; a KEY but you are ready to say, “O, but brother Harper it did not mean a LITERAL CHAIN; a LITERAL KEY; a LITERAL BOTTOMLESS PIT. Well WHY did it not? It said KEY, CHAIN,

BOTTOMLESS PIT, just as definitely as it did “a thousand years”. Suppose I should take a dogmatic stand that KEY means KEY; CHAIN means CHAIN; and BOTTOMLESS PIT, means BOTTOMLESS PIT and I believe what the Bible says. Yes, and so do I, BUT I try to find out WHAT the Bible is SAYING in these symbols.

### SOULS SEEN

Let us now begin with verse 4 and analyze this verse. We shall find some things the average Bible reader never notices. Some are so dead set on this chapter proving their PROPHETIC KINGDOM FAILURE DOCTRINE, that THEY ARE HOPING THAT Revelation 20, is at long last the fulfillment of God’s prophetic promises to Christ. So DETERMINED ARE THEY that this be the ANSWER to their Kingdom FAILURE DOCTRINE until they have failed to see WHO it *is* that is LIVING and REIGNING in this chapter. It will descend upon our hearts as an ATOMIC BOMB SHELL when we suddenly realize it is not talking of Christ’s LIVING and REIGNING at ALL, but the LIVING and REIGNING of SOME ONE ELSE. It is going to be almost impossible for those listening who have thought so long this chapter is discussing the literal REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH, to surrender this FAILURE DOCTRINE when they suddenly realize they have been wrong all these years. That they have allowed themselves to be deceived for all this time, by honest men, just as themselves, but deceived just the same, into believing THIS chapter said that CHRIST WAS ON EARTH REIGNING FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. Well, Revelation chapter 20 says no such thing. It is not even discussing the reign of Christ. It is not discussing the LIVING of Christ. Did you know THAT? Whoever this is that is REIGNING is also LIVING. When their REIGNING ends their LIVING ALSO ENDS. This alone shows this to be symbolic or figurative language. I will guarantee you that not one out of a million who has read this verse, ever thought of the fact that their LIVING ended at the same time THEIR REIGNING ENDED. Had you, my brethren, ever realized the power and force of that *one point* in answering the premillennialists? Well just remember that those of whom John is describing here in this symbolic chapter, who are said to be REIGNING, are said also to be LIVING and they are *only* the martyred dead, the souls of them. Their REIGNING and their LIVING are BOTH just for this period called “a thousand years”. At the end of this period they no longer figuratively LIVE as well as NO LONGER REIGN. Question to the premillennial reign teachers: Could this verse therefore *possibly* be referring to Christ? Does He CEASE to LIVE when his thousand years reign ends? THEY CEASED to live. Did their souls die? Cease to exist? WHOEVER IT IS IN THIS CHAPTER lived no longer in this symbol, in this figure, in this picture flashed before the eyes of the apostle John. They ceased to live just as they ceased to reign. This will not be answered this day nor tomorrow. We must therefore understand this “living and reigning” is symbolic or figurative not literal on earth. These souls continue to live, that is to exist after this reign.

## WHO IS IT THAT IS REIGNING?

As I close this lesson today, to continue it next time, let us find out just WHO it is that is said to be doing this LIVING AND REIGNING for this THOUSAND YEARS? Is it Christ? Or is it some one ELSE? If not CHRIST; if it is SOMEONE ELSE, then *this alone* will DESTROY EVERY ARGUMENT POSSIBLE TO BE MADE TO PROVE THIS APPLIES TO SOME FUTURE PERIOD OF TIME CALLED, "A MILLENNIUM", DURING WHICH TIME CHRIST WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS CHURCH AND BEGIN HIS THOUSAND YEARS OF REIGN FROM JERUSALEM ON DAVID'S LITERAL EARTHLY THRONE in fulfillment of God's prophetic failures at Christ's first advent. NOT ONE WORD OF WHICH IS EVEN REMOTELY REFERRED TO IN THIS CHAPTER. But WHO ARE these that are LIVING AND REIGNING? Verse 4, reads, "And I saw thrones, and they, (not Christ), but THEY sat upon them, and judgment was given unto THEM: and I saw the SOULS of THEM (not Christ) that were BEHEADED for the WITNESS of Jesus, and which had not WORSHIPPED the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads; or in their hand (this could not be referring to the Christ!); --NOW WATCH FOR THE RELIGIOUS ATOMIC BOMBSHELL that shall fall upon this PREMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST THEORY, FOR THIS THOUSAND YEAR PERIOD--and THEY--NOT CHRIST--"and THEY LIVED and REIGNED with Christ a THOUSAND YEARS". It was the "living and reigning" only of these MARTYRED DEAD that John saw LIVING and REIGNING with Christ. *They* lived; THEY reigned. Not Christ LIVED and Christ reigned. With the passing of this symbolic period called here a thousand years, passed the period of time called *their* LIVING and THEIR REIGNING. Christ was LIVING before this period symbolically pictured as a thousand years. Christ was REIGNING on His throne in HEAVEN, as I have already read to you from Revelation, BEFORE *they* began to REIGN WITH HIM. He LIVED AFTER this period called the thousand years. He REIGNED on AFTER this period during this "little season" but "they" did not! THIS, my friends no living man can answer. No living man can make this LIVING AND REIGNING, the LIVING and REIGNING OF CHRIST for it definitely, and SPECIFICALLY says THEY LIVED and THEY REIGNED a thousand years. You do not refer to Christ as THEY. You refer to Him as HE. Hence it was the beheaded saints only that lived and reigned during the symbolic period called a thousand years.

But listen, next time as I discuss the expression "This is the FIRST RESURRECTION". I say to you again there is not one word of truth in this PREMILLENNIAL REIGN DOCTRINE being taught from Revelation chapter 20, the reason for which they tell us is, that God's promises by the prophets FAILED at Christ's FIRST COMING. They did not FAIL! This doctrine is WRONG. I beg of you, surrender it NOW, this DAY and find your

way into the kingdom of Jesus Christ by way of the New Birth of “water and the Christ” together with Paul, the Colossians, and John and the seven Churches of Asia. They every one had believed in this Christ and had been BAPTIZED. EVERY ONE! for Christ declared the New Birth came by “water and the Spirit”, John 3:5. May God bless and keep you is my prayer in His holy name. But remember, I am your friend ALWAYS for FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH for Christ said FREEDOM COMES ONLY THROUGH TRUTH, John 8:32, AND THIS I AM PREACHING TO YOU is truth.

## THE FIRST RESURRECTION OF REVELATION 20

Friends today I am continuing the discussion of Revelation, chapter 20; does it teach the doctrine of the PREMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH. By the term PREMILLENNIAL REIGN they simply mean that Christ shall return to earth at the beginning of a period they call the MILLENNIUM or 1000 years. Millennium means 1000, and pre means before. Hence before the 1000 years. At this time they tell us God will fulfill the promises made by the prophets in the Old Testament and Christ shall at this time be given the earthly throne of His father David in Jerusalem and begin His earthly rule on David's earthly throne over His earthly kingdom for a thousand years. In my last lesson I mentioned 12 specific things they would have to prove before this could be true. They will have to prove conclusively that God's promises by the prophets FAILED. That Revelation 20 is the literal fulfillment of Christ's second coming. That this reign of Revelation chapter 20 is taking place with Christ on earth from Jerusalem. That David's earthly throne in Jerusalem is set up in Revelation chapter 20. That Christ has returned in His flesh and is in this chapter reigning from Jerusalem in His flesh on David's earthly throne. That this living and reigning pictured here includes us or those living on earth at any future time. They shall have to prove it refers to those who have never died. They will have to prove that the SOULS in verse 4 have been bodily resurrected and brought back to earth to live in their flesh. They shall have to establish by Biblical proof whether Christ has been brought back to live in His flesh or in His SPIRITUAL EXISTENCE as He NOW is. If it were not a sin to gamble I would not be afraid to gamble my very SOUL that not ONE of these facts they must have to prove their theory can be *remotely* found in Revelation chapter 20. NOT ONE! Try your teachers today and see. Do not let them EVADE these FACTS. Give them the Bible; turn to Revelation chapter 20, and *demand* they read these facts to you and if they *can't*, then come with us and teach that which you *can* read.

