**END TIME PROPHECIES AND THEIR FULFILLMENTS –**

**CHURCH AND GREAT COMPANY**

**AN ANCIENT PROPHECY:**

Genesis 3:15: “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, it shall bruise they head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

The Christ Seed, Head and Body Members, shall deal a death blow to Satan. (See Romans 16:20).

 Satan shall injure or persecute the Feet Members of the Body, but it only completes the True Seed beyond the Vail.

**TODAY AND NEAR FUTURE —** World in uncertain times:

1. Pandemic problems, include severe economic issues.
2. Government powers against each other: USA, China, Russia, Great Britain, European Union, India, Pakistan, Israel, Arab Nations, Iran, Turkey.
3. Military maneuvers include space-based weapons, electronic hacking, germ/biological weapons.
4. Rising tensions with Islam against so-called Christians, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism.
5. Extreme environmental problems and concerns, pollution, contaminated drinking water and food, polluted air.
6. Terrorism, racism, financial disparities.

All of the foregoing creates FEARS. Luke 21:25, 26: “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity on account of the sea and the waves roaring. Men’s hearts failing them for FEAR, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

In the countries formerly known as Christian countries or Christendom, all of these factors will create an atmosphere in society to allow for a strong government that will include both religious and civil involvement together. A time when Protestant denominations and Roman Catholics will cooperate in order to survive and influence government leaders who will then be looking for all the supporting assistance these churches can give them.

**FUTURE – Enforced marking of the people:** (references D-16 page Foreword, Rpt. 2494 – 2497).

1. Rev. 13:15-17:

“And he [the Two Horned Beast, the Anglican Church of England] had power to give life unto the Image of the Beast [the Evangelical Alliance, but once given life, becomes the Federated Protestants, symbolically represented as the False Prophet], that the image of the beast should both speak [as a False Prophet] and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed [considered by Nominal Christianity to be spiritually dead, and also represents persecution].

And he causeth [enforced by civil authorities] all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads [represents a form of testing or examining, either a person works with or believes in the false doctrines and practices], and that no man might buy or sell [primarily represents losing the liberty to spread spiritual truth, but secondarily may represent economic persecution as in the Dark Ages of the Inquisition] save he that had the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of the name [individuals must receive some form of proof of, at least cooperation with, or allegiance to, the Papal Beast].

This has never happened historically, that Protestants were united in their effort to ENFORCE ALL to cooperate with the Papacy!

Remember, that a limited but powerful example of being “marked” was enacted by the Nazis against many but including Bible Students. Also, the Communist Party throughout Russia, Eastern Europe, China and parts of Asia “marked” those who did not cooperate with them. If you did not cooperate you would be persecuted.

The Little Flock, the living members of the 144,000, the Feet Members of the Body of Christ, do NOT receive either mark. Note the following verses:

Rev. 15:2: “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had gotten the victory over the beast and over his image and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God.” In brief this shows that the Feet Members will have an attitude of peace knowing what God’s will is for them (by resisting the effort to “mark” them with false doctrines and practices). Therefore, they have an elevated or superior understanding of what the rest of the Nominal Christian world is going through, even through their own “fiery persecution”, much like Jesus, or the three Hebrews of Daniel 3.

Note that they get the victory over BOTH Papacy and Protestantism which are cooperating to enforce this marking.

Rev. 20:4: “And I saw thrones and they sat upon them and judgment was given unto them, and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their forehead or in their hands, and they came to life and reigned with Christ thousand years.”

Yes, the Body Members of Christ who have lived during the time that Papacy and Protestant Nominal Church systems have been in existence, have NOT partaken of their spirit, and especially those that lived when the understanding of present truth was available during this Harvest time, and perhaps particularly during the period of the enforced marking.

**A STRIKING PICTURE OF THE MARKING**: Daniel, the 3rd Chapter.

Vs. 1: King Nebuchadnezzer, the Babylonian, had a golden image created in the plain of Dura. This casting would have taken some time before it would have been completed and “stood up”. Br. Russell (Rpt. 2494) states this plain is in the city of Babylon, that being of gold represents the combined forces of religious and civil power.

Vss. 2, 3: All people great and small, were to be present.

Vss. 4-7: it was a special ceremony in which a musical pronouncement would go forth and all were required to bow down and worship the image or face persecution, death.

