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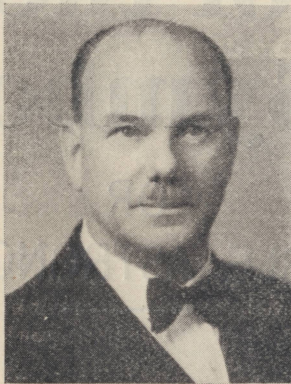


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"THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART OUT OF THY MOUTH; BUT THOU SHALT MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT." JOS. 1:8.



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"BUT NOW I GO MY WAY TO HIM THAT SENT ME; AND NONE OF YOU ASKETH ME, WHITHER GOEST THOU?" JN. 16:5.

"SIMON PETER SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, WHITHER GOEST THOU? JESUS ANSWERED HIM, WHITHER I GO, THOU CANST NOT FOLLOW ME NOW; BUT THOU SHALT FOLLOW ME AFTERWARDS." JN. 13:36.

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## FOREWORD

*We pass on the subject matter of the pages that follow in the hope that they may prove as great a blessing to the reader as they have been to the writer. No truth of the Bible has been so shrouded in the mysteries of the indefinite and the unknown, as the one presented in this book. No one, to our knowledge, has ever tried to locate the world of God, called Heaven.*

*Yet it is a subject of the most intense interest to every christian, for every believer in the Gospel does believe in a real, tangible, and actual Heaven. We believe that, at death, the spirit of the christian is carried immediately into the Presence of the Glory of God.*

*This belief is positively correct and is so taught in the Word of God. But where that Heaven is located, none, apparently, have even dared to hazard a guess; and how it is reached by the liberated spirit of the saint has not, as yet, been at all understood.*

*This book is written and sent forth by the author in the hope that it will clear away the dark clouds of doubt and mystery which have surrounded-for all to long-a subject so holy, and at the same time so necessary, to christian Confidence and Peace.*

*It is not intended to be doctrinal nor controversial. It is the suggestion, rather, of a heart that has loved ones "up yonder" and who has often wondered just where that Glory World could be.*

## FOREWORD

*We expect the exclamation of surprise, and possibly the condemnation of the unlightened, but all will at least agree that the author has chosen the most beautiful and glorious world within the range of man's vision, and we sincerely hope that the evidence presented will be entirely sufficient to win your approbation and establish it in your heart as the veritable Truth of God. We commit it all to the care of the God whom we love and before whom we expect to stand in the dawn of "That Day."*

*The Author.*

## CHAPTER ONE

*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Gen. 1:14-15.*

In presenting the subject matter of these lectures, no claim is made of any superintellectualism. The writer is a firm believer in the Bible as the inspired Word of God. He is not an astronomer, nor does he understand the sciences of the Celestial Bodies, only in their rudimentary form. It is not with the natural sciences, or phenomena with which we shall deal. We leave that for those who are more able, and for those who are -- by reason of their education -- better qualified thus to write.

We desire to write from an entirely different angle of those marvelous spheres which surround, and support life, as it exists upon our earth. Yet we approach the study of that which to ourselves is a hallowed, and holy truth, almost in fear. For we tread in paths that are as yet -- by the christian -- untrodden and unknown. We traverse a territory heretofore unexplored.

We are not afraid of being laughed at! That is not the thought! We are afraid of that spirit which can cast aside the holiest things of God, and carelessly trample under foot that which has brought so much holy joy and spiritual gladness into our own heart and life. Nor have we been hasty in the presentation of this truth. Years of time have come and gone since first the revelation of this matter came. Years of study and prayer which have only served to deepen those first convictions into positive assurance and faith as it is this day.

From the beginning of time men have believed in God. They have also believed in a Heaven, as the home and throne of that God. As it was then, so it is now. There is not a being on the earth that does not believe in a God of some sort, and that that God has a home in the realms and regions above. This is eminently true of the great body of christian believers in the church today. They believe in God, and they believe in His Heaven, but where that heaven is they do not know; they have not the slightest conception as to where His dwelling place may be. All that seems to be known is that it is up! up! somewhere in the realms above. Out of sight. Far off in the infinitude of space.

An example of this attitude has but recently come to our notice. One of the foremost writers of "Today" has said. "Yes, the christian believes that there is a Heaven somewhere in the firmament above, but renowned scientists and astronomers, for thousands of

years, have searched the heavens and not been able to find it! They have explored the depths of space with the most powerful telescopes known, but nowhere have they been able to discover the christians 'Heaven'. They have penetrated space unto millions of light years in distance, but they have not found the christians heaven." But for ourselves we have learned that there are many things that one may not discover thru the telescope. You may look through the telescope forever and not discern the truth. Spiritual truth is not thus revealed! "For the natural man receiveth not the things of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, for they are SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED." 1 Cor. 2: 14. And man has made the colossal mistake of reducing himself to a merely natural being, when in very deed and truth he belongs to a better -- a spiritual world. There is a Vision in man's spiritual nature that can see infinitely further than any telescope of man's construction. It is the revelation of God! Gal. 1:12. 2:2.

Bible Astronomy is a spiritual science, and belongs to the people of God. It is a well known fact that the Patriarchs understood that science long before such things as telescopes were known. Adam understood it; Enoch and Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob also. Job states astronomical truth that is just coming to light among the scientists of today. Job 38:31-33. Moses was the author of our present calendar, a compilation utterly impossible without an exact knowl-

ledge of the celestial bodies, the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars. Times and seasons can not be computed from any other source.

If any people on earth should have an understanding of these celestial worlds it is the people of God. The Bible is the one book in the world that dares to give the authentic account of their creation and the purpose of their manifestation; and the Bible does not belong to the unbeliever. Its revelation and blessings, its covenants and promises belong solely to "Them that believe". The average suggestion of the scientist as to the origin of the spheres is really too uncertain to consider, They should know better! The foolish conjectures and guesses of present day scientists as to the duration and destiny of the universe are equally vain. If these men knew either God or His Word they would be much slower to speak. The theory of evolution is an insult to the intelligence of the ordinary man. It is the product of corrupt thinking and is contaminating every department of our modern educational system.

La Place, the French astronomer, said, "In all my studies of the universe I find no place for a beginning and no place for an end". To this man it was "from everlasting to everlasting". Thank God, there are many other scientists who know today that behind it all is the infinite mind and heart of God. Then why not come back to the Bible and why not receive the simple testimony of inspiration and believe God? The



histories of the world confirm the dependability of its record and the voice of the whole creation blends into its perfect revelation. Its harmony is divine.

Astronomy is that science which treats of the heavenly bodies; their motions, magnitudes, distances, and physical constitution, all this in a natural sense of course. Bible Astronomy brings revelation, the revelation of Spiritual Truth! The size and weight of the celestial bodies is of no benefit to the people of earth. If men spend their lives in accumulating such data, their lives are misspent. There is a shew of wisdom in such things, but nothing of a real spiritual or eternal value, and the "Wisdom of this world is foolishness with God". 1 Cor. 3:19. Yet, if christians were as diligent and determined to know the mysteries of the spiritual realms as is the world to know the natural things, then a new and different chapter might have been written in the histories of the Church.

One sad phase of christianity is found in the fact that many christians seem to glory in their ignorance of bible things. Much more than half the bible is passed by entirely, because it is too hard to understand. It were a shame for any people to adopt such an attitude concerning scripture truth. The Church of God has Jesus Christ for its Head, and the blessed Holy Ghost for its Teacher. Jesus Christ manifested a knowledge and a power altogether superhuman. He not only knew the elements, He controlled them! VISIBLE or INVISIBLE, it were all the same to Him.

Disease and death were conquered instantly by the Word of His power. Then why spend a lifetime and millions of dollars to discover something that will abolish death? Death is abolished now! to those who will believe. Faith is the most powerful force known, and Faith is the Gift of God to the Church. Why be ignorant of these things then, when in Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, "are hidden ALL the TREASURES of WISDOM and KNOWLEDGE"? Col. 2:3

Bible Astronomy then, is the study of the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS in their spiritual aspects and their relation to the WORD, to the Children of God, and also to the world in which they dwell. These celestial bodies control the well-being and destiny of all who dwell on the earth, and for the unbelieving they hold nothing but terror, disaster, and death. To the saint they present a truth so profound, so magnificent, and so incomparably glorious that one stands aghast at the lack of understanding of them in the world, and especially in the Church. For they present a Symbology and a Typology so majestic and grand in their manifestation that even the unbeliever must be convinced. They teach a Truth that is utterly unexplainable and unteachable by any other means. Hence the need for instruction.

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## CHAPTER TWO

*“The Heavens declare the Glory of God” Psalm 19:1*

The SUN, the MOON, and the STARS are the direct creation of God. Gen. 1:14 They were created for the express purpose of revealing the nature and being of the Godhead Bodily, that is, God as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The eternal power and Godhead of God, Rom. 1:20, is no where else manifested with such force and power as in this first created Tri-Unity. They bring a message of the nature and being of the Invisible Ones of the Godhead, - i. e. The Father and The Blessed Holy Spirit - so absolutely true and pure that when a man perceives the truth he must immediately humble himself and worship God. The SUN, MOON, and STARS are the Three Heavenly Witnesses in our natural world. 2nd Jn. 5:7. They are the God-created symbols of the Three Witnesses in Heaven, which are the FATHER, the WORD, - the Son - and the HOLY GHOST. A divinely created trinity through which Jehovah might express himself, and a symbol of the “Family of God in the Heavens”. Eph. 3:15.

The God of the Bible has certain well-defined characteristics. Chief among these is that of His triunity, His comprehension as three-in-one. Without this primal characteristic, Jehovah is never revealed. Always and forever it is the same. The God of the Bible is God as FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT. Each of these divine personalities are recognised by their specific attributes. Immutability is the seal of all. The supreme attributes of the Father God, are LIGHT LIFE, and POWER. There is no LIGHT but GOD. God is LIGHT. 1 John 1:5. He not only is LIGHT; God is all the LIGHT there is! He is Spiritual LIGHT. He is what we call natural LIGHT. "He is the LIGHT of the WORLD." Physically and Spiritually, GOD is LIGHT. There is no light of any kind apart from GOD. The light we enjoy each day is the LIGHT of GOD, He made it, it is a radiation of LIGHT from Him.

What Light is, is unknown, even to scientists. Light is invisible, it cannot be seen. Light is composed of Three Rays, and without this triune combination there could be no light. All the light this world knows anything about comes from the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars. Without our Sun there could be no electric light, or any other form of light. Electrical energy is a product of the Sun, as is -- directly or indirectly -- every other form of energy. Every school boy knows these truths. Thus the LIGHT of the world is GOD. Physically and Spiritually GOD is our LIGHT.

