

there spoken of, so as that no Feller came up against the People of God no more; for since the time of *Nebuchadnezzar*; and that Monarchies fall, there hath come up many fellers, or destroyers of the Jewes, and the believing Gentiles, as is clear, that *Antiochus* and the *Romans* against the Jewes, and the Whore of *Babylon* against the Christians; and again the Apostle in *2 Thes. 2.* takes up the same words in substance, and applies them to the man of sin, which is the Antichrist; therefore that in *Isa.* cannot be fulfilled in *Nebuchadnezzar*; (for this compare *Isa. 14. 13, 14.* with *2 Thes. 2, 4.*) though he might be a type of Antichrist.

Secondly, it appears that the Antichrist will be but one man (though many have his spirit, and so many Antichrists) because it will sure best with his way of delusion, for he will pretend he is the very Christ, and will cause fire to come down from Heaven on earth in the sight of men, *Rev. 13. 13.* and so he will endeavour to imitate Christ in all things, for as the Lord Christ shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty Angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: so the Antichrist, will make fire come down from heaven in the sight of men, he will endeavour

to make all the Scriptures that speak of Christs coming, and of his raign to meet upon him ; So his coming will be after the *working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceiveableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,* 2 *Thef. 2. 9, 10.* So, as there is the **Man** Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God, which came in his Fathers name, *Mat. 16. 16. John 5. 4, 3. without sin, 1 Pet. 2. 22.* So there will be the **Man** of Sin, the Antichrist, which will come in his own name, and profess to be the Christ, but will be directly an enemy against Christ and his People.

And so I come to the fifth thing; which is, the manner of Antichrists rising, and by what means; for the clearing up of this; First, consider that the Gospel, and the way thereof, is to be purely preached, and the Ordinances rightly administred, and so the Angel is to fly *in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and People, Rev. 14. 6.* And so the Gospel being preached to the Nations, and the Ordinances Administred in the good old way, according to the Scriptures, men come to be enlightened, as many are in these Nations,

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on themselves swift destruction; and many shall follow their pernicious wicked wayes; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of; and Chap. 3. 3, 4. he saith, that there should be scoffers, walking after their own lusts, saying, where is the promise of his coming, &c. and so men transgressing and abiding not in the Doctrine of Christ, fall from the faith of the Gospel; and so the spirit of God departs from them, and an evil spirit is sent unto them, which is the spirit of Antichrist, so out from them that thus fall away, and go out from the Church, 1 John 2. 19. and so separate themselves, sensual, having not the spirit, as Jude hath it, vers. 19. and also from them that have been enlightened, and have neglected to walk up in truth, and so reject the counsel of God, as the Lawyers and Pharisees did, Luke 7. 30. so I say, from them that so fall away, and neglect to hear and obey the Gospel, from them ariseth the Antichrist, or man of sin.

Again, the sixth Head of the Roman Monarchie, which is the imperial, or Kingly power, hath alwayes, and doth by the guidance of the Pope and the National Ministry (which rides upon the Beast as hath been shewed) persecute men for their Consciences, and so hath let and hindered the Gospel from being preached, and the

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of conscience, the Gospel is preached, and truth appears, and many receive the knowledge of it, and obey it, and many fall away from it, and so the spirit of Antichrist ariseth, and so the seventh Head of the *Roman Beast* shall take away the sixth Head, and shall continue a short space, *Rev. 17. 10.* and so the ten Horns also shall arise in one hour with the beast that was, and is not, even he is the Eighth, and is of the Seventh, *vers. 11, 12.* and so is the little Horn that *Daniel* speaks of, *Dan. 7. 11, 24, 25.* and the last power, or Beast, the Antichrist, the Man of Sin, and so the seventh Head and ten Horns, or Kings giving liberty, the servants of God sends forth the truth as it is in Jesus, ministring in the Gospel glad tidings of the Kingdome to the Nations, men come to know the truth, and so are enlightened with it, and so many may come to shine as Stars, and yet fall away as the Antichrist, or man of sin, himself will be some notable man shining as a Star for a time, yet afterward falling from the truth, according to that in *Rev. 8. 10, 11.* *The third Angel sounded and there fell a great Star from Heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters, and the name of the Star is called Wormwood; and the third part of the waters*