Vss. 8-12: it was the Chaldeans (the religious leaders), that accused and condemned the three Hebrews to the King (civil authority). They include the death penalty in their presentation to the King.

Vss. 13 – 23: the King demands that the Hebrews be brought for a trial of sorts. They confess their faithfulness to God Almighty regardless of the penalty. The King orders them bound and cast into the fiery furnace. This represents that the faithful Feet Members of Christ will be persecuted for their refusal to receive the mark of the Image of the Beast. It is the civil authorities that carry out the persecuting sentence against them.

Vss. 24 – 28: the three Hebrews are seen unhurt in the furnace of fire, accompanied by one like the Son of God! This demonstrates that perhaps the persecution leads to their freedom to present a final witness before the King (and others present), of God’s incoming kingdom! Even through death they will have support from Jesus somehow, perhaps like those brethren who have been severely persecuted throughout the Gospel Age.

Perhaps their loosening of their bonds represents being delivered from this fleshly body to be immediately with their Lord, “in a twinkling of an eye”. Only time will tell.

**THE HOUR OF POWER: (**references: Rpt. 5718, 5981, Manna August 11, Oct. 16 and Dec. 3).

a. Daniel 3:15: “Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well, but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the SAME HOUR into the midst of a burning fiery furnace and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?”

b. Rev. 3:11: “…and I will keep thee from the HOUR OF TEMPTATION [TRIAL] which shall come upon all the world to try [test] them that dwell upon the earth.”

 This is a special test to come during the Laodicean (seventh) period of the Church. It would be a trial to all that name the name of Christ, but the emphasis is that the true Church of the Philadelphian (sixth), period would be spared this test. Hence, it is a test for the true Church of Laodicea. There is a longer period of trial including the entire Harvest period, but there is a grand culmination test of the enforced marking and hour of power yet future.

c. Rev. 17:12-14: “And the ten horns which thou sawest are the ten kings which have received no kingdom, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings and they that are with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

 These kings are post 1914 civil powers of nominally Christian countries. They will have almost monarch-like powers in association with the nominal Church leaders. It is a Church and State arrangement in order to preserve society (or so they think). This is the same time as the “three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [civil power], the beast [Papacy] and the false prophet [Federated Protestants] – Rev. 16:13.

 We read that they make war (persecute the Lamb [Jesus], who is represented by his Feet Members on earth. Compare Acts 9:4, 5). However, the Lamb gets the victory over this combination of great might — religious, civil and financial — by using the final witness of his Feet Members to be the “last straw” so to speak, in igniting the great burning of the “bundled tares” of Matthew 13:30, 40.

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance upon the heathen and punishments upon the people. To bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron. To execute upon them the judgment written, this honor have all His saints. Praise ye the LORD.” Psalm 149:6-9 (References: Rpt. 15, 5451, 5761, 5631, 2975, D-624, 633).

Yes, the 144,000, are all sealed in their foreheads with the seal of God Almighty, (Rev. 7:2-4), but the Feet Members, still in the flesh, give voice to the message of Truth that leads to the destruction of the nominal systems. This is the two-edged sword the Old and New Testaments of God’s Word.

d. Luke 22:52-54:

 “Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders which were come to him, be ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me, but this is YOUR HOUR AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS.

Then took they him and led him and brought him into the high priest’s house and Peter followed afar off.”

Br. Russell felt there were some parallel events between the Head of the Body (Jesus) and the Feet Members.

(Ref. Rpts. 3369, 3886, 3901, 4162, 4208, 4351, 4824, 5569, 5571, 5676, C-188, 189. Br. Barton in “Pilgrim Echoes”, page 189).

We want to emphasis a few similarities:

1. Jesus was persecuted by two opposing religious sects of Judaism (Sadducees and Pharisees). This might represent the Papal and Protestant sects that unite (like the two ends of a thorny scroll), in persecution of the Feet.
2. It was a reluctant civil authority (Pilate) that they (the religious leaders) had to appeal to and persuade, to carry out their death plot.
3. That it was considered to be treasonous not to kill Jesus. Likewise, it will be perceived that we will be traitors for not receiving the mark of the beast or the Image. (Similarly in Daniel the 3rd Chapter, it was considered treasonous not to bow to the King’s image).
4. As there were 3 religious trials and 3 civil trials, including a public display (for Jesus), so, too, with the Feet Members: a trial(s), will allow for a powerful witness viewed by perhaps millions.
5. As Jesus testified/witnessed that his kingdom was not of this world, so, too, the Feet Members will give witness then, that the empowered religious and civil government, CLAIMING to be Christian and to have God’s authority, really ARE NOT God’s kingdom, ARE not Christ’s kingdom, and in fact they are of Satan’s origin and will shortly be removed in the passing away of the Old heavens and earth, to make way for the New heavens and New earth!
6. There would be the counterpart to the Judas kiss and betrayal! In the end, some would turn on others of the brotherhood. (Rpt. 4208).
7. Matthew 10:18-20: “And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same **HOUR** what you shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.”