Bible truth has been all but spiritualised away. It does not seem possible, to many interpreters, that there could be any real literal truth in the Bible, when the real fact is that God made HIS WORD applicable to BOTH WORLDS! There is not a divinely inspired scripture that is not as LITERAL as it is SPIRITUAL, and as SPIRITUAL as it is LITERAL; that does not apply to the heavens above and to the earth beneath in an exact, coequal sense! This is proved by the fact of Jesus Christ. He was the WORD made FLESH. He was born of a Virgin Mother in the flesh but He was begotten by the HOLY GHOST which is the SPIRIT of GOD. Jesus Christ was born of Two Worlds; Heaven and Earth. He was God and Man. He was Human and Divine. He was a New Creature, brought into being that He might blend both worlds. Deity and Humanity. Spiritual and Natural. Flesh and Spirit. Of the heavens above and of the earth beneath. So is the Word of God. It belongs as definitely to earthly things as it does to heavenly. Thus when God said He was Light, He meant just that: all there is of light. "He that directeth HIS LIGHT unto the ends of the earth." Job 37:3.

Thus the SUN has been set in our heavens by Jehovah that LIGHT, LIFE, and POWER might be manifested in our earth. All life on this earth is supported by the SUN: no SUN, no LIFE: no SUN, no LIGHT: no SUN, no POWER. The apostle Paul tells us that God dwells "in the LIGHT which no man

can approach unto," 1 Tim. 6:16, and we might use all the space intended for this entire book on this one subject alone. Let it suffice to say that in the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars there is manifested every attribute that is ascribed to the Godhead as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The supreme characteristic of the SON of GOD is that of BLOOD, sacrificial BLOOD. Always the bleeding, dying sacrifice. He is typified in the garden of Eden in the Lamb slain to provide them "Coats of Skins." He is wonderfully manifested in Isaac, the offered one. The Passover Lamb in Egypt is the surest type of the Lamb of God. He was the Lord's Goat on the Day of Atonement. He was the slain Bird in the cleansing of the Leper. He was Israel's Daily Sacrifice. He was Isaiah's "Smitten One". He was the Smitten Shepherd of Zechariah and John the Baptist's "Lamb of God that takes away the Sin of the World". He was the Savior of men, Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross of Calvary making complete atonement for the sins of the whole world. Thus the sign-seal of the Son of God is BLOOD! BLOOD! BLOOD!

It is this characteristic which we desire to emphasize in the MOON. Just as Jesus Christ is the central being in the Godhead, so the Moon is the central figure in that first created tri of the Sun, Moon, and Stars; and to this give the prophets witness, that "The MOON shall be turned into BLOOD." Joel 2:31. Acts 2:20. Rev. 6:12. The Moon is inseparable

erable from blood. It is the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens. Matt. 24:29-30. The Moon shall surely be turned into blood. What an awful sight that will be, and how wonderful for every one who has been cleansed from all sin in the Fountain of the precious Blood of Christ and, thru its virtues, have overcome. Thus the Moon is the emphatic type of Jesus, the Son of God.

The STARS are the symbol of the blessed Holy Ghost. The chief characteristic of the Holy Spirit is Numberlessness. "So many as the stars of the sky for multitude, and as the sand which is by the seashore, innumerable." Heb. 11:12. This attribute is manifested in the saints, for the Star, in Scripture, is the symbol of a Spirit-filled saint. Abraham and Sarah were a childless couple, yet when God made the Covenant of Salvation with him, He said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the Stars if thou be able to number them: and He said unto him, So shall thy seed be." Gen. 15:5. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the Stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3. "The seven Stars that thou sawest in my right hand are the seven pastors of the seven churches." Rev. 1:20. Thus the Stars are the symbol of the Holy Spirit. They are also the symbol of the same Spirit in man, i. e. one who is baptised with the blessed Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4.

Of this marvelous type in the first created tri we make but the briefest mention. We urge you to study

these things for yourselves, for they contain a spiritual treasure not found in any other revelation and they constitute a real foundation for one's faith in the Living God and in the Word that He has given. The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars, then, are the first created thing to shew forth the "Eternal power and Godhead - note that word - of God," Rom. 1:20, and it is to bad that so little time is bestowed upon them in meditation and prayer. They have become commonplace because of our familiarity with these wonders every day. The message that they bring to us day by day and night by night, Psalm 19:1-6, is practically lost to the world and to the Church.

It is not our intention to examine every scriptural mention of the Sun, Moon, and Stars. That would take to large a book. But it IS our intention to examine such of these scriptures as are given in a prophetic sense by the prophets of the Lord. There is no deeper truth! Nor is there, in all the Book of God, a truth so necessary for the Church to know, and we are sure that ere you follow these pages through, we shall hear from you a loud Amen. For it is simply wonderful how much these divinely created symbols have been used by the messengers of the Lord.

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## CHAPTER THREE

*“Arise, shine, for thy Light is come and the Glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.” Isa. 60:1.*

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Before we launch out into the depths of our searching it might be well to make mention of other phenomena that pertains to the celestial realms and which is directly connected with the covenants of God. I refer to the Rainbow, which is another creation of the Lord. Without the Sun, Moon, and Stars there could be no Rainbow. In the ninth chapter of Genesis, 9th. to the 17th. verses, we have God's explanation for the Rainbow. It was to be a token to all generations that the Lord God would drown the world no more. The Bow of the Covenant. In the Rainbow is discovered the Three primal colors. These Three Basic Colors are Golden Yellow, Red, and Heavenly Blue. Golden Yellow in Three Parts. Three is the number of the “Godhead Bodily”, thus the Golden Yellow is the Symbol of the Father. Red is manifested in five parts, and Blood Red is the symbol of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, from whose FIVE WOUNDS the streams of the Blood of Atonement flowed. While Heavenly Blue is discovered in a proportion

of Eight Parts, and Eight is the Number of the Resurrection and our entrance into all the glories of the Heavenly Realms. The origin of these colors and their proportions are, of course, Divine. Blue is the symbol of the blessed Holy Ghost.

By the action of the sunlight upon the falling rain, these Three Colors are blended into the Seven Prismatic colors of the Rainbow, and whether the number of color be Three or Seven, both are the Numbers of God! Three in their first revelation. Seven in complete consumation of all that He has sworn to do. Thus the Sun, Moon, and Stars are necessary to, and directly connected with, the covenant that God made with Noah and with the whole world. It is the manifestation of the eternity of the Promise.

The words of the Lord at the creation of the Sun, Moon, and Stars were very impressive. They were also very expressive. "And God said let there be Lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night. And let them be for SIGNS, and for seasons, and for days and years." They were to be used to divide the day from the night. They were also to be for SIGNS. Signs of what? Is there anything in all the earth of which the Sun could be the sign, or the Moon, or the Stars? There is nothing in all the earth of which the Sun, Moon, and Stars could possibly be the SIGN except just one thing, and that is the Family of God in the earth. We have already said that the Sun, Moon, and Stars are the symbol of the

family of God in the heavens. We now say, and that by the same of authority, that the Sun, Moon, and the Stars are the divinely manifested symbol of the Family of God in all the earth! A Family which is sealed with exactly the same seal. This is a truth that forever attests the divine origin and source from which they sprang.

We have said that the Godhead Bodily is composed of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that the Sign-Seal of the central being in the Godhead, Jesus, is Blood, always Blood. And we have said that the Sun, Moon, and Stars are symbolic of that family in both heaven and earth, a testimony which is fully corroborated by the scriptures. For it was this very truth that is emphasised in the

#### DREAM OF JOSEPH.

This dream is recorded in Gen. 37:9. A dream that turned his brethern against him and which was responsible -in part at least- for his sinking in the pit and his being sold into Egypt as a servant of the Captain of the guard. In this dream the Sun, the Moon, and the eleven Stars made obeisance to Joseph. They bowed down to him and manifested a prophetic intelligence of future events. Joseph told the dream to his Father, Jacob, who rebuked his son, saying in the interpretation of the dream "Shall I and thy MOTHER and thy BRETHERN indeed come to bow ourselves down to thee to the earth?"

It is with this interpretation of Jacob's that we are so deeply concerned. Jacob was the Head of the whole family of God in the earth at that time. He it was by whom God fulfilled the promises to Abraham of an innumerable seed, as numberless as the stars of the sky. They were the family of God indeed. In the interpretation, Jacob applied the symbology of the Sun to himself. Shall I? The Moon he applied to his wife, the MOTHER of Joseph, and it is here where the heavenly and earthly symbology meet! Every married man knows that the earthly family is built around the Spirit and Influence of the central figure, the Mother, and this central being around which the earthly family is gathered is inseparable from BLOOD. Here we must write carefully and delicately that no snare be cast upon those of tender years, but the elders will understand.

It is forever true that the Wife and Mother is to the Home, what the hub is to the wheel. Husband and Father look to her, and the children, of course. There is nothing that may take the place of Mother Love, and it is the Moon, the central light, which shall be turned into Blood. The Symbology of the Stars Jacob applied to his eleven sons. Joseph dreamed that the Sun, the Moon, and the eleven Stars bowed down

to him. Jacob in his God-given interpretation applied the Sun to himself, the Moon to his wife, and the Stars to his sons; and in later years this dream was wonderfully fulfilled with Joseph and Jacob in Egypt. Thus the seal of the Atonement is found in the central being of Deity, Jesus Christ. It is found also in the earthly family in its central figure. It is found likewise in that central luminary of the first created Tri, the Moon, which constitutes the fulness of testimony in the mouth of **THREE WITNESSES**. It is the plan and purpose of God, as concerning the heavens and the earth, built upon the sure foundation of the precious Blood of His Son. It is the **AT-ONE-MENT**. It is the surety of God that not one jot or tittle shall in anywise pass from His Word until All shall be completely fulfilled. Thus the earthly Covenant Family of the Children of God is impressed with the very same seal as that of the "Family of God in the Heavens" which is symbolised? by the **SUN**, the **MOON**, and the **STARS**, the God-created Symbol and manifestation of **HIMSELF**. "For in Him we live, and move, and have our Being." Acts 17:28. Thus the visible universe is a manifestation of its invisible creator, an objective revelation of the Eternal Power, Wisdom and Love of the Godhead Bodily.