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12. Twice dead plucked up by the roots; and
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 Saints through Christ are said to be the light of
 the world, *Mat. 5. 14.* and so *Jacob* who is
 called *Israel*, according to *Josephs* dream, is
 compared to the Sun, *Gen. 37. 9, 10.* The
 Moon I take to be the world, or the Whore,
 the false Church, which hath her light from the
 true Church, as the Moon hath her light from

the Sun, the Stars are the eminent teachers in the Churches, *Rev.* 1. 20. and this in the eight *chapter* before spoken of, is an allegory, because the waters are said to become Wormwood, and yet men drink of them, which cannot be, if they were made Wormwood; therefore it is Allegorical, that the word of the Gospel in the ministrations of the Prophets is compared to water, look *Ezek.* 34. 18, 19. *Isa.* 55. 1. *Rev.* 22. 17. So then a many of the Church will fall from the faith, and the Stars, the Elders, or chief teachers also, and many of the World, or false Church that shall be enlightened, and will not obey, shall be darkned, and so shall lose that light they have, and so shall be given up to gross darkness, and so after a great falling away from the truth; So the man of Sin, the Antichrist is revealed, and getteth the power and rule by flatteries, after the working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceiveableness of unrighteousness; and So opposeth & exalteth himself above all that is called God, or is worshipped, so that He as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God, *Dan.* 11. 21. *2 Thes.* 2. 3, 4, 9, 10. And so I come to the sixth Particular; which is,

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would not worship the image of the beast, should be killed; and he causeth all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to give a mark in their right hands, or in their foreheads, and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the marke, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name, Rev. 13. 11, to 18. So the Beast that hath a wound with a sword, that is, the seventh Head is slain to death, yet he having another which is of the seventh, and is the eighth, and so liveth; and so it is the Beast that was, and is not, and yet is, and so the false Prophet shall by miracles, cause the world to worship the Beast, the man of sin, the Antichrist, as God, sitting in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God, 2 Thes. 2. 4. and cause as many as will not worship the beast or his image, to be killed; and so the fallen Star before mentioned, which is the Beast, the Antichrist, ascendeth out of the bottomless pit, the key of the bottomless pit being given him, he openeth the bottomless pit, and then ariseth a smoak out of the pit, as the smoak of a furnace, and the Sun, and the air, will be darkned, by reason of the smoak of the Pit, Rev. 11. 7. Chap. 9. 1, 2. and neer the end of his reign, when the sixt Vial is poured, or pouring out, then shall come three unclean spirits like frogs out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of the mouth of the false

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The fall of the Beast or Man of Sin, and when, and by whom.

Now Paul saith, that the Lord will consume him with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy him with the brightness of his coming, 2 Thes. 2. 8. So when the enemy shall come in as a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him, Isa. 59. 19. and so when the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven, with ten thousand of his Saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them, of all their ungodly deeds, and of their hard speeches, which ungodly sinners have spoken against him, Jude 15. Then the Sun and the Moon shall be darkened, and the Stars shall withdraw their shining; the Lord also shall roar out of Sion, and utter his voyce from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall **Shake**; but the
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Lord will be the hope of his people, and the
 strength of the Children of Israel, Joel 3. 15, 16.
 And in that day will the Lord make Jerusalem a
 burthensome stone for all People, all that burthen
 themselves with it, shall be cut in pieces, though
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 Then we which are alive and remaine, shall be
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 And so as Zechary hath it, The Lord my God
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 14. 5. And then the ten horns which received
 power as Kings in one hour with the Beast, the
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 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
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in the presence of the holy Angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; So it shall come to pass when the Lord Jesus shall appear; and therefore take the 11 verse. And the smock of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night who worship the Beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the marke of his name; For this purpose read *Isai.* 14.18.19. and *Chap.* 66.24. *Ezek.* 38.22,23. Thus the Lord will magnifie himself, and sanctifie himself, and he will be known in the eyes of many Nations, and they shall know that he is the Lord; And then in that day shall his servants say, **This is the Lord, we have waited for Him, we will be Glad in his Salvation, *Isai.* 25.9.**

So then we may see, that the Whore is not the Antichrist, that the Scripture speaks of, for the Whore is set out in Scripture thus, as a Woman, a false Church, as a Queen, The Mother of Harlots, and abominations of the earth; The Antichrist is set out thus; A Man of Sin, The man that did shake kingdomes, The Son of the Morning, The Son of Perdition.

Secondly, the sixth Head of the Roman Beast carrieth the Harlot, but the Antichrist, the Man of Sin is the eighth and last Beast, as hath been shewed.