We have to study the Word of God, but we do not need to worry about what to say, it will be clear to you.

**THE MESSAGE / MESSENGERS.**

1. The John the Baptist picture (Ref. B-260-264)

Matthew 14:1-11

 • John represents the Feet Members.

 • Herod represents the civil powers, reluctant to persecute John.

 • Herodias represents the Papacy, “mother of harlots” (Rev. 17:5)

 • Her daughter (Salome) represents Federated Protestants.

 • John’s message is: it is unlawful (according to God’s Law, Leviticus 18:16), for Herod to marry Herodias since she was his brother’s wife. This is adultery, an illicit union, or fornication.

 • As Herod was intoxicated and allowed himself to be seduced by Salome, so, too, the civil powers, for one hour, will allow themselves to reluctantly be persuaded by intoxicating reasonings from Papacy and Protestants to jail and then behead the Feet Members because of their MESSAGE – IT IS SPIRITUAL FORNICATION TO HAVE A CHURCH AND STATE GOVERNMENT.

Note: As we saw with Jesus (two religious groups cooperating to have the reluctant civil authority kill Jesus), so, too, with John. It is the mother of harlots (the multiple harlot daughters being Protestantism) that will persuade the civil authorities to put the Saints to death.

1. The Elijah Picture (Ref. B-Study VIII, QB-626, Rpt. 5950, 5844, 5846, 3417, 3292).

II Kings 2:8-11

• Elijah represents the Feet Members.

• Elisha represents the Great Company.

• The river Jordan (water), represents the people.

• Elijah’s mantle, rolled up, represents hard, compacted truths that will divide the people (water) into two categories: those that will eventually reject the nominal Church’s teachings and those that still try to support the nominal Church and State arrangement.

• After crossing the Jordan river, a fiery chariot with fiery horses (a platform of false doctrines that are intended to frighten people into submission, i.e. hell-fire, immortality of the human soul, Church clergy authority, etc.), comes charging at them.

• Elijah stands his ground and does not try to avoid the impending collision (persecution and fiery trials), but he is taken up in a whirlwind to a great deliverance above earth’s turmoil.

• Elisha, avoided the fiery trial (for the time being), and was left behind as a less than faithful Class.

• The rolled-up mantle is the SMITING MESSAGE UPON THE PEOPLE. What is it? It is the antitypical John the Baptist message, of an illicit union of Church and State: that that is NOT God’s Kingdom. It is like Jesus’ final witness – for this cause he came into the world, to demonstrate that God’s Kingdom, Jesus’ Kingdom with Him, is NOT OF THIS WORLD. As Jesus taught us to pray “thy (God Almighty’s) Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

1. It is the “binding” message of Truth from the “two-edged sword” of the Saints in Psa. 149 already considered.
2. It is the pouring out of the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES of Revelation 16. These are hail like truths that EXPOSE the false teachings and practices of the nominal Churches, finally resulting in the “burning of the Tares”. This leads to the Armageddon crash of the “greatest earthquake that ever was…” that destroys the “great city Babylon” (nominal Church systems).
3. Note: the Seven Last Plagues are introduced in the 15th Chapter of Revelation in conjunction with the True Church being completely sealed, but the Feet Members are still on earth to deliver this final MESSAGE/WITNESS. (For a further, detailed, verse by verse explanation of these Plagues, please see [www.harvesttruths.com](http://www.harvesttruths.com) under “Handouts” and “Discourses”.)
4. Daniel the 5th Chapter

 This is the night that literal Babylon fell to the combined forces of Cyrus, the Persian, and Darius, the Mede. In the account, King Belshazzar called for a great feast. In his drunkenness, he called for the golden and silver vessels, that had been previously taken from the Temple in Jerusalem before its destruction, to be brought out, and they used them in gross disrespect unto Jehovah God.