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## CHAPTER FOUR

*“And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.” Ex. 33 : 18*

In the Old Testament scriptures, as in the New, the “Glory of the Lord” is always significant of His Presence. The “Glory of the Lord” is God Himself. Often times in our bible do we meet this marvelous description of Jehovah as a Burning and Shining light of Glory. The Jews described this glorious presence by the word “Shekinah”. And the Shekinah which “Dwelt upon the Mercy - Seat” was to them always the Presence of the Living God. The idea which the scriptures convey in their several accounts of this glory is that of a most Brilliant and Glorious LIGHT. This marvelous light was always compassed with a cloud, a “Bright Cloud”, that the glory and power of its light might be tempered down. For that Shekinah glowed with the brightness of an unveiled SUN. It was for this purpose that the Cloud of Incense covered the Mercy - Seat at the morning and evening sacrifice, when in accordance with His Promise, He spake with Aaron in audible voice.

It was this Shekinah Glory that - after two forty day and forty night periods in the presence of God - was transferred to the face and body of Moses, the Law-giver, and which remains upon him even to this day. When Moses returned from the Mount of God the second time he "wist not that the skin of his face shone" while he had talked with God. But Israel saw it and were afraid to come nigh him. Ever afterward while Moses lived he had to place a veil on his face before he could speak to the people. This glory was the glory of the SUN in its brightness, and remained upon Moses even when his body lay dead in the presence of the Lord. More than that, it was this glory that brought about his resurrection by the Archangel Michael. For beyond all doubt the burning brightness of that Shekinah Presence had made the Body of Moses as incorruptable as the Body of the only begotten Son of God. There was no recourse. The body of Moses must be raised from the dead by reason of the anointing.

Before passing from this phase of my subject we must speak of that which is given as the title of this Book, "The Majesty of the Divine Symbol". In another work by the author,<sup>1</sup> he has shown that in our bible there are many marvelous types of the Godhead Bodily. Always these God-fashioned types are revealed in triune form, never as a single unit. But it is not

<sup>1</sup> God, and His Name

with the doctrinal aspects of this question that we now deal. It is with a different thought altogether.

How often in these days do we hear the expression concerning certain scriptures, "O, that is but a type", uttered more or less carelessly as though it were a matter hardly worthy of our notice? But a "Type" of the Godhead in the scriptures is a marvelous thing! For in every God-ordained type of His being of bible record is always discovered **THE ACTUAL PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD HIMSELF!** Make a note of that statement, for this is the point of emphasis. **GOD HIMSELF WAS IN THE TYPE.** His Power, Protections and Presence were positively manifested in the things that were typical and symbolic of Himself.

The Ark of His Covenant, with the "Mercy-Seat and Cherubim of Glory", was a Triune revelation of the Godhead Bodily. The Bloodstained Mercy-Seat was the Symbol of the Broken, Bloodstained Body of Jesus Christ. The TWO Cherubim of Glory, on either end of that Mercy-Seat, were the symbol of the Father and of the blessed Holy Spirit associated with the Son in the perfections of His Finished Work, The Atonement! purchased on Mt. Calvary in the price of the Blood of Jesus. This entire creation represents the Father and the Holy Ghost, the Cherubim of Glory, looking down in holy admiration and divine commendation at the finished work of Jesus Christ, which is symbolised by the Bloodstained Mercy-Seat.



But more than that, my brethren, between the Cherubim of Glory and above the Mercy - Seat and within that Triangle formed by the blending of All Three, the ineffable Glory of the Lord shined, and His actual Presence was gloriously manifested for He spake with Moses in "Audible Voice". Thus the Type becomes the Presence! God was in it! "Thou who dwellest between the Cherubim". Ex. 25:22. Num. 7:89. Psalm 80:1. Open your Bible and read these scriptures. Discover the truth. For in the typical creations of the Most High are vested all the Power and Glory of His own Being.

The Passover Lamb, which was commanded of God at the leaving of Egypt by the children of Israel, was a positive type of the Lord Jesus Christ. But that celebration was more than some symbolic representation. It was a symbol filled with the limitless power and protection that can only come by the covering Blood, the Atonement. There are prophetic truths entwined with this passover commandment that are without price to those who value the Word of God at its true worth. The Blood of that Slain Lamb was to be sprinkled on the lintels and two side posts of their houses. Ex. 12:13-22. It was to be the "Token" in every house, for that day and time the "Lamb of God" indeed.

The sword of the destroyer was loosed against the sin and unbelief of Egypt. The first born of every family was slain and there was a great and despairing

cry thru all the land of Egypt. It was different in the homes of the people of God. On the Lintels and two sideposts of the Door, in obedience to the command of the Lord, were the dark red blood-drops of the Paschal Sacrifice. The "Token" was in plain view of all who cared to look and was thus seen by the Angel of the Lord. There was Power in that Blood to turn aside the wrath of God. There was Power in that typical blood to save every one who believed the message. It was not merely "A Type". It was the power of God unto real salvation. Typical Blood it is true, yet charged with the divine energy to protect and to turn aside the sword of death. The presence and power of the great antitypical "Lamb" was there. They were as safe under its covering as tho they rested in faith in the virtues of the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the book of Exodus we have the account of a typical Rock which followed Israel throughout all the wilderness journeyings, and from which Rock, under the dispensation of God, they obtained their water supply. That Rock was a small oblong piece of sandstone, that stone which Jacob, many years before, had taken for a pillow as he rested in the stone quarry of Luz. It was a stone which had been rejected by the builders of that city. Under the anointing of Jacob that Rock became the "Shepherd of Israel" Gen. 49:24, went down into Egypt in the care of Jacob, came out with the people of Israel, and was carried by them

thru the forty years of their wilderness wanderings. It was this Rock that God commanded to be "Smitten" by the "Rod of God" and from which flowed in endless supply the sparkling streams of Living water by the space of forty years. The apostle Paul tells us that Israel "Drank of that SPIRITUAL ROCK that followed them: AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST!" 1st. Cor. 10:4. Not some immoveable mountain, but a Rock that followed them, and that Rock was CHRIST. A Rock literally charged with the Power of God. More than a type! A Rock from which flowed the Living Fountains of Spiritual Waters. God, as the Holy Ghost, indwelling the Rock, and poured out in inexhaustible, never diminishing supply. If it was a type, then God was in the type. Let us give glory where glory is due. The type was as definitely God indwelt was as the real Rock which was "Smitten" on Mt. Calvary at a later time, and from whose smitten body after a glorious resurrection there flowed "Rivers of Living water" which was the blessed Holy Ghost. How marvelous! How wonderful! That Rock was smitten at the beginning of the wilderness journeyings, while the great antitypical Rock of Christ was smitten at the beginning of the present Gospel Age, or dispensation. A sure and positive evidence that those dark times of Israel's testing and judgment, by the space of forty years, were a real and dependable type of the entire church age.

Thus, once again, the Majesty of the Symbol is divinely emphasised, the Power and Presence of the Lord God was in the Rock. It was more than a mere Type. That living water was life! Without that water it was death. The life of God was in that Rock as surely as the Life of God was in the Bread broken by His Son on the shores of Gallilee.

In all that ancient symbology the Lord God was manifested. HIS PRESENCE WAS THERE. The "Holiest of All" was sacred to the very Presence. None dare violate the marvelous sanctity of that place. Even Aaron, though under the divine anointing and the Covering of the Atoning Blood, must enter but once a year, and that, not without Blood and under the pain of Death. The Ark of the Covenant must not be touched lest they die. When Uzza, the driver of the cart upon which the Ark of God was, put forth his hand to steady the Ark, he died instantly before the Lord. 1 Chron. 13:9-10. It may be that the Ark was but a type, but God was in it in all His Power. His Presence was there! God was in the Type.

Both Tabernacle and Temple were the actual dwelling places of the Lord God. There He dwelt in accordance with the promise and purpose of Salvation. But long ago both Tabernacle and Temple disappeared. All the sacred vessels and vestments have passed from sight. The age of the symbol long ago came to its fullness of revelation. Its place as Teacher and Schoolmaster has been taken by the Holy Ghost. The Ark

of the Covenant has not been seen for more than two thousand five hundred years. All that marvelous work, fashioned under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in Aholiab and Bezaleel has vanished from our sight. Shall we ever see it again?

Yet, while every symbol of the Godhead Bodily that was fashioned by the spirit - filled engravers, and all the "cunning" work which Jehovah devised to show forth the power and glory of Himself has completely passed away, there is still One type? - if we dare to call it a type - left. A creation so marvelous that everything that lives, and moves, and has being or life at all lives because of its manifested power and because of its outpourings of eternal life.

I am speaking of the SUN, MOON, and the STARS, a typical? creation upon which the hand of man was never laid. The creation of God. A symbolic representation of the Godhead Bodily, as eternal and enduring, as the author of such powers must of necessity be. The SUN never changes. Thousands of years of human observation have never discovered one particle of variation from its original glory nor one iota of loss in its mighty powers. There is only ONE incorruptable and inexhaustable being in this universe, and that one is the God of the Bible. Jehovah! The Great I AM. THE LORD. THE MIGHTY GOD OF JACOB.

As we have said, the Glory of the Lord, or the Glory of God, according to the scriptures, was always

significant of the "Presence of the Lord". For this cause the Rabbis designated that Glory as the "Shekinah", because of its unspeakable brilliance and the fact that it revealed the person of the Godhead. They counted it sacrilegious to imply shape or form to the Godhead. We now know how grievously they were mistaken! The idea of the modernistic critic, that there could be no anthropomorphic revelation of God, that is, God revealed in human form, is as grievous and fatal a mistake as that made by the Jews when they demanded the Crucifixion of Christ because He made Himself the Son of God.

At the creation of the celestial bodies, the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS, God said, "Let them be for SIGNS". And at this point we say to you, by the Word of the Lord, that they not only show forth the "Eternal Power and Godhead of God", Rom. 1: 20, but that they have a message to declare as well. That message is world - wide in its scope and power. It is the message of God.

David, in the 19th Psalm, says, "The Heavens declare the Glory of God". That Glory, as we have said, was the Shekinah, the Presence of God. And this is the message! The Heavens declare the Burning Brightness of the Presence of God. That great glowing SUN, that celestial shekinah is the Home and Throne of the God of the Bible!!! The SUN is not GOD. It is the Home of GOD. The SUN is the place of God's Throne. And if it is the place of God's Throne, then

it is the Christian's Heaven! and the place where the "Spirits of Just men, made perfect," dwell! It is that place of which christians for the ages have sung. They have longed to see it and to know where it was when all the while its message has thrilled the whole world. "Day unto day uttereth Speech." Every time the SUN has risen its truth has been declared. It is the Throne of God. In its light and life we "Live, and move, and have our being".

