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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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## The Second Coming of Christ and Related Events

First Article

CHRIST'S COMING TO BE PREMILLENNIAL

BY THE EDITOR

Recently, in giving a forecast of some of the things which we anticipated giving our readers through these columns, we mentioned that we planned to prepare a series of articles on the second coming of Christ. We are impressed that the time is ripe for us to begin that series of articles. Therefore, we are now offering the first one.

In offering these articles we do not profess to have any special or superior knowledge. But we have tried to make a close study of the subject, and have come to have some more or less definite convictions concerning it. And our design is to merely give our reasons for these convictions, and to commend them to others for their prayerful comparison with Scripture.

In the first article we shall attempt to establish the fact that Christ's coming is to be premillennial.

But before entering upon a consideration of that matter we desire, by way of introduction, to give—

### 1. Some scriptural reasons for preaching and writing on Christ's second coming.

Some would have us believe that a study of this subject is idle theorizing, or that preaching and writing on it makes one a sensationalist. Others would insist that we should devote all our time to what they consider the more practical things. But the Scripture gives us abundant justification for preaching and writing on our blessed Lord's return to this earth. It is not in the realm of idle theorizing to seek to discover what the Scripture teaches on any subject. And the Scripture shows that some very practical and wholesome results will flow from a consideration of the Redeemer's return. Let us note four scriptural reasons for preaching and writing on this subject:

**(1) We should preach and write on it because the Scripture deals with it, and all Scripture is both inspired and profitable. See 2 Tim. 3:16.**

This fully settles the question of whether we ought to preach and write on this subject. Had the Holy Spirit not desired us to study it, and had it not been a profitable subject for study, he would not have spoken favorably concerning it. Those who disparage an inquiry into this subject, say, by their attitude toward it, that they think there is some Scripture that is not profitable. No man is preaching the whole counsel of God if he is not preaching on Christ's second advent to this earth. And, let it be said with emphasis, that it is not enough to merely affirm that Christ is coming again. The Scripture teaches more than that. It gives many of the antecedent and subsequent details of his coming. It is both obligatory and profitable for us to know all the Scripture says on any subject, including even that which it says by implication.

**(2) We should preach and write on it because of the large place given to it in the Scripture.**

The Scripture not only deals with Christ's return to the earth, but it gives a large place to it. The Scripture probably has more to say about the second coming of Christ and related events than it has to say on any other one subject. It has more to say about his second advent than it has to say, by way of prophecy, about his first. And it has many times as much to say about Christ's second advent as it has to say about baptism or the Lord's supper. Thus the Holy Spirit has emphasized the importance of this subject.

**(3) We should preach and write on it because that is necessary in order to refute and counteract the false teachings that are current.**

The second coming of Christ is a subject that rightly holds a peculiar interest for believers. Just as many a sweet-heart looked and longed for the return of her lover from the late World War, so, with an infinitely higher affection, the bride of Christ should look and long for his return. And those who are truly looking and longing for his return will not be content with the mere fact that he is coming again; they will delight to learn everything they can concerning his coming. Thus this subject has become a favorite tool of false teachers, such as the Russellites and Adventists. And can we expect anything else other than that our people will be misled by these false teachers, unless we teach them the truth on the subject? They are rightfully interested in it, and if we do not give them the truth, many of them are going to imbibe error. And surely it is not needful to argue that religious error always has its derogatory and blighting influence.

**(4) We should preach and write on it because a consideration of it is an incentive to endurance, patience, faithfulness, and holy living.**

Here we will merely let the Scriptures speak without any comment. Attention is called to the following passages:

**"Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (Jas. 4:8).**

**"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord" (Jas. 5:7).**

**"I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1).**

**"The grace of God hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).**

**"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;**