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Fourthly, The Woman, the Harlot, and her members that do worship according to her Traditions, and inventions, have space given them to repent, and many do repent; but they that do worship the Beast, the Antichrist, or receive his mark in their right hand, or in their fore-head, they cannot repent; they must *drink of the wrath of God, &c.* as it is *Rev. 14. 9, 10.* and in *Chap. 16. 11.* *They repented not of their deeds;* note, that the first *vial* is poured out upon the *earth*, and the men that had the *mark of the Beast*, and worshipped his *Image*, are plagued; therefore none of the *vials* are poured out until the Antichrist raigneth, *vers. 1, 2.*

Fifthly, The *ten Horns* hate the *Whore*, and destroy her, and make her *desolate*, *Rev. 17. 16.* But the Antichrist is taken *alive*, when the Lord *cometh*, and punished with *everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord*, in a *lake of fire*, *2. Thes. 1. 9.* and *Rev. 19. 20.*

And so to draw to a conclusion, I do desire
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all men to take heed to the Scriptures of the Prophets and Apostles, for they are able to make men wise unto Salvation; and if men speak not according to the Law and Testament, it is because they have no light in them. Isa. 8. 20. O give heed to the most sure word of the Prophets, as unto a light shining in a dark place. until the day of Christ dawn, and the day Stars arise in your hearts; noting diligently all things that are spoken of, that must come to pass, for when the signs concerning Christs coming are come to pass, the day of Christs personal appearing will dawn.

Secondly, is there such a spirit of delusion among men, wherein is a mystery of iniquity? Then let all take heed, that they seek the Lord while he may be found, and to kiss the Son lest he be angry; and ye perish in the way; O do not neglect to read, and search the Scriptures, and walk up in that you do know, be not deceived, God will not be mocked; what a man soweth that he shall reap, for he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting, Gal. 6. 7, 8.

Thirdly, is it so, that God doth, and will give up men to a Spirit of delusion, that they should believe a lye, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure

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Fourthly, let all the Saints consider, and lay to heart what hath been spoken, and search the Scriptures, that they may be informed what is to come to pass, and so according to Christs exhortation, in *Luke 21. 36.* Watch ye therefore, and pray alwayes, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man.

Moreover when the Lord thus overthrowes Antichrist and his Armies, and the Kings of the earth, as it hath been shewed before, and more plentifully appeareth in Scripture; When the whirle-wind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a cutting whirle-wind, it shall remain with pain upon the head of the wicked; the fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have performed the intents of his heart; At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people: For God hath loved them with an everlasting

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 ness he will draw them, Jer. 30. 23, 24.
 Chap. 31. 1, 2, 3. And it shall come to pass in
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 which was dead and arose again, and is alive
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 Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the
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of Lords, and King of Kings, shall raign personally upon the earth in mount Sion, and in Jerusalem, and before his antients the house of Israel gloriously, Isa. 24. 23. Rev. 17. 14. Chap. 19. 13, 14, 15, 16.

And for the further proof and clearing up of this truth, That the Lord Christ shall raign personally on the earth, more then a thousand years, and all the Saints with him, from Adam to his coming, which dyed in the faith, and are found in the faith at his coming, are to raign with him upon earth; First, consider and mark well what the Scripture saith in the letter of it, for the proof of the same, the Prophet Jer. saith, Behold the dayes come saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall raign and prosper, and execute Judgment and justice in the earth; In his dayes Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name, the Lord our Righteousness, Chap. 23. 5, 6. Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession, Psal. 2. 8. In his dayes shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace shall be so long as the Moon endureth; He shall have dominion also from Sea to Sea, and from the river unto the end of the earth; Yea all Kings shall fall down before him, all nations shall serve him, Psal.

72. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. *verse 17. His name shall endure for ever, his name shall be continued as long as the Sun; and men shall be blessed in him: All nations shall call him blessed; and the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one, Zach. 14. 9. Dan. 7. 27. And the Kingdome and dominion, and the greatness of the Kingdome under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the Saints of the most high; whose Kingdome is an everlasting Kingdome; and all nations or dominions, shall serve and obey him; and Rev. 5. 9, 10. saith, Thou hast made us unto our God Kings & Priests, & we shall raige on the earth, Chap. 11. 15. And the seventh Angel sounded, and there were great voyces in heaven, saying, the Kingdomes of this world, are become the Kingdomes of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall raige forever and ever, Rev. 20. sheweth at large, That the Saints shall raige with Christ a thousand years; which cannot be understood but to be on the earth.*

So then the letter of the Scripture speaks much, that the Lord Christ shall descend from heaven, *1 Thes. 4. 16. Acts. 1. 11. and his feet shall stand upon mount Olives, which is before Jerusalem, Zach. 14. 4. and that he shall raige on the earth with his Saints; And that it may not appear a strange thing, observe well how the Scriptures were taken in the letter, that*

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that spake of Christ to come in the flesh, and his sufferings; as, *A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, Isa. 7. 14.* Christ the King of Jerusalem, and Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, riding upon an Ass, and upon a colt the foal of an Ass, *Zach. 9. 9. Mat. 21. 5.* of their giving him vinegar to drink, *Psal. 69. 21. Mat. 27. 48.* again the selling of Christ the Lord of life and glory, for thirty pieces of silver, *Zach. 11. 12. 13. Mat. 27. 9.* Much more might be said, to shew that strange things were fore-told by the Prophecies in the Scripture, concerning the coming of Christ in the flesh, and his suffering, and rising from the dead, plainly declared in the letter; yea, men hardly believed them until they were fulfilled. So then the Scriptures speaking plainly also of the Lord Christ descending from heaven to the earth, and to raige on the earth with his Saints, (as it hath been shewed before) why should it be thought to be incredible.

Again there is a stream of Scriptures that declareth, that the Saints shall suffer persecution, and be in tribulation until the coming of Christ, *John 16. 33. 2 Tim. 3. 12. Luke 14. 2, 27. Acts. 14. 22.* Yea, the neerer the coming of Christ, the greater trouble to the Saints, *2 Tim. 3. 1, 2, 13, Dan. 7. 25. Luke 18. 7, 8. Rev. 7. 14.* Also the Scriptures declare plentifully,

that the Saints shall *raign* on the earth, and flourish exceedingly, and that a long time, *Psal.* 72. 7. *Isai.* 65. 21, 22, 23. *Daniel* 7. 27. *Psal.* 149. *Mat.* 5. 5. *Rev.* 2. 26, 27. *Chap.* 5. 10. *Chap.* 11. 15.

Now observe it well, how can this stand or consist, that the Saints must from Christ coming in the flesh, to his coming to Judgment suffer persecution and tribulation, and yet must have a long time to *raign* and flourish, seeing reigning over the earth and flourishing, is inconsistent, for men cannot be at one time in a persecuted, troubled, afflicted condition, and in a *raigning*, flourishing state; therefore I say, that Christ must *raign* on the earth, and appoint his people a kingdome, *Luke* 22. 29, 30. and so they shall *raign* with him on the earth.

Again there is a stream of Scriptures, that declareth, that there should be *warrs*, and *rumors of warrs* in the last dayes, *Mat.* 24. 6, 7. *Mark* 13. 7, 8. *Dan.* 2. 40. *Chap.* 8. *Chap.* 11. *Rev.* 13. *Chap.* 17. Yea, the fourth Monarchy, which is the *Roman* power, which did begin to *raign* before Christ, came in the flesh, and hath *raigned* in the sixth Head, and will *raign* in the seventh and eighth, which is of the seventh of that *Roman* power, untill Christ come as hath been shewed before; hath all a long brought in *warrs*, and doth and will to
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But the Scripture sheweth plentiously also, that there shall be a long peace in the whole world; *Psal. 72. 7, 8.* in his dayes, shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace, so long as the Moon endureth, *Zach. 9. 10. Isai. 14. 7.* The whole world is at rest, and is quiet, they break forth into singing, *Mich. 4. 3, 4.* And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong Nations asare off, and they shall beat there swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up a sword against Nation, neither shall they learne

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under his vine, and under his fig-tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it, Isa. 2. 4. So then there hath been and will be warr untill Christ comes, & yet there must be a long time of peace, and this peace never was, nor cannot be untill Christ comes; (as the Scriptures of truth witness) and then if the earth be utterly destroyed, as some say, then that peace cannot be; But I say with the Prophet, that that peace must be, and it cannot be untill Christ comes; therefore Christ will raig with all his Saints on the earth personally, and then he will make warr to cease unto the ends of the earth, he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear asunder, he burneth the Chariot in the fire; saying, Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth, Psal. 46. 9, 10.