"Night unto night showeth KNOWLEDGE." Knowledge that cannot be obtained in any earthly university or college. What knowlege is there that is shown us every night? The Knowlege of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The MOON is the "Sign of the Son of Man in the heavens". Mat. 24. The MOON will yet be turned into BLOOD, and when it is, "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn". The Moon reflects the Light of the Sun and shines in the night, just as Jesus reflected the "Brightness of the Father's Glory", and brings a message of deliverance from the darkness of the night of Sin. "There is no speech or language where their VOICE is not heard." The whole world shall hear this message that they bring. A mighty revival in all the world.

"Their line is gone into all the earth, and their WORDS to the end of the AGE." In them - the Heavens - hath He set a TABERNACLE - Dwelling place - for the SUN, Which is as a BRIDEGROOM COMING out of HIS CHAMBER, - That is the Place from

which the BRIDEGROOM, Jesus Christ, will come! - and rejoices as a STRONG MAN to run a race. Jesus Christ is that "Strong Man", Lk. 11:21, and He has run this race with mighty victory. "The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the Testimony of the Lord is sure, making WISE the SIMPLE." Read the balance of this wonderful Psalm and be filled with the joy of the Lord.

Thus, in the simplest language of divine inspiration, the utterance of the Psalmist confirms the message of this book, that the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS show forth the eternal power and Godhead of God. Coming back to our previous thought, that in every type of the Godhead as fashioned by man, the Presence and Power of God was actually manifested, God was in the type. And if the SUN, MOON, and STARS be the one and only remaining type of the GODHEAD, then the inference is plain. If God was in the earthly type, then, both now and forever, He must be in the ONE REMAINING TYPE. If He condescends to dwell in the earthly, then positively and forever He dwells in the Heavenly! And if this be true, then the problem of the place of the Christians' Heaven is eternally solved! The Sun is the Christians' Heaven and the actual dwelling place of our God. And this, by the Grace of God, we shall PROVE, that every Child of God may know exactly where their loved ones are in the bosom of God.



## CHAPTER FIVE

*Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon. Jos. 10:12.*

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## Joshua's Long Day

We are not at all concerned with the astronomical aspects of this great miracle. We fully believe that when exact chronology is known that the "Long Day" of Joshua will be fully vindicated, and that the divine inspiration of the Bible as the Word of God will be clearly established. The complete record of this stupendous miracle is comprehended in just four ordinary verses of our Bible, and presents a subject that has kept the intelligencia of the world in hot water ever since the Bible has been written. We have no argument with the Truth. The God who made the worlds and who established the harmonies by which they are controlled may change the order whenever it suits His beneficent purpose. And He can make that change without damage or disruption. The bible clearly teaches that all the forces of what we call "nature" are subject to the will and Word of God. He is infinitely superior to all that He has created.

“Then SPAKE Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the Children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, SUN, -remember that he was speaking to God, the LORD - stand thou still on Gibeon; and thou, MOON, in the valley of Ajelon.” “And the SUN stood still, and the MOON stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies... And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened to the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel”. Jos. 10:12-14. The incidents of this miracle are known to all who read the Bible. The war was on and Israel had put their enemies to flight with the help of the LORD, but the victory was not, could not be decisive unless more time was given them and more daylight granted them. Inspiration came upon the commander-in-chief of the Armies of the Lord, together with a gift of living faith that the SUN should stand still when at its height, that the daylight be prolonged and the victory over their enemies fully achieved. Joshua knew that it was of no use to call a conference of the engineering staff of his great army to bring about such an operation as this. This was the work of the LORD.

My thought to you is that when Joshua directed his commands to the SUN, that he “SPAKE TO THE LORD”, for this is the wording of the scripture! And he said, “SUN, stand thou still, and thou, MOON, in the valley of Ajelon”. And the scriptural record has

it that the LORD heard his cry and answered his faith and, as a result, the sun "hasted not to go down for the space of a whole day". God is somewhere! His dwelling is in the heavens! It merely remains for the christian to locate - under the inspiration of the Spirit - the celestial world which is His Home and Throne. Thus, when Joshua spake to the SUN, he spake to the LORD; and when he addressed the LORD, he commanded the SUN, and again the inference is clear and plain. The THRONE of the LORD was on the SUN!

The Sun is a world! not a conglomeration of Nebula or burning gasses. Such a thought is unworthy of human intelligence. The Sun is a World. Look toward the west at the end of the day and behold that perfect sphere. As definitely a world as the Moon. The SUN is not a burning, flaming fire of fifty thousand degrees of heat. The Sun is a world of LIGHT. There may be other Suns. There may be greater Suns than the One we are considering. There may be thousands of Suns. They are not relative to the question under discussion. We are concerned only with that SUN which is the constant attendant of our world. There is only one SUN that bears the impress of God, and that is our own particular Orb of the Day.

#### Sun - Worshipers

Sun-worship, or the Worship of the Sun, Moon, and the Stars is expressly forbidden by the LORD and the penalty of disobedience to this commandment

was death. "Ye shall stone them with stones, till they die." Deut. 17:3-5. The Israelites were especially cautioned against this abomination, Deut. 4:15-19, yet by and by they fell deeply into this form of Idolatry and were disowned of God. They were surrounded on every side by those nations which worshiped the Sun as God. The worship of the God Baal, was the worship of the Sun. In almost every heathen nation this form of idolatry has been discovered. The Persians were sun-worshipers. The Chaldeans, Babylonians, Egyptians, Assyrians, Greeks, and Romans were all tainted with this form of sin. In Ezekiel 8:16 we read of twenty five men who worshiped the sun at its rising. This was the common fault of Israel. It was for this sin that they were disowned by Jehovah and finally cast out of their land. It was easy for untaught people to fall into this error.

If then, as we have said, the Throne of God is in the Sun, why the penalty of capital punishment for those who worshiped at its shrine? For the simple reason that the SUN is not God, and God alone must be worshiped. We do not need to quote the scriptures to corroborate this. It is too well known. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. The Tabernacle was not to be worshiped; it was the Presence within the Tabernacle! The Temple of Solomon must not be worshiped. It was the glowing Shekinah Presence within the Temple before whom the saints must bow.

Thus Judah, or the Jews, did fall into that very sin. They became Temple Worshipers, and if the foot of any foreigner or unclean person ever stepped within those gates or trod those courts, if discovered, he was immediately given what was called the "Rebel's beating", which invariably resulted in death. As if the foot of any creature could pollute granite or marble. It was for this very sin that Jehovah smashed the Temple of Solomon, leaving not one stone standing upon another. Ignoring The Presence, they worshiped the building, just as the sun-worshippers of all ages have worshiped the sun, instead of the God of Glory who dwells there. God is God. He alone must be worshiped. There can be no substitute. Wherever the Glory of the Lord is mentioned in the scriptures, it is the Glory of the Shekinah which is thus signified. And the Glory of the Shekinah was the Glory and Brightness of our SUN. No greater Glory than the Glory of the SUN is ascribed or attributed to Jehovah.

Yet we would not have you gather that the SUN, as we see it, is all there is to the Glory of God. Remember this always, that between the SUN and our earth, the Lord God has draped an etheric and atmospheric veil ninety millions of miles in thickness. If the Glory of the LORD, the true Shekinah, was unveiled for one moment of time on this sin-cursed earth, it would vanish in the twinkling of an eye into the ether by which it is surrounded. The burning Glory

and Brightness of Jehovah is more than unredeemed man could stand. The time is coming when this veil will be rent, Rev. 16:8-9, for a brief period, and the bodies of men will be blasted with a scorching heat. Even now it is almost impossible to live in some parts of the earth because of the burning rays of the sun. What will it be when the veil is rent asunder as God looks down upon the blasphemous multitude below, and a greater measure of its brightness is released upon them? "Our God is a consuming fire." It were better for all men that they believe.

#### Celestial Phenomena

Our Solar system is built upon a plan so harmonious and marvelous that no human intelligence can conceive of its source. There is no word in our vocabulary adequate to express the marvel and wonder of it all. It will not always be so. There is coming a time when unknown and undreamed of phenomena will be manifested among the celestial bodies which surround our earth that will wreck all the laborious calculations of man, and, if that man be not supported by the presence of the Holy Spirit of God in his inner spirit nature, will leave him a babbling idiot on the face of the earth. And this is declared by the Word of the Lord.

Solomon, the Son of David, admonishes all to "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not... while the SUN, or the LIGHT, or the MOON, or the STARS, be not

darkened, . . . In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves," Eccl. 12:1-3. We quote the prophet Isaiah, "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall DESTROY THE SINNERS THEREOF OUT OF IT. For the STARS of heaven and the constellations thereof shall NOT give their light: the SUN shall be darkened in His going forth, and the MOON shall not cause her light to shine." Isa. 13:9-10.

This definitely locates the time of these awful commotions as being in the end of the present age. A time yet future, but very near! And this fearful visitation affects not the earth only, but all the worlds. The entire world system is involved in this last day operation which will convulse the whole world. For a brief period, worlds will clash and the Stars will fall from the heavens to the earth, causing it to "Reel to and fro like a drunkard". Isa. 24:20. Driven out of its orbit by the impact, it will shake and tremble like some affrighted creature. Isa. 13:13.

The prophet Joel writes and prophesies of this. "The earth shall quake before them; the Heavens shall tremble: the SUN and the MOON shall be dark, and the STARS shall withdraw their shining". Joel 2:10. 3:15. "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, Blood, and Fire, and pillars of smoke. The SUN shall be turned into darkness, and the MOON into BLOOD". Joel 2:30-31. Can the mind

of man conceive of such things? Yet these things shall all come to pass. Act 2:20.

And now to the words of Jesus Christ. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the SUN be Darkened, and the MOON shall not give her Light, and the STARS shall fall from heaven, and the POWERS of the HEAVENS shall be SHAKEN". Mat. 24:29. Mk. 13:24. "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and FAMINES, and pestilences; and FEARFUL SIGHTS and great Signs shall there be from heaven" and "There shall be SIGNS in the SUN, in the MOON, and in the STARS; and upon the earth distress of nations." Lk. 21:11, 25.

All this terrible phenomena is scheduled for a certain moment of time. The insignificant manifestations of this phenomena in the ordinary course of nature in the past are no criterion as to the terrible intensity of that foretold and which is, as yet, in the future. Man has had no experience or preparation in previous ages for that which is shortly to appear. The Long Day of Joshua, the return of the shadow of the Sundial of Ahaz ten degrees, 2 Kings 20:8-11, together with the terrors that are involved in these miracles are not worthy to be compared with the terrors that shall fall upon all men when the prophecies of these disasters are fulfilled.