### WHO IS REIGNING?

I closed discussing the question, Who it is that is LIVING AND REIGNING in Revelation chapter 20, verse 4. Was it Christ or the MARTYRED DEAD? The Bible answers that question as it reads, "*They* LIVED and REIGNED WITH CHRIST". They is plural. It CANNOT REFER TO CHRIST for He is ONE. This defeats the PREMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST from this verse; it eliminates the REIGN OF CHRIST from this

verse for it was **THEY** that had been **BEHEADED** for the **WITNESS** of Jesus and for the **WORD** of God” who “**LIVED** and **REIGNED**” in this **chapter**. A simple illustration can show you the beauty of this verse. My father, who lived in Conway, Arkansas, who for years was County and Probate Judge of Faulkner County was, at the close of his office as judge, appointed by Governor Homer Adkinson as Assistant Supervisor of the “Arkansas State Corporation Commissioner”. Governor Adkinson appointed my father, W. M. Harper, to this position four months **AFTER** he became Governor of Arkansas. My father died two years later, but Governor Adkinson did not die; he kept living and reigning as governor. So I would say my **FATHER LIVED AND SERVED WITH GOVERNOR HOMER ADKINSON TWO YEARS**. This had nothing to do with the Governor’s **LIVING** and **REIGNING** as Governor of Arkansas. It just described my **FATHER’S** living and reigning *with* the Governor. The Governor **LIVED** four months **BEFORE** and nearly **TWO YEARS AFTER**. Just so it is with verse 4 of Revelation 20. The Bible says these **MARTYRED DEAD, THEY LIVED** and **THEY REIGNED** with **CHRIST** 1000 years. This designated that their “living and reigning” was symbolic or figurative, not literal on earth, but had a beginning and an ending. This did not mean they did not live or exist before this period. Nor did it mean they ceased to exist after the symbolic 1000 years period. They both lived before and after this period of time. In fact they live even to this day. This but further emphasizes the truth that this is a symbolic or figurative “living and reigning” and not literal here on earth. This can’t be answered! Now Christ was on His throne before Revelation chapter 20, for we read in chapter 1, verse 9, John said, he and the seven churches in Asia were “in the kingdom of **JESUS CHRIST**”. So Christ was on His throne in heaven when these saints were **BEHEADED** for the **WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST**. Had this ever **DAWNED UPON YOUR MINDS?** And in this same chapter, verse 11, John saw in heaven a “great white throne and him that sat on it”. This was Christ and no man will this deny. Listen right good now as I read from Revelation chapter 21, verse 5 and let us see where Christ was after Revelation chapter 20. It reads, “And he that **SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID BEHOLD, I make all things new**; for these words are true and faithful”. Who is this one responsible for this message? Revelation chapter 22, verse 16 reads, “I, Jesus have *sent* mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star”. **Where is Christ** when the “living and reigning” of Revelation chapter 20 are taking place and **AFTER** they have taken place during this “little season”? He is in heaven **DIRECTING ALL THE AFFAIRS** of this great book.

### **A JUSTIFIED CONCLUSION**

We are now justified in concluding that these martyred saints for the witness of Jesus Christ, did not in this symbolic picture live and reign the entire time of Christ’s living and reigning, for Christ was living *and* reigning before

they began; and He was living *and* reigning on His throne during this “little season”, AFTER they cease to LIVE and REIGN with Christ. So Revelation chapter 20 is not discussing the REIGN OF CHRIST. It is discussing this particular “LIVING and REIGNING DURATION”, of the martyred saints of God. THIS is what OUR BIBLE SAYS IN SO MANY WORDS: “THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST”. Not that Christ “LIVED and REIGNED with THEM JUST A THOUSAND YEARS. This is why the expression MILLENNIUM is not found in this chapter for this 1000 years is not a literal MILLENNIUM OF TIME, it is a SYMBOLIC or FIGURATIVE expression just as were all these others, signifying that these MARTYRED DEAD would see the cause for which they died rise again, free, free from the power of the DRAGON, the old serpent the Devil, for the word of God has now freed them from his power to hold and bind.

### FIRST RESURRECTION

The question now to be answered is, What is this FIRST RESURRECTION. They tell us this means the bodily resurrection of the saints at Christ's second coming at which time Christ shall set up His kingdom and reign for 1000 years. Then, following this 1000 years reign shall be the second resurrection, that of the wicked. Friends this doctrine is taught NO WHERE in ALL OUR BIBLE much less in Revelation chapter 20. Verse 2 pictured the Devil as being bound for 1000 years. It pictures these martyred dead as living and reigning 1000 years. Now verse 5 declares there is something called the “FIRST RESURRECTION”. What is this resurrection? Is it the bodily resurrection of the saints? If so, nothing is said in this chapter about their having been raised bodily and descending BACK TO EARTH in their resurrected bodies. Let us now connect these thoughts and it is easily understood. In verse 2 it reads concerning Satan, “and bound him a thousand years”. Of the saints it reads, “And *they* lived and reigned *with* Christ a thousand years.” In verse 5 your Bible calls *this* the “first resurrection” for it reads, “THIS is the FIRST RESURRECTION”. The pronoun *this* refers back to this “1000 years reign” of the martyred saints during which “Satan is bound” as this, “first resurrection”. This entire period in which the Devil is bound, during which time the martyred saints are said to “live and reign”, is called a “resurrection.” It is the resurrection of a CAUSE; not of DEPARTED SAINTS. You see the rest of the dead are said not to live during this time; only the martyred dead. So this entire 1000 year period in which the martyred saints are said to “live and reign with Christ” during which time the rest of the dead lived not again, is called THIS “FIRST RESURRECTION.” This is not unfamiliar to you who are Bible students for such was used by Isaiah in chapter 26, verses 13,14 in speaking of the defeat of the enemies of God's people, where the prophet said, “They are DEAD; they shall not LIVE; they are deceased, they shall not rise”. What did he mean here by the expression, “They shall not rise”? Was he speaking of their bodily resurrection FROM THE DEAD? Nay! It meant the power of those