 A supernatural hand appeared and wrote in Chaldean upon the wall. This so terrified the king that he demanded his religious leaders to interpret the writing, but to no avail.

 The queen (perhaps his mother), who was not in the banquet hall, came and suggested that there was one who could interpret the message – Daniel the aged prophet.

 The king called for Daniel and offered him great rewards if he would interpret the mysterious writing. Daniel declined his offers but did tell him the message – “God has numbered thy kingdom and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” Belshazzar was slain that night and the city fell as Daniel prophesied.

 Perhaps this represents how, while being intoxicated with false doctrines, the civil and religious leaders will be made aware that indeed, symbolic Babylon is to be destroyed SUDDENLY. In some manner the Feet Members will have an opportunity to proclaim God’s impending destruction. They will condemn their IRREVERENT BEHAVIOR OF MIS-USING THE BIBLE, HIS WORD, TO PROMOTE THEIR OWN DIABOLICAL AGENDA OF CHURCH AND STATE. (Revelation 17:4 “And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, HAVING A GOLDEN CUP IN HER HAND FULL OF ABOMINATIONS AND FILTHINESS OF HER FORNICATION.”)

Rev. 18:3: “for all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich though the abundance of her delicacies.”

1. Gideon’s band

Judges the 8th Chapter

 Gideon may represent the Lord during this Harvest, who tests his people. First, He tests those that are consecrated at that time. Then, he tests those who would be watchful and be found worthy to be of the Little Flock, particularly those of the Feet Members, represented by the 300 men. The others, who did not carefully watch, but just drank up the water (the present truth), might represent the Great Company and so were separated (similar to Elijah and Elisha or the Wise and Foolish Virgins).

 These Chosen few, a “little flock”, faced off against the encamped Midianites (Papacy), Amalekites (Protestants) and the children of the East (civil authorities).

 Suddenly in the night, Gideon and his band of three hundred blew the trumpets of powerful truths, broke their pitchers of clay (perhaps their martyrdom), and then let the light of their lamps shine forth (truths from the Word of God that exposes the errors of darkness).

The Midianite camp was in anarchy, similar to the greatest earthquake of the Seventh Plague. (Perhaps similar to the burning of the bundled tares.)

**CHARACTER BASED ON KNOWLEDGE IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT.**

1. The Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13.

• The 10 Virgins represent the Spirit-begotten from approximately 1829 onward.

• They were all expectant for the Bridegroom – the return of Jesus.

• They all fell asleep (disappointed), when Jesus did not appear as hoped in 1843, 1844.

• A cry at midnight (suddenly, the Bridegroom’s return was only realized afterward, 1874).

• All the virgins arose representing that all the spirit-begotten will have the truth about Jesus’ return brought to their attention. It will then depend on them if they will follow up on it.

• The Wise Virgins (the Little Flock) have oil (the holy spirit) in their lamps (the Word of God) and in their vessels (their hearts) so that they do not run out.

• The Foolish Virgins (the Great Company), only have oil in the Word of God, and they subsequently run out.

• The Foolish ask the Wise for some of their oil, but the Wise respond they cannot and advise the Foolish to go and buy for themselves.

• As the Foolish go to buy (in the market place of experience) the Wise go into the marriage and the door is shut (the 144,000 are completed). The Great Company are not known to Jesus the Bridegroom as being of the Bride Class because that opportunity is now over.

The lesson: no one can give another person the holy spirit. It is only obtained by each individual at great cost. It demonstrates a CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE OF FAITHFULNESS, ALL THROUGHOUT OUR CHRISTIAN WALK.

1. I Corinthians 3:11-15.

• All the spirit-begotten have to build the proper Christ-like character based upon Jesus as our ransom sacrifice, our means of sin atonement with the heavenly Father.

• Those that build with gold, silver, and precious stones are those that take advantage of all that God offers and provides to each Son and Daughter, and they work to sacrifice the fleshly interests to “set their affections on that which is above”— that is, spiritual interests, focusing on the New Creature’s development in transforming their mind. These are the Little Flock.

• Those that build with wood, hay and stubble, are the Great Company who waste valuable time and talents on worldly pursuits and interests. These use cheaper, burnable construction materials that are much easier to work with than trying to work with hard metals and crystallized stones, which cost so much more.