Scripturally speaking, the moment for the manifestation of these judgment-wonders is in the time of the opening of the sixth seal, Rev. 6:12-17, and



the opening of the sixth seal is still future, tho drawing fearfully near! It is those times which immediately precede the coming of the antichrist and the establishment of the great tribulation period of three and one half years. It is then that these awful signs shall be seen in the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars, and their effect upon this planet will be a great and terrible quaking and shaking of the earth, yes, and the very "powers of the heavens" shall also be shaken.

What effect upon men these terrifying commotions will produce is graphically told in the scriptures already mentioned. "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and the rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:'"

It is the hour of Judgment! the beginnings of the outpoured wrath of God. But the beginnings only! For, as one manifestation of God follows another in the Sun, Moon, and Stars, and the appearance or glimpse of that "Face" from the Throne is seen, men lose all semblance of that intelligence which had been their boast, and grovel on the ground in the abjectness of their fear. Why will men not believe God

while there is yet time, and accept the divinely provided protections of the ATONEMENT against the sorrows of that day?

The Old Testament is replete with Spiritual Astronomy. Wonderful things have attested the soundness of this truth, but greater things are yet to be seen! The New Testament presents an amazing array of inspired truth in this regard, truth that must be of inestimable value to all who look for, and expect reality in spiritual things.

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## CHAPTER SIX

*“There shall come a STAR out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel.”* Num. 24:17.

## The Star of Bethlehem

At the very threshold of New Testament revelation and fulfillment we are confronted by a STAR. The STAR of ISRAEL. The STAR of MESSIAH. The Star of Israel was a six pointed Star. It was fashioned from the blending of two equilateral triangles. One vertical, the other inverted. The vertical triangle is suggestive of the Triune nature and being of God. The inverted triangle is representative of the triune nature of man in his fallen, sinful state. The blending of these two triangles into the Star of Israel is significant of the fact of the incarnation of the Christ and the beginnings of the New Creature. The New Creation. The One New Man.

This six pointed Star was first fashioned on the Ark of the Covenant by the inspired engravers, Aholiah and Bezalleel, who were divinely anointed for this very work. It later became king Solomon's Seal and was engraved on the Shield of David. It was placed on all Israel's sacred edifices and may be seen on all Jewish Synagogues throughout the world as well as

on the gravestone of every orthodox Jew. It was and is the sign to all the world that they died in the hope of the Messiah. The Star that should "come out of Jacob". Num. 24:17. Thus in the symbology of Israel lies embedded a deeply spiritual truth that may only be correctly interpreted by an understanding of the Astronomy of the Bible. May the Lord lead us into the truth.

Thus at the beginning of the Gospel Dispensation we are faced with a celestial phenomena for which it is impossible to account on any ordinary grounds. The Star of Bethlehem was a well informed Star. It had a knowledge for which Israel had longed for many generations. The Star of Bethlehem knew all about the Incarnation of the Christ, and had positive knowledge of the place of His Birth. It was a Star formed of the Glory of the Presence of the Lord and a veiled manifestation of the Glory of the Shekinah. It was a Star that housed, or tabernacled the very Presence of God.

The commonly understood version of this star, as a "Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn" need not be taken seriously. It is merely an effort of man to account for, in the natural, that which may only be explained in the terms of the Spiritual. The Star of Bethlehem was not a conjunction of any of the planets or other celestial bodies. It was a Star of God's revealing and may be accounted for in no other way. It was a Star with a purpose, and that purpose was to guide the

coming of the Wise Men to the place where the young child lay. "When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great Joy." Mat. 2:9-10.

The story of the visit of the Three? Wise Men to the Babe of Bethlehem is as old as the New Testament, and is a part of that glorious narrative which surrounds the Birth of our Lord. For more than eighteen centuries the visit of these Wise Men has been celebrated in song and story while the Artist has exhausted his genius in a grand effort to properly depict the solemnity of that time and the dignity of those unknown visitors.

The scholars of the world have searched diligently to ascertain their origin and the country from whence they came, but all to no avail and without the slightest success. Their coming is still shrouded in the impenetrable mysteries of past ages. They are, as yet, unknown.

Of course men have had their ideas on the matter, as the writings clearly show, but the thoughts of men are often wrong and their conclusions are oftentimes far from the truth. They should not be blamed for this, for it is human to err. Yet there are some errors that are more far-reaching than others, and we believe that this, which pertains to the Wise Men from the East, is one of the most flagrant. If there is one moment of time which stands out as pre-eminent in that which is known as time, it is the moment of the Birth of our Lord! And if there is an event that is outstand-

ing and important it is the Birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Yet men do make mistakes about things which, when properly understood, must prove the source of untold blessing. For fifteen centuries or more the christian church has been robbed of the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit Baptism because men placed a wrong construction upon the blessed Word of God and taught that this most priceless gift was only for the Apostles and for their time. Yes! and are still teaching it! Other doctrines also have been lost because of faulty interpretation and mistaken application, and because of these things the saints of the Lord have been denied both the Presence and the Gifts.

What is true of these mistaken conceptions in the vital doctrines of the church, is also true of these Wise Men! For all these ages men have had erroneous ideas concerning them, and these errors have been instilled into the hearts of the children of christendom until the lie has become universal and the false thing is as the truth. If there is a place in holy writ where we ought to walk softly and be sure that we are declaring the truth, it is in those marvelous records which pertain to the opening of this present dispensation and the revelation of those foundational truths-concerning the Son of God-which constitute, at one and the same time, the basic truth and fact of com-

plete redemption and the one single hope of all mankind.

For many years it was a great disappointment to the writer to read the various descriptions of the three Wise Men. Always there was a feeling of resentment, and even repulsiveness, as we read the writings concerning the "Magi" as the Wise Men were called. We knew enough about words to know that the word Magi was but an abbreviation of the word "Magician"! and that the name of "Magician" was a title bestowed upon the swarm of imposters, astrologers, necromancers and soothsayers which over-ran the Roman Empire about the time of the Birth of Jesus Christ.

"We need not wonder accordingly to find that this is the prominent meaning of the word 'Magi' as it appears in the New Testament. For it is the name used by St. Luke to describe the imposter who is distinctly known as Simon Magnus, Acts 8:9. Another of the same class was Bar-Jesus Acts 13:8, who is described as having as his cognomen Elymas, a title which is also given to Simon Magnus." Smith's Bible Dict.

Thus we see that the word is always used in a bad sense and that the translators, or the scholars of the times, in their ignorance of the deeper spiritual meaning of the "Wise Men", have made what is almost an unpardonable, or, at any rate, a very unnecessary mistake! One has but to read the Word of God with the thought of this word in mind to be instantly ap-

prized of the fact that Magicians, Necromancers, Soothsayers, and those who had Familiar Spirits were forever banished from the nation of Israel and under the just condemnation of God. Deut. 18:11. Magic, or the work of magicians, as spoken of in the Bible, was practiced by the Egyptians, the Canaanites, the Chaldeans, and the Greeks and represented the very lowest form of idolatrous worship then, even as it does today.

The authority previously quoted says, "The Hebrews had no magic of their own. It was so strictly forbidden by law that it could never afterwards have had any recognised existence save in the times of general HERESY and APOSTASY". And yet the scholarship of the most enlightened age in time have consistently declared that the Wise Men who came from the East to worship the Incarnate Word, the New Born King, were Magicians! Frauds! Imposters! Men who prospered by the use of the Black Arts which were devilish in their origin and continuance! Something that was resorted to by Israel only when they were in a backslidden and apostate condition! As in the case of Saul and others. It is taught that the wise men who came to worship the Christ-Child were of the above mentioned class. Sunworshippers from Persia! Astrologers, who were supposed to gather their knowledge from the study of the Stars. Men of the Zend religion, followers of Zoroaster, a heathen philosopher! Magicians! !



While the translators have used the greek word Magi, which signifies a Fire-worshiper and from which we have the word Magician, we are happy that the original word, as used in the greek testament, is not a word that may in any wise be translated Magician! It simply states that they were Wise Men from the East. Of one thing we are sure. When the time for the manifestation of Israel's Messiah - Anointed One - had come, when the Word of God had been made flesh, when the Son of God had been brought forth, and when the Word of the Lord literally fulfilled in Him who was to become the "Lamb of God", the Lord God would never permit the sanctity of that lowly manger bed to be polluted by the presence of a trio of heathen philosophers or suffer Him to be worshiped by those who were universally classed as imposters and frauds!

Who were these Wise Worshipers, then, and from whence did they come? And what was the significance of the gifts they brought? Were they astrologers from the east country? Were they Sunworshippers from Persia? Were they men who could read the stars and by this reading discern the advent of the Savior of the World? Perish the thought! It is a conclusion unworthy of the blood-washed Church of God. If such could be the case, then the stars were a more dependable record than the Living Word of God. And all the sighing of the faithful in Israel would have been ignored for the benefit of a trio of necromancers

and spiritualists who knew nothing whatever of the Messiah of Israel; and cared even less!

This is a complex subject, but we have always believed that any and every bible truth is capable of proper understanding if we will stay by the Word of God for its illumination.

The Birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem is by far the outstanding event of all time. Nothing in the history of the World can compare with this! The well-being of heaven and earth depended upon the advent of the "Only begotten Son of God". We are not concerned with modernistic theories. We have no time to waste! Foolishness is foolishness, whether it proceeds from the fount of intellectualism or from the depths of human ignorance. The Birth of Jesus Christ blends the heavens and the earth. In this operation God and Man were forever joined. The destiny of Both are identical.

There are Two "Only begotten Sons" in the scripture whom we need to understand. The first is the central figure of that human tri from which the race of Israel sprang. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. The Three Father's of Israel. Men, who, two thousand years before Messiah came, had manifested the perfect characteristics of God. Abraham as the Father; Isaac, as the Son, Jesus; and Jacob as the blessed Holy Ghost. From these Three Men came all the earthly Israelitish line, and around that central figure -Isaac- cluster all the Messianic promises.

Abraham and Sarah were a childless couple. In their house were vast possessions and exceeding great wealth, yet they had no son or heir. But the heart of Abraham was righteous in the sight of God, and one day as he and Sarah sat in the Door of the tent they saw Three Men approaching. Rising up, Abraham besought them to tarry with him for rest and refreshment. Gen. 18. After they had eaten, the Three Men, whose Name is the Lord, began to give unto Abraham and Sarah the Promise of a Son who should be born at that "Set time" next year. He was to be a Son in whom all the families of the earth should be blessed! As they listened to the story of the Three Men--The LORD--they laughed within themselves for very joy, rejoicing in the Lord God who had made such things possible and who had promised to bring it all to pass.