enemies of God would not come back to reign. In Ezekiel chapter 37, verse 10 where the prophet said, "So I prophesied as he commanded me, and their breath came into them, and they LIVED, and STOOD UPON THEIR FEET, an EXCEEDING GREAT ARMY". What did he mean here? Was Israel raised from an earthly grave *where-in* lay their putrified bodies? Ah, my friends, the prophet is here picturing the cause of Israel, that had been subdued by Babylon, as having been brought back to life. It was the RESURRECTION OF THE CAUSE of Israel. Just so it is in the vision here in Revelation chapter 20. The CAUSE for which these BEHEADED SAINTS HAD DIED had now been freed from the dragon, that old serpent, the Devil and that cause was privileged to live again. Those who under the altar in Revelation chapter 6, verses 9,10 who had been "SLAIN for the WORD OF GOD," and for "the testimony" which they had; Who cried, "How, Long, O Lord, holy and true, doest thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth"? We are told in verse 11 that, "They should rest yet for a LITTLE SEASON until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled". Well here in Revelation chapters 16 through 19 God is avenging their blood upon those wicked nations. In Revelation chapter 20 is again given to us the complete victory of these martyred saints. In Revelation chapter 6, they, together with their brethren that were slain after them, are now pictured in this symbolic vision of chapter 20 as on THRONES and judgment as given unto *them* and, "THEY LIVED and REIGNED with Christ a thousand years". This chapter is but a beautiful climax to the battle of the great day of God Almighty, when He gathered, symbolically or figuratively, His enemies together in a place called Armageddon, and with the sword from the mouth of the rider of the WHITE HORSE in Revelation chapter 19; (who is Christ), He had bound the Devil, that is had overcome his power, and the Devil can no longer during this cycle of time deceive the nations, and the cause for which these MARTYRED SAINTS OF GOD have died, had been given back to man. Those who died that this cause might live, are honored as being partakers with Christ, living and reigning with Him. The cause for which they died had now been resurrected to live again. THIS is that FIRST RESURRECTION. So great was their victory that no symbol but that of a RESURRECTION could be found to express the joy of such a blessing. This entire period, or cycle of time, not a LITERAL NUMBERING OF YEARS, is that which is called the FIRST RESURRECTION. It is the SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION of a spiritual cause once crushed to the ground, but now raised up to live again. Not a BODILY RESURRECTION OF THE SAINTS for if this were true then *only* those MARTYRED SAINTS would be in this first resurrection. Not ONE OF YOU NOW LIVING ON EARTH COULD BE HONORED as being among that SAINTED NUMBER. No, THIS is not the MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH ON DAVID'S EARTHLY THRONE having FINALLY EXONERATED GOD FOR HIS FALSE PROMISE MADE BY THE PROPHETS TO CHRIST. SHAME ON SUCH A THEORY.

## THAT LITTLE SEASON

The deadening, the crushing, the paralyzing blow to this "1000 year reign" theory, taken from Revelation chapter 20 is found in verses 3 and 7. Here it is plainly stated that AFTER this thousand year period of Revelation 20, there was yet to be a "little season" on earth. Our Bible states in words too plain to be misunderstood that the "dragon" called that "old serpent", the "devil, and Satan" was to be "loosed a little season", verse 3; and "Satan shall be loosed out of his prison", verse 7. You see time did not end with the ending of this cycle of time represented by this symbolic number "a thousand years" called the "first resurrection." Satan is turned loose on earth; is freed from his prison, this "bottomless pit". This question I press, yes, some might say, UNMERCIFULLY, but I press it just the same and it MUST be ANSWERED Biblically, giving Bible quotations: *WHERE WAS CHRIST DURING THIS CONTINUOUS TIME*, called a "little season" *following* this 1000 year binding period of Satan? If this 1000 years is the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises of the kingdom by the prophets, then that kingdom has ended for your 1000 years have ceased to exist. Where did Christ go? What is He doing wherever He is? Is He still on earth? Did He return to heaven? Why? His reign by the premillennialists has ended. By them His kingdom rule is over and YET the world goes on. Where is Christ then? Time moves on. People are still on this earth, both good and bad. Both saints and sinners after this so called "Millennial Reign" has ended. Their theory is that Christ is to come and RAPTURE the CHURCH, that is take it up to heaven with him for maybe 3½ or 7 years, they do not agree on this. During this time shall take place what they call a literal Battle of Armageddon when the nations of the earth shall be literally destroyed at which time shall begin this "World of Tomorrow", or as one great world evangelist says, "The Earthly Utopia", where there will be "No sin, no sorrow, no death, where Christ will descend to earth, establish His kingdom promised Him by His Father, and Christ shall be crowned, at this time, "King of kings and Lords of lords"; or as one radio speaker calls this the "Golden Age" during which time the essence of the things by the others shall be enjoyed. Do you know, they have pictured on earth, during this time, that which the Bible describes as HEAVEN.

## THE NATIONS HERE

These theories are destroyed by the next verse, that of verse 8. You will remember verse 7 said, "And when the thousand years are expired—that is ended—Satan shall be loosed out of his prison". Now WHY? Verse 8 answers, "And shall go out to deceive the NATIONS which are in the four quarters of the earth (Yes, they are still on earth after the thousand years). Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sands of the sea". It would seem these noted men have been reading something *other* than their Bible in Revelation chapter 20 for here it declares that after the 1000 years the NATIONS had NOT been destroyed; that sin had

NOT been abolished, and the sinner under Gog and Magog received with open arms the DEVIL, that old serpent and their number was as the sands of the sea. During this "little season", ensues another great battle between the people of God and their enemies. Again the Devil has marshalled his forces under the symbolic kings, Gog and Magog, as mentioned in the Old Testament. They are to do battle with Christ and His church, this Beloved City of Revelation chapter 20, verse 9. This is another, a different battle to that of Revelation chapter 16-18. This is a different battle to "their battle of Armageddon". This is AFTER their 1000 year reign period of chapter 20. But you will recall that it is at the END of this 1000 year reign period that they will tell us the wicked dead shall be raised; the general judgment shall be set; the end of the world comes; and the wicked are banished into this punishment pictured to us as a lake of fire; while the saved are ushered into heaven. But INSTEAD of the resurrection of the wicked; at the end of this 1000 year reign and the general judgment; and the end of the world; and the punishment of the wicked; and the final salvation of the righteous as they claim it will be, we find the Devil has been loosed out of his prison, upon the earth for a "little season". He marshalls his forces under the direction of Gog and Magog. His soldiers are greater in number than the sands of the sea, and *time goes on*. Instead of the 1000 year reign being the end of the world, it is after this that ANOTHER BATTLE, here on earth, is directed by the Devil, aided by this false prophet. This of itself destroys the doctrine of the premillennial reign of Christ on earth for time goes on after this 1000 year reign and the nations are on earth and the soldiers of Gog and Magog are here by the millions, waging another war after this so called "Millennial Reign" against the church.

### PROCEDURE OF THE DEVIL

In verse 8 we read of the procedure of the Devil in his attack on the people of God, AFTER this so-called, "millennial reign of Christ on earth" has ended. It reads, "And Satan shall be loosed out of his prison. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the EARTH, Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the SANDS of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth (they are still here on earth doing battle AFTER this 1000 year period has ended) and compassed about the SAINTS, and the BELOVED CITY: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the Devil was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night, for ever and ever." Here the second battle ended with victory over the Devil, the false prophets, and those who fought with them and yet time goes on if you will read carefully chapters 21 and 22. As I said I am not trying to write a commentary on the entire book of Revelation. I am just showing from this book that Christ was in heaven,

sitting on His throne, directing the affairs of this book; that the “living and reigning” in Revelation chapter 20 was not that of Christ, but the BEHEADED SAINTS of verse 4, for it reads, “*they* lived and reigned with Christ”, and that this entire period in which “*they* lived and reigned” called this “1000 years” was the “resurrection of the cause” for which they died, not a bodily resurrection of His martyred saints. Hence the “1000 years reign of the MARTYRED SAINTS”; the “1000 years period of the binding of Satan”; and this “first resurrection”, were all at the same time. Hence the “resurrection of the cause” for which Christ our King of kings and Lord of lords (I Timothy 6:15) shall deliver up the Kingdom of God, even the Father and Christ shall Himself become subject unto God the Father (I Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 23–28).

Since we make up this kingdom, it follows without refutation that we the kingdom shall be delivered up to the Father to live with Him forever instead of coming back to earth in our fleshly bodies to live a thousand years and *then* go to be with the Father.

I have proven by these discussions that there is not one word of truth to this theory of the literal, materialistic, humanistic, fleshly reign of Christ on David’s earthly throne from Jerusalem for a thousand years, but that Christ came to die for our sins, to be buried, resurrected, to ascend back to His Father to be given “glory, dominion, and a Kingdom” (Daniel chapter 7, verse 13,14), and this in 30 and 3 years. He could not have come for both because there is a “time equation” of 967 years difference. If Christ came to die for our sins and return to heaven in 30 and 3 years, He did not, He *could not* have come to live on earth in His flesh for 1000 years. This destroys the “World Tomorrow” by Garner Ted Armstrong, the “Earthly Utopia” of Dr. Billy Graham, at which time he teaches the Kingdom of Christ *will then* be set up and Christ *then* shall be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords; and Richard Dehavin’s “Golden Age” when Christ shall receive the Kingdom promised Him and reign from Jerusalem for a thousand years.