Again the whole house of Israel after the flesh, shall be called, as it hath been shewed before, which cannot be untill the fulness of the Gentiles be come in, and the appearing of Christ; and this will appear evidently if you well observe, what Isa. saith, 59. 20, 21. compared with Rom. 11. 25, 26, 27. for the Apostle sheweth, when the fulness of the Gentiles is come in; then the deliverer shall come to Sion, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

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For this is my Covenant unto them, when I shall take away there sins; And that you may see the Apostle speaks of the whole house of Israel, that remains on the earth when the fullness of the Gentiles is come in; note well, the 25. verse, and so to the 33. And also what hath been said before, concerning this thing. So then the whole house of Israel shall be called to a glorious state here on earth, when the fullness of the Gentiles is come in; and then the deliverer the Lord Jesus Christ, shall come to Sion, & then shall they look upon him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his onely Son, Zach. 12. 10. So then, from all this, (and much more might be said) it clearly followeth, that the Lord shall reign personally on the earth, and so the Lord God shall give him the Throne of his Father David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end, Luke 1. 33.

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Now in the next place, take notice further of some of the excellent things that the Lord will do in that day for the house of Israel; In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent, and comely, for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Sion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall

be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem; When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, & shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning, Isai. 4. 2, 3, 4.

Then shall health be restored unto Israel, and their wounds healed, saith the Lord, because they called thee an out-cast; saying, this is Sion whom no man seeketh after; Thus saith the Lord, behold I will bring again the captivity of Jacobs tents, and have mercy on his dwelling place, and the City shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof: And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voyce of them that make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few, I will also glorifie them, and they shall not be small, Jer. 30. 17, 18, 19.

Again at this time, will the Lord make them one Nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be a King to them all, and they shall be no more two Nations, neither shall they be devided into two kingdoms any more at all; Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their Idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and
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Again, Wait yea upon me saith the Lord, untill the day that I rise up to gather the Nations; that I may Assemble the kingdoms to pour upon them mine Indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy: For then will I turn to the people a pure Language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent; At this time I will bring you again, even in this time that I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord, Zeph. 3.8, 9,10.

Again, Look upon Zion the City of our solemnities, thine eye shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a Tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords be broken: And the Inhabitants shall not say, I am sick, the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven there iniquity; Isa. 33.20,24.

Again, Hear the word of the Lord, O ye Nations, and declare it in the Isles afar off, and say, he that scattered Israel, will gather him, and keep him as a shepheard doth his flock; For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob and ransomed him
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 Jer. 31. 10, 11, 12. Yea, in that day shall that
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with Egypt, and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land; whom the Lord of Hosts shall bless saying, blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, & Israel mine Inheritance; so in that day, the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the Sea, *Isa. 11. 9.*

So in that day when Christ reigns gloriously on the earth, there will be first all them that dyed in the faith, & are found in the faith at his coming, made immortal, and shall reign with Christ over the whole earth, *Dan. 7. 27.* injoying perfection in knowledge and purity, *1 Cor. 13. 10, 11, 12. Ephes. 5. 27.* and be made free from all manner of imperfections, yea as David saith, *They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and thou shalt make them drink of the River of thy pleasures, Psal. 36. 8.* So they shall be compleatly happy injoying fulness of joy, for ever and ever.

Secondly, the house of *Israel* that is called when Christ appeareth (as hath been shewed) shall be under them, and governed and judged by them, *Obad. 21. Mat. 19. 28. Luke 22. 28, 29, 30.*

Thirdly, The nations that know the Lord shall be inferiour to the house of *Israel*, serving them in that day, *Isa. 60. 12, 14.*

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tions in that day, that will not come to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and upon them shall come great judgments, *Zach.* 14. 17, 18. *Jer.* 31. 30. *Isa.* 65. 20. So there will be in the kingdome of Christ (at least some of the time that he reigns on the earth, before he delivers up the Kingdome to the father) four sorts of people, but the Saints that come with Christ, shall raign most gloriously over them all.

So then, things being so, lets look back to what hath been said concerning Christ coming to raign; namely, that the Saints must be in a troubled, persecuted, afflicted estate, until Christ comes, and the neerer his coming, the more persecution, and tribulations, *Luke* 18. 7, 8. This serves to inform the fifth Monarchy men, that the Saints shall not have dominion of the earth, neither shall the fifth Monarchy be, until Christ comes, for the fourth Monarchy, or Beast in his Heads and horns, raigns until Christ comes, and persecutes the Saints, *Dan.* 7. 25, 26. as hath been shewed.