It was this rejoicing which Jesus referred to in his dispute with the pharisees when He said, "Your Father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: he saw it, and was glad". Yes! For Abraham not only caught the vision of the fulfilled Word of the Lord - who stood before them in triune form, as Three Men - in the coming of a Son who would bless him in his old age, but he also caught the greater vision of the coming of that Greater Son, Jesus Christ, in whom all the people of the earth should be blessed under the "Riches of His Grace". Hence the spiritual ecstasy which fell upon both at the announcement of that

coming Son, for they rejoiced for Isaac - laughter - and they rejoiced also for the Christ.

Thus, when the promise of the Typical Son - Isaac - was given, the GODHEAD BODILY came down! They came in the form of Three Men, for thus it is written, "And the LORD appeared unto him - Abraham - in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent Door, and "He lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him". It is impossible to overemphasise the force of this truth. It forever settles the question of a plurality of personality in the Godhead. These Three Men were God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost! These Three Men were the LORD! and in this manner they were afterwards spoken of Genesis 18, 19, and 20th chapters.

As we have said, when the typical Son was to be born the GODHEAD BODILY came down, that the Covenant might be ratified from the highest source and that Abraham might know that the LORD who had made the promise to him in the first place had now journeyed from THE HEAVENLIES. He, Himself, to confirm the Promise! Wonderful truth! A Marvelous record! Wonderful, because in this record we have the Old Testament showing of what might be expected when the SON OF GOD should be born.

The second Son of whom we have spoken is, of course, the Son of God. Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem of Judea in answer to the voice of the Prophets of the Lord in past ages. He was more than the Mes-

siah of Israel. He was the Son of God. The Savior and the Redeemer of the World. Thus when the covenants concerning Isaac were sealed, the GODHEAD BODILY came down to the earth. The LORD HIMSELF attested his birth. Yet when the appointed moment -- in the fulness of time -- had come for the Birth of the SON of GOD, Jesus Christ, we calmly turn the witnessing of His Incarnation and His Birth over to a trio of Magicians and to the frauds and imposters who belonged to the blatant heathenism of that day! Jesus Christ attested by Magicians! The Incarnate Word witnessed to by necromancers, spiritualists, and devil worshipers! The very thought is abhorrent. Such superstition is unworthy of the Christian Church. Away with such rubbish!

Every point of prophetic bible truth is brought into question at the Birth of the Son of God. The whole of the bible record is involved. The Birth of Christ was just as momentous to the Heavenlies as it ever was to the earth, for both worlds have been compromised with the touch and taint of SIN. Things Celestial, Things Divine, Things Spiritual, Things human, Things earthly, all, without exception, are vitally interested in the outcome of the Birth and Ministry of Jesus Christ. They depend on the Atonement of His Finished Work for their fulfillment or elimination.

Thus, whatever was ordained to transpire at the coming of that Babe of Bethlehem was of the highest

importance to the perfect accomplishment of the whole will of God and necessary to that end. The ministry of Isaac was national and earthly, but the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ is universal and Spiritual, touching two worlds.

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came ‘Wise Men’ from the East to Jerusalem, Saying, where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His Star in the East, and are come to worship Him.” First of all we must examine the word “East”, as it is used in this narrative, for it is in the translation of this word that the error begins. To the natural mind, and to those who look merely for natural things, the “East” would signify nothing more than some territory to the East of Jerusalem, while the truth is, the spiritual significance of the word “East” is something marvelously different! In fact, the word “East” is not used in the original writings at all. The exact wording is, “We have seen His Star IN THE RISING, or AT THE RISING”, and, probing - under the guidance of the Holy Spirit - just a little deeper into the word, we discover that the word “East”, when used in its spiritual sense, signifies nothing more or less than the SUN - RISING!

Not merely some geographical location, but the SUN-RISING! Thus the “East” in its deepest spiritual and prophetic sense, is always significant of the SUN-RISING, or in other words, of the SUN IT-

SELF. The Wise Men saw His Star in the East. One of the titles of the Lord Jesus is that of the "Bright and Morning Star". When He comes again, as He will in the future, He will come from the "East". The prophet Ezekiel saw the Glory of the Shekinah returning from the East, while in Rev. 7:2 we behold that mighty Jehovah Angel coming from the "East", that is, from the SUN-RISING. He came from the SUN! The Wise Men came from the "East", from the SUN-RISING. They came from the actual dwelling place of God. The place of His Throne. THE SUN.

Naturally, no one knows where these Wise Men came from. And none know where they went! But this we know, that these mysterious strangers came on the scene led by one of the constellations of Glory, A STAR. A star with a divinely intelligent purpose to accomplish. A Star which had the Mind of God. And this very characteristic forever forbids any natural interpretation of its coming. That Star was not a Meteor nor yet a Comet, neither was it a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn! This Star knew exactly what it was doing and where it was going. When-- after their interview with Herod-- the Wise Men saw it again they were filled with a divine ecstasy and rejoiced with "exceeding great Joy". It was the prophetic Star of Israel, the Symbol of that Divine-Human creation, first made manifest in the Incarnate Word. A Star of God's own creating, and ordained

to the ministry of piloting Three spirit-filled translated men from the realms of His Glory, down through the trackless spaces of His universe to that humble abode of the Virgin of Israel and her God-begotten Son in Bethlehem, the "House of Bread".

We are out in deep water now! and this seems to be the time to say just who these Three Wise Men were and why they had been preserved thro the ages for this marvelous work.

Prior to the Birth of Jesus Christ, and in the records of the Old Testament, we have the story of Three Men who had been translated alive into the very presence of God. Two of these men passed thru the heavenly portals without seeing death, while one of them died and was buried by the Lord Himself. After Three Days he was resurrected by the Arch-angle Michael -- the Angel of the Resurrection -- and translated into the presence of the LORD. The names of these Three Men are Enoch, the seventh from Adam; Moses the Lawgiver and the Mediator of the Law Covenant, who died under the hand of the Lord, was buried, resurrected, and translated alive into the presence of His Glory; and last, comes Elijah, the Prophet of the LORD! THREE MEN! THREE WITNESSES! The reason for their number is obvious. God is a THREE-in-ONE. The Full complement of testimony is established in "The Mouth of THREE WITNESSES". This truth belongs to both testaments.



Not one of these men completed their earthly ministry. They walked and talked with God and were not! for God took them. Each of these men were fully taught by the Holy Spirit of the Coming of Messiah and in many respects, they had tasted the bitterness of His rejection and death. In point of fact, Two of them, Moses and Elijah, were afterward delegated to bring to the "Transfigured Christ" the words of comfort He so much needed at that time. None other in heaven or in earth, save Enoch, could bring such a message. There was not one being in all the world who understood the expediency of the Death of Christ or its necessity in the ATONEMENT. Not one living soul, not even His Mother, could enter into the fellowship of His Sufferings, the shadow of which already rested upon Him. Hence the necessity of these men and of their translation alive into the Throne of the Living God.

They were redeemed from the earth for the very purpose in which they were used. Enoch had been in the Glory for more than Three Thousand years when Jesus died, Moses for about fourteen hundred years, and Elijah at least One Thousand years before the Cross. They had fellowshipped the WORD before it was made flesh. They knew the Son of God before His incarnation. They understood every detail of the ATONEMENT and what was necessary to bring it about. They talked with Jesus concerning His Death which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. Lk. 9:30-

31. Because of these things, their Faith, Wisdom, and Power with God and Man, they were ordained to be the WITNESSES of the INCARNATION. They were to see the WORD actually MADE FLESH. They were the WITNESSES at His Birth. They were the Three Wise Men who came from afar. They succored Him after the temptation in the wilderness. Matt. 4:11. Moses and Elijah encouraged Him on the Mount of Transfiguration. Lk. 9:30-31. They were at the resurrection. Lk. 24:4. They were also at the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 1:10-11. Thus their testimony was complete in the fullest sense for they are to come again during the great tribulation period when the above evidence will be presented to national Israel who "Shall look on Him whom they have pierced". Moses and Elijah are the Two Witnesses of Rev. 11:3, while Enoch was that one whom John wished to worship, but who declared himself to be "Of thy brethren that have the Testimony - Witness - of Jesus". Rev. 19:10.

Thus the Three Wise Men are cleared of the charge of being "Magicians" or Sunworshippers from Persia. They were Enoch, Moses, and Elijah, translated from among the millions of Israel for the purpose we have stated. They were led by a Star. They came from the SUN-RISING, that is, they came from the SUN. Nothing unusual in that when you understand the Bible truth. When these men were translated they had to go to some other world, and as to which of

the worlds they did go we have no source of information but the Bible. Most Christians seem determined to get their heaven as far away as possible, out of sight altogether. To me, this is illogical and unsatisfactory, for, if there is a real Heaven, then the christian, by all means, should know just where it is.

These Wise Men were God's ordained and anointed Witnesses, snatched from among men and translated to Glory, there to await the coming of the "Just One". Then they were to descend to the earth, led by a Star, and to kneel down by the side of that Virgin Mother and behold with their own eyes the fact of His Birth. After that was accomplished, they were to return to their "Own Country", even to Heaven itself, carrying the astounding news to all the dwellers in that land. What a welcome awaited them, and what glorious entrance was ministered to these companions of the Savior as they testified of King Immanuel, God manifest in the flesh! No doubt the heavenly choir sang anew, "Peace on earth and goodwill toward men", and all heaven rejoiced at the word of their testimony concerning Israel's New Born King.

And now, in a parting reference to this holy theme, may we call your attention again to the typical aspects of this truth. When Isaac, the Son of Promise, was born, the Godhead Bodily came down in the form of THREE MEN. Likewise, when the Son of God was born, there came from the Heavens THREE

WISE MEN, the THREE HEAVENLY WITNESSES, Enoch, Moses, and Elijah! They were led by a Star and, after completing their observations of Witness, they returned to the place from whence they came. - For a more detailed explanation of this subject, read the author's pamphlet on the "Wise Men". -

One other word in connection with the Birth of the Christ which is relative to this same truth. Lk. 1:78-79 reads thus; "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the DAYSPRING from on high hath visited us". This word Dayspring is originally translated the "SUNRISING" and is simply following the lines of revelation. Whatever it was that visited them in the "Dayspring" came from the SUNRISING, i. e. THE SUN.

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## CHAPTER SEVEN

*“Then shall the righteous SHINE forth as the SUN in the KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.”* Matt. 13:43.

## The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration of Christ conveys a startling truth to the Church of God, and shews the possibilities in, and the ultimate of, a consecrated prayer life. What happened to the Savior in His Transfiguration will by and by be realized by the members of the Body of Christ, the Church, when they are willing to attain to it by the same lowly route. Transfiguration is glorification with the kingdom glory. What that kingdom glory is must be gathered from the narrative itself. “And He was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the SUN, and His raiment was white as the LIGHT.” Matt. 17:2. “While He yet spake, behold, a Bright Cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; Hear ye Him.” Matt. 17:5.