## **“THINGS PROVEN”**

Thank you Jim Hollingsworth:

Friends, this brings my “Kingdom Journeys Through The Bible” discussion to a close. Next I shall introduce my discussion of the subject, “The Church the Prophets Saw: Is it an EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE for God’s Prophetic Kingdom Failures”?

### **THINGS PROVEN**

The following facts of prophecy I have established beyond refutation; that is, beyond the power of man to disprove. This I say humbly, but with the absolute conviction that this statement is right. These are the following facts thus far established: 1. That the SEED PROMISE of Genesis, chapter 3, verse 15 was fulfilled in Christ, Galatians, chapter 3, verse 16. This I have never heard denied.

2. The Land promise to Abraham and his seed of Genesis, chapters 15–17 that God would give to him and his seed after him, “all the land wherein thou art a stranger”. I read the literal earthly fulfillment of this promise to Abraham and his seed in Joshua, chapters 13–23. Here he located them by tribes in the land of Canaan and declared in chapter 21, verses 43–45, “And the Lord gave unto Israel ALL the LAND which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they POSSESSED IT, and DWELT THEREIN—Verse 45, “There FAILED NOT OUGHT of ANY good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; ALL CAME TO PASS”. Once a prophecy has been fulfilled it can never be RE-FULFILLED. That which is taking place in Palestine today cannot, therefore, be the fulfillment of this LAND PROMISE to Abraham for THAT promise was fulfilled at the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. THAT PROMISE IS OVER.

3. The restoration of Israel from Babylonian Captivity, recorded in Isaiah, chapters “1 through 45”, also Jeremiah and Ezekiel, wherein was prophesied the overthrow and captivity of Israel, naming the nation that would over-run Israel and take them into captivity. Isaiah, chapter 10, verse 24 calls Assyria by name and in Isaiah, chapter 13, verse 19 God pronounces the doom of Babylon, which city was the “glory of kingdoms”, the “beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency”, which city shall be as when “God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah”. He also names the king that shall restore Israel to

her native land. In Isaiah, chapters 44 and 45 he calls by name Cyrus, king of Syria.

You ask, Has this been fulfilled? In Ezra, chapters 1–6 we have the full and complete fulfillment of this restoration from Babylonian Captivity. Chapter 2, verse 1, reads, “Now these are the children of the province that *went up out of the captivity*, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had carried away unto Babylon, and they came AGAIN unto Jerusalem, and Judah, every one unto HIS CITY”. In chapter 6, verse 15 it tells us just when this house of the Lord was concluded or finished according to the commandment of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, king of Persia”. There can be no question mark placed by this prophecy for it was fulfilled, the temple was erected, and the people carried back, every one to his CITY. This can never be RE-FULFILLED. It is FINISHED. Once a prophecy has been fulfilled it can never be REFULFILLED. This shameful thing taking place in Jerusalem today cannot be the FULFILLMENT of the scriptures used, promising the return of Israel to Palestine from Babylon. These prophecies are being used today for this very purpose, especially Ezekiel, chapter 37. This valley of dry bones has no reference to Jerusalem of this day. Ezekiel, chapter 1, verses 1–2 shows he was prophesying the fall of Jerusalem for their wickedness, names the people that should overcome them, Chaldea, of which Babylon was the glory and pride of the Chaldean people, chapter 11, verse 24. He also foretells of his fury that shall be meted out upon that nation that has kept in subjection his people Israel promising perpetual desolation upon them that their cities should not return, chapter 35, verse 9.

In chapter 36 begins one of the most beautiful pictures of a restored people to their native home that has been mine to read. Please read verses 8–15. Now beginning with chapter 37 he pictures the restoration of Israel from Babylonian captivity to their own land as a “resurrection from the grave”. That you may know he is speaking of Israel back then, I read verse 11, “Then he said unto me, Son of man, THESE BONES ARE the WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our *hope is lost*: we are cut off for our parts”. Now hear the prophet as he speaks and, *know* he is picturing the restoration of Israel then, not now. “Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will OPEN YOUR GRAVES, and cause you TO COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES, and bring you into the land of Israel.” So the Valley of Dry Bones refers to the restoration of Israel from their Babylonian Captivity. Their deliverance was to be as joyous as a resurrection from the grave. *Here hope, springs anew*, for as man, from his grave, comes *forth to hope again*, so Israel from his burial in Babylonian captivity was to rise with hope in his heart and dwell in his own native land. This has already been fulfilled centuries ago.

## COVENANT PROMISE

4. I have established the fact of the fulfillment of God's promise through Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 31–34 saying, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a *new covenant* with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah." In this New Covenant he promises, "I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts—I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." This was not the law of Moses given on Mt. Sinai. That this has been fulfilled, I read to you from Hebrews, chapter 8, verses 8–13 where he gives this prophecy in Jeremiah almost word for word, saying in verse 8, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah". These are the exact words of Jeremiah, the prophet. In verse 6 we have one of the greatest of *all hopes*, as we read, "But now hath he—Christ—obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he *is* the mediator of a BETTER COVENANT, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the SECOND". Therefore I have established by the Bible the fulfillment of the prophecies promising the SEED OF THE WOMAN who would bruise the head of the serpent; Genesis, chapter 3; the Land Promise to Abraham and his seed of Genesis, chapters 13–17; of the Restoration of Israel from Babylonian Captivity, Ezra, chapters 1–6; and the promise in Jeremiah, chapter 31, to Israel of a New Covenant, not like the covenant that he made with their fathers. All these have already been fulfilled and can never be REFULFILLED. To quote these scriptures as being fulfilled today in the land of Palestine is an act of RELIGIOUS PROSTITUTION, using God's promises fulfilled centuries gone by, for purposes not intended by the Lord God of heaven.

## KINGDOM PROMISES

5. I have not only proven the fulfillment of the following prophecies relative to the kingdom, but have actually read to you the Scriptures *declaring* their fulfillment. Those prophecies are 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 13–14; Joel, chapter 2, verses 28–32; Psalms, chapter 16, verses 8–11; Psalms, chapter 110, verses 1–4; and Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1–12. That they have been fulfilled read Acts, chapter 2, with me as I begin the fulfillment of them in the order mentioned in this lesson. Of 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 12–13, read Acts, chapter 2, verses 29–31 where Peter quotes this prophecy and declares its fulfillment in the resurrection of Christ to "sit on the throne of David"; Joel, chapter 2, verses 28–32 is quoted by Peter in Acts, chapter 2, verses 16–21 in which Peter declared in these



words, “This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel”; Psalms, chapter 16, verses 8–16 Peter declared to be fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ, Acts, chapter 2, verses 25–28; Psalms, chapter 110, verses 1–4 Peter announces as having been fulfilled on this same Pentecost Day as he quotes to them on that day this very Psalms, Acts, chapter 2, verses 34–35 as fulfilled in Christ as he sat that day at the righthand of God. Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1–12 Peter quotes as having been fulfilled *that* day, not at the second coming of Christ, for he showed in Acts, chapter 2, verses 5–12 that God had gathered from every nation under heaven Jews, devout men and from them he set up his kingdom that day. This will not be in the future for it took place on Pentecost Day A. D. 33. Therefore I have established the fact that the kingdom promised by the prophets, is here *now* and *has been* since Pentecost A. D. 33 recorded in Acts, chapter 2.