Secondly, if there will be warr and rumors of warrs, and overturning of powers until Christ comes, that should teach the Saints, not to deceive themselves so as to conclude, they shall enjoy long rest and peace here on earth, before Christ comes, and so to seek great things for themselves; I say with the Prophet, *Jer.* Seek
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them not, for that the Lord hath built, he will break down, and that which he hath planted, will he pluck up, Chap. 45. 4. 5. For the nations must drink Jeremies cup, them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord, Chap. 25. from the 15. to the 34.

Thirdly, This should teach us to buy the truth and not to sell it, and so to seek the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, in the first place, and to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure; redeeming the time, that we be not found among those foolish Virgins that let their lamps go out; but of those wise, that stand with their Loyns girded about with truth, and their lights burning, as men that wait for their Lord when he shall return to the wedding; Mat. 25. Luke 12. 35, 36, 37.

Furthermore take notice of some signes that go before Christs coming; First, observe that the Gospel being preached as it is now, (and shall be more fully hereafter) and many falling away from the truth, and the spirit of Antichrist appearing, this is a sign of Christs coming, 2 Thes. 2. 3. 1 John 2. 18.

Secondly, If we see and hear of warrs and rumors of warrs, and false Prophets, and false Christs appearing, and many run to and fro, and knowledge increase, and the great Whore of Babylon fallen, these things coming to pass are

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Thirdly, When we shall see false Prophets, and false Christs, saying; *loe hear is Christ, or loe there;* working miracles, and the Antichrist or man of sin arising or appearing; then may we certainly conclude the coming of Christ to be at hand, yea if we see the Whore of *Babylon* fallen, and the man of sin arising, we may certainly conclude, that before that generation shall go down to dust, the Lord will appear, *Mat. 24. 23, 24. 2 Thes. 2. 9. Rev. 14. 9. Luk 21. 32.*

Fourthly, When there shall be famins and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places, and the Jewes return into their own land, and the Antichrist (or man of sin) plant his tabernacle in the holy mount, *Dan. 11. 45. Mat. 24.*

7. Fifthly, When the Man of Sin and the false Prophet shall set up an Image, and give the mark of the beast, and cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men, *Rev. 13. 13, 14, 15, 16.* and the sixth vial poured out, and that false ministry of the beast go forth, and gather the nations to his battel of the great day, according to *Chap. 16. 1, 13, 14.*

Joel 3. 9, 10, 11. and the Sun and Moon darkned, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the Sea and waves roaring in an extraordinary manner, *Isa. 13. 10. Joel 3. 15; Luke 21. 25, 26;* When these changes begin to come to pass, especially the four last, then let us *lift up our heads with joy, for our redemption draweth nigh, verse 28.* And when the last appeareth, know that the Kingdome of God is near, even at the very doors, *Mat. 24: 33.* Now from all these things, let every one be perswaded to walk up in all the commandments, and Ordinances of the Lord, improving all grace, so as to serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; yea let all the children of God, *work out their salvation with fear and trembling; O let us give heed to the*

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word of the Prophets, as a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day of Christ dawn, and the day Star arise in our hearts; that is, until Christ who is the bright morning Star he by his spirit; we giving heed to the word of the Prophet will caule us to understand the secrets of the Lord; yea the signs of his coming, as men that walk in the night know the day is near, when they see the day Star arising; so the Lord will give us the morning Star, that we may know in an excellent measure the time of his coming, *2 Pet. 3. 19. Rev. 22. 16. Chap. 2. 28. Psal. 25. 14.*

But let no man be deceived, so as to account of the coming or receiving of the spirit in the most excellent manner, to be the coming of Christ; for the *Corinths* came behind in no gifts, yer waited for the coming of the Lord Jesus, *1 Cor. 1. 7.* And the Apostle *John* sheweth, that there are but three sorts of Christians, the litle ones; young men, and old men, in Christ; and old ought to waite and did waite for the coming of Christ, *1 Iohn 2. 28. Chap. 3. 2.* and then they and we shall be like him, *Phil. 3. 31.* O let all these things be laid to heart, and let all the children of God receive council of the Lord Jesus, so as to watch and pray alwayes, that we may be accounted worthy, to escape all these things, that shall come to pass, and to stand before him acceptably, *Luke 21. 36.*

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