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THE SECOND COMING IN PROPHECY

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To understand the Second Coming in the light of prophecy, it is necessary to distinguish between the first and the second coming of our Lord. In the first coming, Christ came as the Lamb of God to make an atonement for sin by His sufferings and death. In His second coming, He will not suffer and die, but reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. In His first coming, the Jews confused the glory of the second coming with the suffering of the first. They were looking for their Messiah to set up the kingdom in its glory and not for the Lamb of God to suffer the shame of the cross.

There was a historical preparation for the first coming. It is very interesting to study secular history in the light of prophecy. In Daniel's vision, he saw world power after world power succeeding each other. God's hand was and is in history. This accounts for the fact that Greece with her handful of soldiers could overcome Persia with her vast armies. Greece gave us a world language, the most exact language known. It was God's plan to provide a language for the New Testament and then let Greece pass into oblivion and her language cease to be a world language. Then in God's plan, Rome came forward, giving the world a strongly-centralized government (the decentralized government of Greece was her great weakness). Through the Roman government also great national and international highways were constructed. Thus under Rome as a world power, travel became safe and the different parts of the empire of easy access to the missionaries.

God is still in history. The world is now ripening for the reign of the Antichrist. Prophecy is being fulfilled daily. Different nations are ruled by dictators, thus the world is becoming used to a dictatorship. The world is crying for a superman, and when the Antichrist comes he will find a hearty reception.

In prophecy we have the fact of the second coming. No truth in divine revelation is more conclusively proved than this. In the twenty-second chapter of Revelation, Christ says three times, "I come quickly." Again, in John 14: 1-3, He states positively that He is preparing a place for the saints and is coming again to receive them unto Himself. Thousands of years ago, Job, through the telescope of faith, saw this glorious truth and triumphantly cried out his ringing testimony: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in

my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold." In dozens of instances the second coming is definitely foretold in the Word of God. At least ten times in the New Testament we are exhorted to watch, and fifteen times you will find statements similar to this: If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."

Again, there is a necessity for the second coming of Jesus. It is the next great future event of the world's history. It is the one and only hope for this poor sin-cursed world. The spirit of this age is independence of God. This was the spirit in which the Titanic was built. Man boasted of an unsinkable ship. Man thought he could get along without God on the great bosom of the ocean, but on her first trip, the world was horrified with the terrible loss of life on man's unsinkable ship. The United Nations Organization is following the same spirit of independence of God. While as a man-made institution it is doubtless the best yet produced, yet it will never function satisfactorily. The nations are trying to secure peace without having the Prince of Peace. Yes, thank God, our Lord has a more glorious plan than any League of Nations. Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Lamb of God, shall personally reign over all the earth.

The wail, the cry of creation, is for the deliverance that will come only in the millennial reign of Christ. The Church Age is the suffering age, and her cry is for deliverance.

The earth itself, is crying mightily for a deliverance which will only be accomplished when He comes.

The heart cry of man is for deliverance, a deliverance that will fulfill God's plan. Deliverance is coming! In the fulness of time, God sent His Son the first time, and in God's appointed time He will come again. The fall of Jerusalem in World War I is of tremendous significance. She had been trodden under foot by the Gentiles. This is according to prophecy and, when the times of the Gentiles are accomplished, Jerusalem is to be restored to God's chosen people.

2 Tim. 3:1-5 sounds more like history than prophecy today. Modernism is working havoc to faith in God. Christ asked the question, "When the Son of man cometh, will he find faith on the earth?" When the foundations are undermined, who can stand?

In the light of the second coming, let us not be visionary but have a vision. May this glorious hope have a practical effect in our daily lives. Am I ready? Am I meeting my responsibility? Has the hope of the second coming had an explosive power in my heart and life? It is certainly a rugged truth, an intensely

soul-searching truth. Too many talk fluently and argue theologically about the second coming, but have no burden for lost souls! No tears for backsliders! No fasting for revivals! No self-denial to send the gospel to the heathen! Has this truth had an explosive power in my life? Let the Holy Spirit apply the dynamite of this truth to our hearts and we will not, cannot, settle down to a happy-go-easy life. We will never, can never, be satisfied with a life of self-ease or self-advancement, for such a life would be a living torture; but the love of Christ will so constrain us that we will burn out our lives for Him, and we will patiently, lovingly and industriously await His glorious coming.—Selected.

DO YOU KNOW THAT—

1. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, with a few verses in Aramaic?
2. That the Old Testament was originally written on scrolls?
3. That between 247 and 285 B. C. the Old Testament was translated from the Hebrew into the Greek in the Septuagint version?
4. That Christ quoted from the Septuagint version?
5. That the New Testament was written in Greek?
6. That all the writers of the Bible were Jewish, except perhaps Luke?
7. That by the end of the second century A. D. the Bible was translated from the original Hebrew and Greek into Latin?
8. That the first translation into modern English was by Wycliffe about 1382?
9. That the version of the Bible the Catholics use is called the Douay version? It was translated from the Latin in 1609 at Douay.
10. That by 1600 there were so many different versions of the Bible in English that King James agreed to the proposal that all the versions be compared with the old manuscripts, and that an Authorized Edition be issued? This edition is still cherished and read by the greatest number of English-speaking people.
11. That it took forty-seven men seven years to complete this accurate translation?
12. That two and a half centuries later the Revised Version was started because some of the words had become archaic, more ancient manuscripts had been discovered, and there had been an advance in Greek and Hebrew scholarship?
13. That it took ten and a half years to complete the New Testament, and fifteen years to complete the Old Testament of the Revised Version?—Gospel Herald.