6. I have established the fulfillment of the greatest set of truths ever to be promised, namely the “mother of Christ”; the “birth therefore of Christ”; the “death of Christ”; the “burial of Christ”; the “resurrection of Christ”; the “ascension of Christ”; and the “coronation of Christ at God’s right hand” or putting it another way, “the crowning of Christ as king having received his kingdom when he ascended on high, seated at God’s right hand”. All these were promised by the prophets. In Matthew, chapter 1 and Luke, chapters 1–2, we read of “Mary the mother of Jesus”, hence the fulfillment of his promised birth of the VIRGIN, whose name was Mary. In the last chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John we have the record of his death, his burial, and his resurrection, and in Acts, chapter 1, verses 9–11 we have the recorded fulfillment of the prophetic scenes of his ascension as foretold by David in Psalms, chapter 24, verses 7–10; and Daniel, chapter 7, verses 13–14; and last we established the fulfillment of the CORONATION PROPHECY of Daniel, chapter 7, verse 14 where at his ascension scene, when Christ was presented to the Ancient of Days, there was given him DOMINION, GLORY, and listen right good, and a KINGDOM and that kingdom, declared the prophet Daniel “shall not be destroyed”. Hence I have established and proven beyond all power of mankind to refute, the *actual* fulfillment of every prophecy from the promised SEED of Genesis, chapter 3, to the crowning of Christ as king ~~for~~ in Acts, chapter 2, verse 30 your Bible declared that Christ was “RAISED UP TO SIT ON DAVID’S THRONE”. Not BROUGHT BACK TO EARTH to SIT ON DAVID’S THRONE. This began on Pentecost Day as Christ sat down at the right hand of God to *reign* “until his enemies were made his footstool”, so declared the apostle to whom the Lord said, “Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven” and he bound these prophecies as being fulfilled that Pentecost Day.

## 30 AND 3 YEARS

7. I then read to you where Christ only remained on earth 40 days after his crucifixion, Acts, chapter 1, verse 3, proving therefore that Christ came to live only 30 and 3 years and then to ascend back to heaven to be seated at God's right hand on his throne. He could not therefore have come to live for a 1000 years in his flesh on David's earthly throne and NOT DIE; NOT be BURIED; NOT be RAISED from the DEAD; NOT to ASCEND back to God's right hand. He *had* to come for one or the other of these. He could not have come for both. He only lived 30 and 3 years and then ascended back to God and was given the THRONE of David which throne was a spiritual throne ruling over a spiritual kingdom into which man is BORN AGAIN (a spiritual birth) John, chapter 3, verse 5. He did NOT inherit David's EARTHLY THRONE. He did NOT inherit an EARTHLY KINGDOM IN JERUSALEM.

## LOGICAL CONCLUSION

We must therefore conclude that He came to accomplish that for which the prophets declared His Father sent Him, namely to die, be buried, arise from the dead, ascend back to God's right hand, and receive the promised kingdom for THIS is what He has done and NOW IS DOING. What He *did*, I am preaching. *That* for which the premillennial future reign advocates say He came to do, namely to inherit David's earthly throne, He did NOT ACCOMPLISH. They present a FAILURE GOD; we present a SUCCESSFUL GOD. They present a DISAPPOINTED CHRIST for the promise made to Him by His Father failed, so they declare. We present a joyful, a happy, and successful Christ for in Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 2 we read, "Looking unto Jesus the author of and finisher of our faith; who for the JOY that was SET BEFORE HIM endured the CROSS, despising the shame", and listen now what happened to Him – "and is SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD". He did not FAIL! He accomplished that for which the Father sent HIM for He said Himself in Luke, chapter 24 and verse 44 that "all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the *law of Moses*, and in the *prophets*, and in the *Psalms concerning me*". In John, chapter 17 Christ said in verse 4, "I have FINISHED THE WORK which thou gavest me to do". The question now to answer is, Did the Father make good His promises to Christ *after* Christ had finished the work the Father had sent Him to do? The answer to this question is found in Acts, chapter 2, verse 16 where Peter said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel". Yes, God fulfilled His promises to Christ.

## IN THE KINGDOM

8. Having now read to you from the Bible the actual fulfillment of these prophecies, I then came to the gospels to confirm the facts proving that the people of the first century of Christianity were actually preaching the things concerning the kingdom and men and women were in the kingdom of Christ during the days of the apostles. In Acts, chapter 8, verse 12 the Bible declares that Philip was “preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God” and “both men and women were baptized”. I pointed out that surely *in preaching the things* concerning the kingdom he was not announcing the KINGDOM FAILURE doctrine and its POSTPONEMENT for THIS would not have inspired men and women to be baptized. I proved that the Colossian brethren together with Paul were in the KINGDOM OF GOD’S DEAR SON and, *that* is Jesus Christ, for in Colossians, chapter 1 and verse 13 the Bible declares that the Father “hath translated us INTO the KINGDOM of God’s DEAR SON”. In Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 28 the writer declares “Wherefore WE receiving a KINGDOM which cannot be MOVED, let us—back then. Not at his SECOND COMING, but THEN, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God with reverence and godly fear” These Hebrew Christians had received the kingdom back then.

Not only had they received the KINGDOM back then, they at the SAME TIME, as I read to you, had also received the CHURCH for in chapter 2, verse 12 the Bible reads, “I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the MIDST OF THE CHURCH will I sing praise unto thee” and in chapter 10, verse 21 it reads, “And having a high priest over the HOUSE OF GOD”. The house of God is the “church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth”, 1 Timothy, chapter 3, verse 15. They not only had the CHURCH and the KINGDOM BACK THEN AT THE SAME TIME, but they also had at this same time this New Covenant spoken of by the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 31 for we read in chapter 12 of Hebrews, and verse 24 after the writer had written to them in verse 23 before, that they had “come to the general assembly and CHURCH of the FIRST BORN” that they had likewise come “to Jesus the mediator of the NEW COVENANT, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel”. So I have pointed out to you that there was no such thing in your New Testament or Covenant as a “church age” after which comes the “kingdom age” for back then they had received all three things promised them by the prophets at the same time; namely—the Kingdom, the Church, and the New Covenant with Christ as King over the kingdom; Head over the CHURCH, and MEDIATOR of the New Covenant. This chapter alone destroys every argument they can make in support of their “kingdom Age” and “church Age” doctrines. They teach that they come as different dispensations at different times; the “church age” first; then the Lord will come to earth and set up the “kingdom age” That they had BOTH BACK THEN, CANNOT BE ANSWERED. The Bible

records the Church, the Kingdom, and the New Testament or Covenant, all three as being present back *then at the same time*. These Hebrew Christians, no doubt, and some of their fathers before them, had also been advocates of this earthly kingdom rule but who have now surrendered it for the spiritual kingdom of Christ.

## THAT HOLY NATION

9. My ninth proven fact was *that* of the “holy nation” promised them by the Lord in Matthew, chapter 21, verses 33–46 where Christ, to the Pharisees and chief priests, made *this* statement, “The kingdom shall be taken from you and given to another NATION bringing forth the fruit thereof”. Verse 45 reads, “And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parable, they perceived that he spake of THEM”. Here Christ, the great prophet of God, explained what was to be done regarding the setting up of the kingdom. It was to be taken *from the Jews* and given to *another* nation. I read to you from 1 Peter, chapter 2 and verse 9 where the apostle wrote, “Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and HOLY NATION”. Here was that “other nation” bringing forth the fruit of the kingdom of God.