• Those that build with gold, silver, and precious stones are those that will endure the flames of persecution and gain the victory of being of the Bride of Christ.

• Those that lose their building in the flames are the Great Company. Though they pass through the great tribulation period of the Armageddon crash, the fire of anarchy, they will receive a lesser reward, not immortality, but rather spirit life, mortality like the angels.

Lesson: it is CHARACTER that will stand the test of persecution and trials.

1. Revelation 19:7-9.

 • The Bride has made herself ready. This represents that the 144,000 have properly developed the Christ-like CHARACTER that God planned for and requires of anyone who will become immortal.

• The Great Company is not of the Bride Class. However, they are invited to the marriage Supper, a lesser reward—not immortality but spirit nature like the angels.

**MORE ON THE GREAT COMPANY AFTER THE CHURCH IS GONE**

1. Jeremiah 8:20: “The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved”.

 The Great Company realize that the Little Flock is complete and gone, the Harvest is over for the ripe Wheat Class. They are but unripe wheat and now they must past through the winter time of the greatest tribulation.

1. II Kings 2:12-14.

• Elisha represents the Great Company (GC), who recognize that the Little Flock is now gone from the earth, the 144,000 being completed.

• He rents his own clothes in two pieces, showing the tremendous disappoint of the GC when they realize they have missed out on their chief hope!

• Elisha takes up Elijah’s mantle. This corresponds to the Foolish Virgins purchasing the oil or the GC passing through the tribulation.

• Elisha (GC) is now the spokesman of God in the earth. He smites the Jordan river and again, it divides into two parts, showing that the GC are to continue to give a message – look to Israel for the visible Kingdom of God and the Ancient Worthies who will have control from Jerusalem – the new capitol of earth.

1. Revelation 7:9-17.

 It is after the 144,000 are completed and gone from the earth (being spared the worst part of the coming trouble Luke 21:36), that the GC must choose between enduring the severest time of trouble that has ever been (enhanced trouble because the fallen angels will be fully released from the chains of darkness) or giving up and suffering the Second Death (oblivion).

 They wash their robes white in the blood of the Lamb. This represents how the GC complete their covenant of sacrifice by giving witness to the Truth at the time all the bundled tares are burned, leaving them (the GC) as the only ones on earth still claiming to be true Christians.

 They receive a reward, *before* the throne of Christ, not *on* the throne like the Bride Class. They do have their disappointment offset somewhat by God’s kindness and Jesus’ providing eternal life for them, because they remain Virgins, even though they had been foolish.

1. Habakkuk 3:17, 18: “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat, the flock shall be cut off from the fold and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

 This is the GC speaking during the Winter time of trouble, after realizing they are not of the Little Flock. (See Rpt. 5383).

• Fig tree – nation of Israel not being developed in faith yet.

• No fruit – Little Flock gone from the earth.

• Olive failing – only GC has the holy spirit, not enough to be of the Little Flock.

• Fields not yielding meat – world of mankind not being blessed yet.

• Flock being cut off – Again, the Little Flock gone from the earth.

• No herd in the stalls – no Ancient Worthies on the earth yet.

• The GC demonstrates a good attitude toward God even though they are living during the worst time the earth has ever known. They have faith in the peaceable Kingdom, starting in Israel, but first they must go through a dark Winter of trouble.

**CONCLUSION:**

As unlikely as it all seems, we are so insignificant in the earth, yet this is exactly what God likes to use to confound the wise of this world so that His power and glory is more manifest.

God sets the stage, so to speak. Consider the following:

1. It was on the Passover that Jesus gave his final witness and died.
2. John the Baptist gave his final witness and died on Herod’s birthday.
3. The three Hebrews would not bow down to the Image during that hour of national dedication.
4. Daniel gave his final judgment message the night of Belshazzar’s feast and Babylon’s fall.

Our focus is to develop the right character in ourselves and to assist our brethren to do the same.

• To acquire by effort more of the holy spirit in our minds and hearts.

• To continue to study the Word of God and to better understand the concepts of Present Truth and to witness forth at every opportunity the beauty of the Divine Plan of the Ages.

• To work with God and Jesus, our Chief Reaper, in finding and developing the final Members of the Bride!

• To always maintain an attitude of reverence and gratitude to our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus!

End.