At the transfiguration of Jesus, He was clothed with the Glory of the Shekinah. That Glory was the

Glory of the Presence of God. His face did shine as the SUN. And His raiment was white as the SUN-LIGHT. In its deepest sense, the transfiguration glory is the Glory of the Sun and shews forth the fact of redeemed humanity as "Clothed with the Sun", a people capable of living in, or on, the SUN. Moses shined with the very same glory; the "Skin of his face Shone". It was the glory of God. The same is true of the Lord Jesus Christ. His face did shine as the SUN. It is a foretaste of the glory of the Kingdom of God as was promised to the disciples but a few days before, Mk. 9:1, a revelation of what the glory of that kingdom shall be.

#### The Kingdom Glory

The message of the Gospels is a message of the coming of the Kingdom of God. It formed the basis of the message of the Baptist, Matt. 3:2, and was the first message of the Lord Jesus to this world. Matt. 4:17. And again, if we would understand what the Glory of that Kingdom is, we must go to the Word of God. "Then shall the righteous SHINE forth as the SUN in the KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER." Matt. 13:43. Thus the Glory of the Kingdom of God is the glory of the SUN. Clearly stated. No equivocation here!

#### The Millennium

The Kingdom of God is ordained to appear on the earth at the end of the present age. It will cover the whole earth, and will be covered with the Glory of

the Lord, The Shekinah Presence. The tabernacle of God will be with men. Jesus Christ will sit upon the Throne of his Father David, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. During this thousand years of Kingdom Glory the saints shall inherit the whole earth. They shall "Possess the Kingdom" in all its glory. The "Glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters now cover the sea."

Climatic conditions on the earth during the Kingdom Age will be such as bar all that is merely human. Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God! There is no more possibility of unredeemed humanity dwelling on the earth during the Thousand Years than of the unrepentant touching the Throne of God right now! During the Millennial Age the SUN will shine with a Sevenfold Strength, utterly prohibiting the possibility of ordinary life. "Moreover the light of the Moon shall be as the light of the SUN, and the light of the SUN shall be Sevenfold, . . . in the day that the Lord bindeth up the Breach of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." Isa. 30:26. Thus the Glory of the Kingdom is the Glory of the SUN, the Sun shining with a sevenfold strength. The atmospheric veil of ninety millions of miles is brushed aside and the redeemed earth is bathed in the glory of the actual Presence of God.

Thus the Millennial state is a resurrected state. None but those who have attained to the Perfect Church, together with the dead in Christ who rise in

the first resurrection, will ever "Live and Reign with Christ for a Thousand Years". The idea that the Gospel will be preached on the earth during the Thousand Years Reign of Christ is absolutely without foundation in fact. Nowhere does the bible teach that sinners will be saved during that age. Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God covers all the world - not part of it - during the entire thousand years. And the Glory of the Lord covers the whole earth. That Glory is the Glory of the Visible Shekinah. It is the presence of very God. No human thing could live under its manifestation for one moment. NOW is the day of salvation, and not during the Thousand Years! The Glory of that Kingdom is the Glory of the SUN, Matt. 13:43, and the SUN is a world! Thus, during the Thousand Years, the dwellers on the earth will have full access to that Heavenly world and will pass as often as they wish from this sphere to the realms of Light. Jacob's Ladder will touch both worlds, reaching from earth to the heavens, and will be used by both Men and Angels ascending and descending as their hearts' desire shall be.

There will be nothing to prevent the Lord's dwelling on the earth and nothing to prevent the redeemed on the earth from ascending to the Heavens. Satan will be bound. Sin will be gone. Transgression will have been FINISHED. The reconciling Blood of Calvary will have completed its holy ministry. Vision



and Prophecy will be sealed. The Most Holy will receive its final anointing. The Victory of Christ will be fully achieved. The curse will be cast out of the earth. Sickness and Death will be no more. It will be one grand sabbath of rest of One Thousand Years of Peace and Praise. The Kingdom of God in all the earth. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the SUN".

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## CHAPTER EIGHT

*“And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.” Luke 23:44.*

## THE CRUCIFIXION

“And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the SUN was darkened, and the veil of the Temple was rent in twain.” Luke 23:44-45. For Three hours the Savior had hung upon the Cross. It was midday. For the entire period of these Three hours the SUN had been darkened. One writer<sup>1</sup> has said that no useful purpose can be served by attempting to trace the cause of this darkness, but we hardly think that would be fair to either God or His Word. We cannot pass such a marvelous miracle without at least asking the revelation of the Holy Spirit on the Word.

This darkening of the SUN can not be explained by any natural means. Certainly it was a supernatural operation, but it was an operation that had been prophesied for at least one thousand years before it

<sup>1</sup> Edershiem

came to pass and in many ways the scriptures made it plain. The prophet Amos, Amos 8:9, says, "And it shall come to pass in THAT DAY, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the SUN to go down at NOON." It was during the Noontime, at midday, that Jesus hung on the Cross. But this darkening of the Sun was more than a "going down". If the Sun had merely "gone down", some part of the earth would still be enjoying its light. But the scriptures are definite and clear on this point. All the earth was darkened. The Light was taken from the Sun.

The SUN itself was Dark. And if the Sun was dark, then, of course, the earth must naturally be dark. And if the Sun was dark, then the LIGHT must have become darkness, Matt. 6:23. It was not an eclipse, for no eclipse of the Sun can continue for more than seven minutes! It was not an obscuration of the Sun. The Sun was dark. A darkened Sun would need no obscuration. It would already be dark. The darkness of the crucifixion was the direct act of God. It was God fulfilling his Word. 2 Sam. 22:12. Psalm. 18:11. Isa. 60:2.

It was the SON of GOD who hung upon that cross as the Sun went dark! What, then, is the relationship between the SUN and the SON? Why were the Sun, Moon, and Stars involved in His Death? What connection is there between the Two? Why this manifestation of Celestial Sorrow? Why did the Father bury Himself in the darkness? Why were the songs of the angels hushed?

There is only one answer to these questions. If some loved one dies in your home you do not go into your neighbor's house and darken the rooms. You darken the rooms in the home where your loved one lived! If the firstborn son of the household passes away, it is that home which is darkened. It is there the sorrow is felt. What is true of the earthly home is also true of the heavenly! The SUN is the Home and Throne of God! The SUN was the home of the Christ. It was in that world of LIGHT that Jesus had known and loved both Moses and Elijah before the Incarnation and the Cross. It was from that world that Moses and Elijah came to the Christ on the Mt. of Transfiguration, when all their faces did shine as the SUN. It was in that world that Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and Enoch had conferred concerning his incarnation and death. When Jesus was on transfigurations' mount, there was not one being in all the world that knew of "His Death which He should accomplish at Jerusalem". There was not one soul in the whole earth who could encourage Him to Calvary. Hence the necessity of the visit of the lawgiver and the prophet. They were the only beings in the universe of God who could talk intelligently with the Savior as He made His way to the Cross.

Thus, when Jesus died, the SUN went dark. There was a supernatural intelligence and relationship between the Two as the darkness of death settled upon the soul of the Savior. What a darkness. What an

agony. What a death. His soul was made an offering for sin, so the darkness filled the universe. The home of the Godhead was darkened, shrouded in the dense darkness of the death of the Cross. The Firstborn of that home was dead. No need to probe deeper. We have shewn that the Glory of the Lord was a SUN-LIKE glory. It was the glory of the SUN which accompanied the Christ in His earthly ministry and which was involved in His Death. It was to this glory to which the Savior returned after the establishment of the ATONEMENT in His Finished Work. Jn. 17:5. The Glory of the Christ was the Glory of the SUN, and the Glory of the SUN was the Glory of the Christ. "The Glory of the Celestial is One. The Glory of the Terrestrial is another."

#### Resurrection Glory

The Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is marvelously revealed scripture truth. And these events are the foundation of the Atonement. 1 Cor. 15:3-4. After Jesus had lain in the grave "Three days and Three nights", Matt. 12:40, the Angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. "His countenance was like the LIGHTNING, and His raiment white as snow", Matt. 28:2-4. The Lightning is Sunlike in its brilliancy. And in this heavenly visitor we have another messenger of God, clothed in the burning brightness of His Glory. But more of this anon.

First Corinthians fifteen is the Resurrection chap-

ter of the whole bible. In it the Lord God has given, thru the Apostle Paul, the complete facts of the Resurrection from the dead. Now the resurrection is a mighty miracle, a revelation of God for the comfort of the saints. In this chapter the surety of the resurrection is forever established and the order of the Resurrection is made exceeding plain. Christ was the firstfruits, afterward, they that are Christ's at His Coming.

But in the stating of this order, the Apostle uses marvelous language; for he says that in the Resurrection "There is one glory of the SUN, and another glory of the MOON, and another glory of the STARS: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead". We have shewn that the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars are the created symbols of the Godhead, symbols which manifest the actual attributes of His Being. We have also shown that, at the death of Christ, the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars were in sympathy. A revelation of the fact that in the Death of Christ, which is the Atonement, the Godhead Bodily was involved! We now shew that in the Resurrection of the dead the Godhead Bodily, in all its eternal power, is likewise associated and manifested in the Glory of the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS. It is the impress of the Godhead Bodily in the resurrection of the righteous dead!

We are not particularly interested in the doctrinal

aspects of this truth at this time. But we are mightily interested in the fact that Resurrection Glory, which positively is the Glory of the LORD with all that may imply, is, in the Resurrection, declared to be the Glory of the SUN, the Glory of the MOON, and the Glory of the STARS! Incorruptable, Glorious, All-powerful, Spiritual. Surely all christians must see the necessity of understanding the Spiritual Astronomy of the Bible! But this is not all! For in the first chapter of the Book of Revelations the

#### After Resurrection Glory

Of the blessed Christ is revealed on exactly the same order and burning with the very same brightness and Glory of the very same SUN. "And He had in His right hand seven Stars: . . . and His Countenance was as the SUN shineth in His strength." Rev. 1:16. Just as the SUN shines on the clearest of days with almost a sight destroying power and glory, so was the face of the resurrected Christ. Shining as the SUN in all its strength. No wonder that the apostle fell at His feet as DEAD under the burning brightness of the SUNLIKE glories of our resurrected LORD.

Thus the IMPRESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY is discovered as clothing the saints who shall come forth in the First Resurrection. The highest form of resurrection glory is the Glory of the SUN. It is not only the highest form of resurrection glory, it is also the highest form of consecrated Holiness. There is no higher order of Holy Living, no higher

standard of the Holiness of God, than that which, in our Bible, is depicted by the Glory of the SUN.