## REVELATION

10. The tenth and last great truth presented proving the prophecies relating to the kingdom were fulfilled and that Christ was *then* on His throne was from Revelation, chapter 1. The people at the writing of this revelation letter were *in* the kingdom of Jesus Christ, as kings and priests to God back then. I read to you the statement from Revelation, chapter 1, verse 9 where John wrote, “I am your brother in the patience and KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST”, and in verse 6 of this chapter where your Bible declared they had been made at that time, “Kings and priests unto God”. Not at His second coming. I also read to you from chapters 5, 6, 19 and 21 where Christ was at the writing of this letter on His throne in heaven and not on this earth. In Revelation, chapter 21, verses 5-6 it plainly reads, “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for my words are TRUE and FAITHFUL. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end”. This was Christ still in heaven on His throne. This was AFTER Revelation, chapter 20 where the premillennial reign advocates try to cause you to believe Christ had already come to earth and had established His headquarters in Jerusalem, ruling on David’s throne. Not so, for here in chapter 21 He was still on His throne in heaven. The affairs recorded in Revelation, chapter 20 were being directed by Him from His throne in heaven. The “living and reigning” of Revelation, chapter 20 was that of the “martyred dead”, verse 4. Not of Christ. He was living and reigning on His throne from heaven *before* Revelation, chapter 20

and He was living and reigning on His throne in heaven *after* Revelation 20.

## CONCLUSION

I have therefore proven these ten facts discussed in this lesson: that the seed promise; the Abrahamic land promise; the Babylonian Restoration promise; the New Covenant promise; the kingdom promises to the seed of David; the prophecies of Christ's birth, His death, His resurrection, His ascension back to the right hand of God; His receiving of His kingdom; have all been fulfilled; that people were actually in the KINGDOM OF GOD'S DEAR SON, IN THE KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST back then; and Christ was ruling on His throne from heaven directing *the scenes of Revelation* chapter 20 and had not come to earth. These facts having been proven true then Christ did not come to earth to inherit David's earthly throne, but rather to die, be resurrected and to ascend back to God and be seated at God's right hand on His throne to reign until His enemies were made His footstool, the last enemy to be destroyed was death. Instead of His *second coming* being for the *purpose* of setting up His kingdom Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 23-28 that at His second coming He would become subject unto God.

I have established therefore beyond all refutation my contention of these lessons that the prophecies did *not* fail; they were *not* postponed; that there is no "interim period" called the "church age"; but Christ was *raised* to sit on *David's spiritual throne* and men and women *today* enter this spiritual kingdom of Christ on David's spiritual throne by being "Born again of WATER, yes Christ the King said WATER, and the Spirit". This we believe and teach and this we have done.

But be listening next Sunday as I begin my lesson on "The Church The Prophets Saw: Is it an EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE FOR GOD'S PROPHETIC KINGDOM FAILURES". This is a discussion the kind of which few have ever heard. I shall prove the church was also in the "eternal purpose of God" when He sent Christ to earth. Read Ephesians, chapter 3. May God bless you is my prayer in His blessed name. But remember I am your friend always for FREEDOM THROUGH TRUTH for Christ said in John, chapter 8, verse 32, "You shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you FREE". Truth I have preached to you.

## J. N. ARMSTRONG

Now as I close this book and because I feel it necessary, I wish to present the position of another outstanding premillennialist. His position differs very little in principle from the others. His position presents two separate and distinct dispensations. The first is the "Gospel-church-age", where salvation from sin is offered. The SECOND is the "Smiting Sword Age" where there will be no reign on earth but that of Christ in which the world is not to be "converted by the gospel" in "surrender" to Christ. This dispensation is to be conquered by the "SMITING SWORD" killing men in the flesh; NOT by the Gospel.

### LETTERS BY J. N. ARMSTRONG

On May 28, 1938 Brother Armstrong writes, "I do not believe that the WHOLE world will become SUBJECT to Christ JUST through the PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL, for we are EXPRESSLY told that as Jesus COMES BACK AGAIN a SWORD will proceed out of his mouth and with IT he will SMITE the NATIONS." Revelation, chapter 19, verse 15. Here he has the TWO dispensations. The TWO methods by which each is influenced. The FIRST by the GOSPEL. The SECOND by the "SMITING SWORD." In this same letter brother Armstrong wrote, "Then the other passage, I Cor. 15: 24-26, says Christ must REIGN until he has ABOLISHED all RULE, etc., till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. If Christ does this, and Paul says Christ must reign till this is done, then WHEN it is accomplished there can be NO AUTHORITY ON THE EARTH BUT CHRIST'S. Thus he will have CONQUERED the WHOLE EARTH and RE-ESTABLISHED the DIVINE authority over the WHOLE EARTH. Then he will DELIVER the kingdom up to the Father, according to Paul's teaching. IF my POSITION should AGREE with 'premillennialism' I certainly will REJOICE that they do preach truth at THAT point." (THIS IS PREMILLENNIALISM. E.R.H.)

APRIL 29, 1939

"In commenting on the fact of the "THEN" in the passage (1 Cor. verse 24) meaning afterwards or LATER, I OFTEN SAY THAT the SPACE of TIME BETWEEN the RESURRECTION of the SAINTS and the END could be a few hours or a THOUSAND YEARS, even TWO THOUSAND YEARS. This is no doubt what brother ????????? remembers. As we all know the first THEN has ALREADY covered TWO THOUSAND YEARS, and still the THEN goes on. How much the SECOND THEN may cover NONE OF US KNOWS." Here brother Armstrong says the time of the "SMITING SWORD" following the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, may even be LONGER than 2000 years. Why is Christ on earth with this SMITING SWORD? Not to "save" the world, but to RE-ESTABLISH Christ's DIVINE AUTHORITY over the WHOLE EARTH." By this "Smiting Killing Sword". Not the Gospel.

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In this same letter he wrote, "I also have to say to your third question I do not know." (The question is, Is the CONQUERING of the last enemy to be at the LAST DAY, when He comes in the clouds, or BEFORE that time? E.R.H.) "However, I DO KNOW that the 'last enemy that shall be abolished is death', hence as he SLAYS with this SWORD death still EXISTS on the EARTH and MEN are STILL DYING and their FLESHLY BODIES are being DEVoured by the BIRDS. So EVIDENTLY the COMPLETION of the ABOLISHING of the LAST ENEMY will come AFTER the SMITING OF THE NATIONS and the SLAYING of the SWORD — men still live ON EARTH AT THAT TIME and are still subject to DEATH, PHYSICAL DEATH," (Remember this was AFTER the SECOND COMING of Christ. It was NOT accomplished by the BEAUTIFUL story of the CROSS OF CHRIST, but by the SMITING SWORD which brought, not salvation from sins, by the BLOOD OF CHRIST, but PHYSICAL DEATH by INFLICTING upon them this death by this SMITING SWORD. THIS is premillennialism with a VENGEANCE! And it may LAST, declares brother Armstrong, for 2000 years OR longer. E.R.H.)

May 18, 1939. DEFENDS R. H. BOLL

On May 18, 1939 brother Armstrong wrote, "Will you POINT out to me the SPECIFIC thing or THINGS in 'BOLLISM' that are DESTRUCTIVE of the WORD OF GOD and that hinder one from obedience to Christ, and that you believe would condemn a soul at the judgment of God."

In a letter June 7, 1939, he writes, "Will you please answer question 5 in my letter of May 18. (This is the one just given where brother Armstrong was demanding that the man to whom he was writing point out where "Bollism was DESTRUCTIVE of the WORD of God — E.R.H.) Then he continues, "You need not make the CLAIM that Boll has PUSHED HIS ERRORS to the DIVIDING of the churches. I heard this kind of tune for 25 years by ————— concerning Bible Colleges. He made all the disturbance over that question for twenty-five years that was ever made, but tried to lay it on us. I believe with you the one that causes DIVISION CONTRARY of the TEACHING of Christ SHOULD be DEALT with. SO I want to know WHAT BOLL teaches that keeps men from obeying God and that is DESTRUCTIVE to the GOSPEL? In other words, WHEREIN have the churches in which those MEN move FREELY and have for TWENTY YEARS, been LED ASTRAY? (This was the premillennial group of Louisville, Kentucky, where brother Armstrong visited when in Louisville. E.R.H.) Wherein have their PRACTICE and worship been CORRUPTED? Name some DESTRUCTION WROUGHT, some DISOBEDIENCE caused, from the TEACHING of BOLL on the MILLENNIAL and KINDRED SUBJECTS. This is MY QUESTION. Now I have no desire to extend this correspondence. I WANTED TO ASSURE MYSELF THAT YOU were being DECEIVED by



HARPER and that you did not UNDERSTAND HARPER'S TRICK, the REAL PURPOSE of his fight against ————. I think this has been made clear in the correspondence." (I never fought any school. I DID oppose having a "premillennialist as president and/or Dean of Bible" in any school. What do my brethren think?)

## DANIEL 2:44

Regarding Daniel chapter 2, verse 44, brother Armstrong suggests that this government represented by this stone cut out of the mountain was to "Abolish WORD RULE GOVERNMENTS of HUMAN authority, ALL of them UNTIL they should become like chaff." Then he says, "The wind would carry them away, so that no place would be found for them." (It is the PURPOSE FOR ALL THIS THAT WE NOW INVITED YOUR READING. E.R.H.) "The interpretation of this prophecy that does not give to the SAINTS under Christ a WORLD rid of ALL human governments, possessed by the RULE, the Divine RULE, represented by the stone, 'cut out of the mountain without hands' is a FALSE interpretation." He then writes, "THIS is the WONDERFUL vision, the INSPIRING, the ENCOURAGING goal, left DANGLING before EVERY FAITHFUL JEW of Daniel's time. A WORLD rid of ALL authority but God's, Oh, what INSPIRING hope! Enough to bend EVERY EFFORT and to lead to making of EVERY SACRIFICE necessary to faithfulness to God." (Now PLEASE digest this next statement. E.R.H.) "IMAGINE the GLORIOUS ANTICIPATION of the JEWS WHAT could it MEAN — a WORLD WHOLLY under the authority of God! A WORLD in which His will is done as it is done in HEAVEN." Here He has divided our existence into two parts. One is HEAVEN where we are finally to reside. The other is the world upon which we shall spend may be 2000 years or longer after Christ's second coming. It is strange to me to hear a man speaking of such a WONDERFUL, ENCOURAGING, and INSPIRING HOPE it is to DELAY our journey to HEAVEN just to live here on earth for some 2000 years where we shall see our friends slain by the SMITING SWORD and watch their FLESHLY BODIES DEVoured BEFORE OUR EYES BY THE RAVENOUS BEASTS and the VULTURES of the air to fill (with a CRAVING RAPACIOUS EAGERNESS), their veins with the BLOOD of our precious loved ones or neighbors, who may be lost. This may be a "WONDERFUL, INSPIRING HOPE to Dean Sears, his father-in-law, brother Armstrong and to EVERY JEW as it is left DANGLING before them but to me it is SICKENING, HEARTBREAKING, and REPULSIVE. Brother Armstrong has taken a beautiful lesson of John the Revelator, showing the final victory of Christ and His saints over evil and forced upon it a literal slaying of human beings on earth and the fowls of the air actually eating their bodies and as they are filled with their blood. SHAME ON YOU Dean Sears for doing this to your poor departed father-in-law when we begged you in a letter not to force this issue again but let him "sleep in peace". This you would not do. I am sorry, beyond words this has to be done!

## — HIS PRAYER —

Brother Armstrong closes this letter with a prayer as he anticipates this **WONDERFUL and INSPIRING SCENE JUST DESCRIBED** as he says, "Lord it is **ENOUGH!** Even so come **LORD JESUS.**" Yes, I think myself it is **ENOUGH** and **TOO MUCH** just to **THINK** of such a sight being performed by our Lord throughout centuries **AFTER** His **SECOND COMING!** Dean Sears! Dean Sears! Dean Sears! Why, oh, **WHY** have you **FORCED THIS?** I wanted him to "sleep." Your anger would not let him **REST!**

## — AN APOLOGY TO MY READERS —

To my readers I offer this apology. In his book, "Memoirs, or Life of J. N. Armstrong", L. C. Sears, his son-in-law, rather than publish something beautiful relating to his father-in-law, he has made a futile attempt at exonerating him from being one of the great premillennial defenders and a leading figure in the "small" division caused by him, R. H. Boll and others. In this book he has undertaken to present me and brother A. S. Croom, the **FIRST PRESIDENT** of the Arkansas Christian College at Morrilton, Arkansas, as men with neither honor nor principle. I feel he has **FORCED** a defense against his unjust and false attacks upon me. I will meet Mr. Sears before any reputable Lie-Detector-Machine and read this manuscript as it is here given. This will live in **HISTORY ALSO DEAN SEARS!** Brother Armstrong lived and died a premillennialist, ran with them, brought them to Cordell, Oklahoma, Harper, Kansas, Morrilton, Arkansas, and Searcy. This is a fact that I feel certain no **SANE MAN WOULD ATTEMPT TO DENY!**

## — ARMSTRONG CHALLENGES FOR DEBATE —

At a meeting called by the Armstrong Group the elders of the different congregations of Little Rock, Arkansas assembled at my office at the 4th and State Streets Church of Christ. This meeting lasted from about 4 until 10 p. m. At this meeting brother Armstrong read a challenge to the elders and me to meet him in a debate in defense of R. H. Boll. He stated that he made this challenge in 1924 and no one had the courage to accept it. Dean Sears sat on the divan with a copy of the challenge and followed as his father-in-law read it. At the close I accepted his challenge, stating I was ready to meet him in every city in our nation where the church was strong. He backed down, refused to meet me, and his son-in-law sat as quietly as a child.

## DIVIDE THE CHURCH

He was angry. Called me the biggest liar in the church, and said almost word for word the following, "If you elders at 4th and State do not stop

Harper from opposing us for our friendship with R. H. Boll, or FIRE HIM, WE are going to DIVIDE the CHURCH in ARKANSAS, and lay the blame on the ELDERS at 4th and State for NOT firing HARPER.” Men still live who were present that night!

## **TWO ELDERS**

When this challenge was made brother James H. Brewer, an elder at 4th and State, said, “No, brother Armstrong, you are not a PREMILLEN-  
NIALIST are you? You have made the GREATEST DEFENSE OF PRE-  
MILLENNIALISM I have EVER heard.” Brother Felix Copeland, another  
elder, with tears in his eyes, said, “Brother Armstrong I had rather be the  
soldier who pierced the side of my Lord than to be you men who have  
divided the church, the SPIRITUAL BODY of our Lord over premil-  
lennialism.”

## **THE FIRE WAS LIT**

Brother Armstrong’s challenge was “The most UNKINDEST CUT OF  
ALL” for it was the “FIRE” that inflamed the elders who were then ready  
to fight to save the church from him. ONLY THESE TWO MEN KNEW  
THAT THIS CHALLENGE WAS TO BE MADE THAT NIGHT. Dean Sears  
and his father-in-law he has tried so hard to exonerate from this premillen-  
nial faction and has failed.

## **THE LITTLE ROCK AFFAIR – LECTURESHIP**

Dean Sears! Your attack made in this book upon me regarding the  
lectureship at Little Rock, Arkansas was as UNTRUE and as UNJUST as  
your DENIAL of your father-in-law’s being a premillennialist. There was no  
PLOT, nor TRICK as one of the letters stated, to attack your father-in-law.  
All the college presidents among us were invited to appear on this lecture-  
ship and present, if they wished, the school’s convictions regarding the ques-  
tion of premillennialism that was so much in the limelight at the time. ALL  
WERE INVITED!

Seven men from your school were invited. The president, who was  
called away sent me word he was sorry he could not come as promised;  
You, Dr. Sears, the DEAN, a special preacher friend of the school who  
lived in Searcy, and three of the most outstanding young students who  
were recommended by the school. This was for the purpose of presenting the  
president of the school there, and her outstanding preacher students to  
Arkansas.

## **I WAS MC**

I was the Master of Ceremonies. I introduced all of you from the school  
where you were dean, with honorable commendations, and YOU were one

of them. Not one criticism had been offered regarding one of you. Not a single criticism had been made of any man **SAVE** that of "Premillennial" R. H. Boll of Louisville, Kentucky. He had been criticised for his trying to divide the church over this theory. Brother Armstrong's name had not been **MENTIONED** one time!

### **ARMSTRONG NOT ON PROGRAM**

Brother Armstrong was not on the program as a speaker. One afternoon, I believe it was Wednesday, he came to the Lectureship. He approached me demanding, yes that is the right word, that he be given a place on the program. I explained to him that the time was all taken and for him to speak would run the meeting late into the evening hour. This did not satisfy him. He said, you men have misrepresented R.H. Boll; you have attacked him in his absence and I **DEMAND** an opportunity to defend him. (I had made no attack on R. H. Boll). Brother Armstrong with arms waving, voice lifted, as was characteristic of him when angry, attacked that group of preachers who opposed R. H. Boll, charging that Boll was an innocent man, that they had misrepresented him, demanding, as in his letters just read, to know just what R. H. Boll had **DONE** or **TAUGHT** that was contrary to the scriptures and on and on for an hour, he raved! Yes **RAVED**!

### **C. R. NICHOL**

When he sat down, brother C. R. Nichol, one of our great men, arose and if ever a man received an answer and a severe rebuking for upholding such men as R. H. Boll who had divided the church over this question C. R. Nichol gave it to brother Armstrong.

### **L. R. WILSON**

Then the late L. R. Wilson, an Arkansas man, later editor of the Voice of Freedom, arose, and answered brother Armstrong and placed him where he belonged. **ON** and on it went with others speaking until I had to close the meeting.

### **ABOUT FIVE MINUTES**

It was late, about 6:30 p. m. I only spoke for about five minutes during this entire episode. **REMEMBER THAT!** I offered my regrets that brother Armstrong would come and insert into our meeting such an unpleasant affair that threw it into such an uproar. I then suggested to them that there was a man in the audience who would be glad to stand and tell them of a conversation and an argument he had had with one of **THEIR MEN** upholding the theory (that man of theirs has now passed on. E.R.H.) should they wish to know that the things being said were true. Not a man asked for him to stand. **NOT EVEN DEAN SEARS THE SON-IN-LAW** who is now

speaking, but in vain. Why did you not **SPEAK THEN BROTHER SEARS?** Yes, why did you **JUST SIT?**

### **N. B. HARDEMAN**

After that evening service, when the late N. B. Hardeman, president of Freed-Hardeman Christian College, at the time, spoke that closed this **PARTICULAR** episode of defending R. H. Boll. The voice of N. B. Hardeman rang out so clear and forceful in his denunciation of Boll and premillennialism that from that hour on not one man dared defend premillennialism, R. H. Boll, nor poor brother Armstrong. Not even his **SON-IN-LAW**. No, brother Sears, your attack upon me and brother A. S. Croom, the school's **FIRST PRESIDENT**, yes, he was its first at Morrilton, Arkansas, is as **FALSE** and as prejudicially untrue as it is possible for the ordinary man as you, to couch it in words. You will meet this at the judgment. I pray for your soul. A thirst for revenge must be an awful agonizing heartache! I **BEGGED** you **NOT** to do this. You have the letter!

### **PLEASE READ THIS**

My defense of myself regarding the accusations made about me in Sear's book is not to be taken as an attack upon the school where one time J. N. Armstrong was president. That school does not uphold this doctrine. In fact some of the most effective teaching against this theory has come from them. This is in no way an attack upon that school, whose name I have not called for special purposes one of which I have just stated above.

Were it not for the fear of being **MISUNDERSTOOD** as being opposed to the school to day I **COULD MAKE SOME THINGS PLAIN!** It might be **INTERESTING** to have Dr. Sears publish his letter to the board complaining of the kindnesses being planned at that time to erect a home for the president of the school. Dr., how about publishing it. It was **CHILDISH!** You complained that you have a "better degree" than the president and had remained with the school while he left for mission work! But it lets come through the spirit of the man who attacked me in this book.

### **AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?**

Brother Sears, honestly, aren't you ashamed that you injected such a thing into a book that could have been all beautiful, especially after I begged you to let your father-in-law "sleep in peace"? Others asked you **NOT** to do what you did. You have forever said to the readers of this book that brother Armstrong was a premillennial trouble-maker and you felt it necessary to try to exonerate him.

Your desire to wreak vengeance upon me and brother Croom, the school's **FIRST** president, drove your madness into action and it is here expressed upon the pages of this book of yours for all time and eternity, yes the **JUDGMENT!**

## G. C. BREWER SPEAKS

One of the last things ever said to me by a former friend and defender for so long a time of both R. H. Boll and J. N. Armstrong was that said by the late G. C. Brewer. Brother Brewer was in a meeting at Morrilton, Arkansas. I drove up from Little Rock to hear him. He was reading a letter after services. It was from J. N. Armstrong of Searcy, Arkansas. Brother Brewer said to me, I did not know brother Armstrong was a premillennialist until I spoke at the chapel service at ————— in which I exposed R. H. Boll and his teaching and told them that Boll was to blame for our trouble in the church over this issue. He then said, Brother Harper, J. N. Armstrong demanded that I NEVER SPEAK in that chapel again. These were almost WORD for WORD what he said to me. So far as I know he never returned until after the death of J. N. Armstrong for he passed on not long after this conversation. This I will testify to before any TRUTH MACHINE made by man!

## DEAN SEARS KNEW

Brother Sears you KNEW he was a premillennialist. Others knew, but name calling is at a minimum in this article. They will KNOW who they are. My readers need to order the book by A. S. Croom of Searcy, Arkansas, in which he tells the truth about things you need to know. He tells of those who KNEW ARMSTRONG was an ADMITTED PREMILLENNIALIST. Brother Sears, you published your book "Memoirs, or Life of J. N. Armstrong" knowing men would read it, maybe centuries later, hoping to present me and brother A. S. Croom as men "without honor."

## WHEN HISTORY SPEAKS

History when truly written, will show that I FOUGHT to save the church from this PERNICIOUS PREMILLENNIAL ERROR while YOU and your FATHER-IN-LAW, the late J. N. Armstrong ran with, upheld the premillennial crowd, condemned all who aggressively opposed them. History will show that J. N. Armstrong had trouble in Cordell, Oklahoma, Harper, Kansas, Morrilton, Arkansas, yes, and at Searcy. History will show WHY he had to leave Cordell, Harper, and Morrilton. History will show that he brought the premillennial group everywhere he taught school. History will show that they flocked around him wherever he went. They today are the great advertising agents for your book.

Another thing history will show: E. R. Harper did not run with, uphold, defend, bring them where he preached, nor did he believe, teach and put into writing this infidelic premillennial theory for all to read as did J. N. Armstrong put down in writing his premillennial convictions for all men to read. I shall let my religious honor, integrity, and love for and defense of the Lord's truths, rest upon the written confession by J. N. Arm-

strong's own PEN and INK, signed with his SIGNATURE that he believed the theory and defended the men who propagated it as has Dean Sears as he defended his father-in-law's convictions. My defense of the truth and my fellowship with those who defended that truth shall live in the history of the church so long as men read my writings and read this book.

### **MAY GOD HAVE MERCY**

Brother Sears may God have mercy upon your poor upset soul knowing as you do your father-in-law was a premillennialist and that you knowingly misrepresented the Little Rock Lectureship. There are many things more I could write but PLEASE let brother Armstrong "rest in peace" from this day on, brother Sears!

### **BROTHER ARMSTRONG DEFEATED**

I believe that my discussion of the prophecies fulfilled is a complete refutation of brother Armstrong's defense of the premillennial reign of Christ on earth.