### Spirit and Light

"Spirit" and "Light", scripturally speaking, are very closely related. There is a relationship between the two that needs to be clearly understood. Both are characteristic of the Godhead in His Nature and His Being, and there is no revelation or understanding of either apart from God. Spirit and Light are parts of the Divine Being whom we call Jehovah. "Who coverest thyself with LIGHT as with a garment." Ps. 104:2. Both are invisible! "And the LIGHT dwelleth with HIM." Dan. 2:22. "God is a SPIRIT." Jn. 4:24. "God is LIGHT." 1 Jn. 1:5.

### Spirit

God, and His Creature, Man, are both triune in their nature and being. The one is built upon the pattern and the fashion of the other. The Godhead, in all his parts, is, by reason of The Atonement of Christ, Eternal and Immortal. Man, while he has the elements of the eternal in his Spirit Nature, has not as yet attained to immortality. This may only be attained as the ultimate of his faith in the Finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this is the design and plan of God for him. Immortality is the reclothing of his spirit nature or being with the incorruptability of the Body of the Resurrection.

With the body of his flesh, man is only too well acquainted. He is cognizant of all its infirmities and



failures. With the "Soul" he is not so well acquainted, and still less does man understand that marvelously eternal nature within him, which is, in our bible, called "Spirit". Yet man is triune, as body, soul, and spirit; three separate and complete entities or natures in One Manifestation, Man. The Spirit, of course, is his eternal side. The body is the body; the Soul is the Soul; the Spirit is the Spirit. The two former, as they pertain to the human, are, under the fiat of God, destructible. The Spirit of man is as eternal as the Holy Spirit of God.

The body of man can not exist without the Spirit! The Spirit of man can and does continue its life and existence after the body has dissolved into dust. Spirit is perfect in life. Spirit is perfect in form. Spirit is perfect in intelligence. The spirit of man is capable of all that body and soul is capable, and ten thousand times more! It is by and thru the spirit that man may communicate with and worship his God. Jn. 4:24. Thus, while the body and the soul life dissolve in death, the spirit lives on! And it is this very truth that emphasises the stern necessity of Holy Living and conformity to the Death and Resurrection of the Christ. Positively the grave is not the goal of the Spirit of Man. Its destiny is Eternal. Clothed with the body of the resurrection, the Spirit of Man, redeemed thru the precious blood of the Cross of Christ, will enjoy the glory of all worlds and bask in the sunshine of the Presence of God forevermore.

The foregoing is beautifully illustrated and demonstrated in the lives and experiences of God's Holy Apostles and Prophets. For in every age of the world, some have pressed their way into the actual presence of Very God. We have such a case in the testimony of the apostle Paul, who, in spirit, was "caught up to the Third Heaven". Whether he was alive or dead, the apostle did not know! But he did know such a man was caught up into Paradise -Paradise and the Third heaven are One and the Same place. Both are the Home and Throne of God.- and heard unspeakable words which it was not lawful to utter among men. 2 Cor. 12:1-5.

We know that it was not the "Body" of the apostle that was "caught up", for a comparison of the time of "Fourteen years ago" suggested by the apostle takes us back to the time he was stoned to death at Lystra, and his body cast out of the city and left for dead. And dead he was! as far as the body was concerned. "Stoning" was the capital punishment of the Jews, and they never left their victim until life was extinct. They crushed the bones and flesh of their victims with great stones. That was the condition of the apostle Paul when his Spirit was caught up to hold those unspeakable conversations with God!

It was nothing new for Paul to die! He was "In DEATHS oft", 2 Cor. 11:23-27. In our language, he was "Often Dead". Only once was he stoned! One

night and One day was he "in the deep"! Not "ON the deep" but "IN the deep"; drowned in the depths of the Sea as surely as the Prophet Jonah, tho not for the same cause. Death could not touch him until he was ready to "offer himself". Paul had so apprehended the Atonement of Christ that his life could not be taken permanently until he was ready to lay it down! So was Christ! Jn. 10:17-18. The apostle Paul had so appropriated the Atonement that he commanded the resurrection! and when his body lay dead under the stoning, he took opportunity to ascend to heaven, all in the plan and purpose of the Lord. His spirit was translated! into the presence of God. Divested of the Body of flesh, he held perfect communion with God and heard the inviolate secret of the Godhead, as concerning these great end times. He could hear. He could see. He could commune with the Christ he loved and for whom he had suffered death. It was now! that he received the full complement of the Divine Revelation, a revelation utterly impossible while men yet live in the flesh.

Another case in point is that of the Apostle John. He rested on the Lord's Day, during his captivity and imprisonment on the Isle of Patmos, when suddenly he heard behind him a Voice, as that of a Trumpet. And being turned to see the Voice that spake to him, he beheld the Glorified Christ; and when he saw Him, "He fell at His feet as dead". When you know bible language, you will know that he could not be "as

dead" without being dead! Corruptability cannot stand in the presence of Incorruptability and Immortality and live. God has so said. Thus, it was the Spirit of the Apostle John that was caught up and which received the marvels of the Book of the Revelation that he might make it known to the Church.

Thus, when Paul's heavenly conversations were concluded, and while his friends wept and mourned over his body, he suddenly rose to his feet and said, "let us go to the next town." Crushed bones were instantly healed. The bleeding immediately stopped and he went his way in the Lord. The case of John, on Patmos, was the same. When the Revelation was completed, his spirit returned again to his body and he made it known to the Church. Both Life and Death are comprehended in the Atonement, and also the resurrection. It is this phase of heavenly wisdom which shall come upon the Church in the end of the Present Age, which shall preserve her in immortality and incorruptability thru all the blasphemy and apostasies of those times, and which shall end in the "Marriage of the Lamb".

When Jesus was about to die as He hung on the Cross, and, "cried with a loud voice, He said, FATHER into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the Ghost", Luke 23:44-46. The statement and teaching that Jesus Christ went to Hell from the Cross is too blasphemous to need mention here. He did not go to Hell; and never will go to

Hell. It is about time for the Church of God to repudiate these mildewed theologies of the dark ages and to brush off forever these cobwebbed theories that are linked up with the Limbo of Purgatory!

The real truth, as revealed in the Testaments, is that at the time of the Death of Christ, His Spirit went to God and His Body lay for Three Days and Three Nights in the bowels of the earth, i. e. the Grave. Suddenly the Glory of the Lord smashed that gravestone, the Glorified Spirit of the Risen Christ repossessed its sacrificed body, and the Atonement was Complete! And that Angel of the Lord who rolled away the stone from the sepulchre and sat on it was none other than the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ Himself! Matt. 28:1-10. NO! Christ Jesus did not go to Hell; and, thank God! He never will.

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*Jesus Christ was not an angel*

## CHAPTER NINE

*"I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."* Jn. 20:17.

Now the important question for us to consider is, "Where did they go?" If Paul was caught up to Heaven, to Paradise, and heard the voice of God and of His Christ, an utterance forbidden to this earth; and if John on Patmos was caught up to Heaven that he might receive the marvelous revelation of Jesus Christ; and further, if Jesus Christ, in Spirit, went from the Cross to His Father's Presence; and still further, if Enoch, Moses, Elijah, and Christ are today in the actual presence of God, in the very Heaven and Throne of God, and together with that multitude that no man can number of the Spirits of "Just men, made perfect," then WHERE is that Heaven, and Where is that Throne? Where is the Heaven to which Paul was "caught up"?

If we are to take the calculations of the scientist as to the distance of that Heaven from this earth, then, before we begin, we might just as well stop. Because the concensus of their opinions is, that, if there

is a Heaven at all, it is so far removed from this sphere by distance that it would take hundreds of millions of "Light Years" to reach it, which, if it could be true, then the Bible, as the infallible Word of God, must be ruled out of the question altogether.

But such statements are not true! never could be true, and everything of Bible record concerning Heaven is absolutely true and provable in all its message to the Church and to the heart of the saint. It is the lack of understanding of these subjects, on the part of the christian, that has brought the Word of God into such disrepute, and, in many respects, put it to an open shame.

Heaven is much nearer this earth than we have hitherto believed! And one can acquire such a far away look, by reasons of the theories propounded, that he altogether misses the truth. Heaven is but a few minutes removed from this earth, and it takes travel to reach it and to cover the distance that separates it from the earth. When Jesus stood in parting farewell to his disciples on the Mount of Olives, He suddenly lifted his hands in final blessing and began the journey to His Throne. He did not travel to any point of the earth's compass, but his course was upwards! He ascended far above all heavens and they watched Him until a cloud received Him out of their sight.

"There is doubtless no instance of the supernatural

in the New Testament which makes greater demands on faith than the Ascension of our Lord. It involves not only the entrance of supernatural forces into the province of this world's life, but the projection of an earthly career directly into the supra-mundane sphere. This conception immediately thrusts before the scientific and investigative mind some grave difficulties.

There is a philosophical difficulty, presented in the question as to whether a body composed of tangible substance could be adapted to the conditions of a purely spiritual realm. That Jesus, in the interim between His resurrection and ascension, resided in a palpable body appears to be indicated by the fact that men saw Him and touched Him. This body seems to have had normal physical functions, for He ate. His statement, 'A spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have', Luke 24:39, indicates the features of ordinary physical structure. It is difficult to conceive of a body which possessed such characteristics entering directly and without change, into a spiritual realm.

Then there is the cosmic problem of the location and nature of Heaven, as apparently required by the implications of the Ascension on the one hand, and the rational conception of the spiritual realm on the other. The original, primitive Christian conception of the Ascension undoubtedly involved the ancient world-view, which contemplated Heaven as localized above a material firmament. There is therefore the question, whether the doctrine of the Ascension can



properly be disengaged from this erroneous world-view. As a matter of fact, that which still remains as the standard Christian conception of the Ascension contemplates Jesus as rising in a vertical direction from the top of Mt. Olivet.

In strict scientific reality this would mean simply passing out from earth into space. Inevitably this confronts us with the question whether the Ascension draws Heaven into the category of material existence. Does it not represent Heaven as a part of the sidereal universe---a sidereal constellation as it were? Such a view is exceedingly difficult to harmonize with a rational conception of the eternal abode of immortal spirits. It at least plunges us into a bewildering labyrinth of speculation."

Thus writes Dr. H. E. Dana in the *Biblical Review* in an article devoted to the "Historical Evidence of the Ascension". Written in lovely spirit, it was a joy to the writer to read it and to enter into the difficulties that of necessity must be met in the study of such a subject.

Throughout this book we have assumed the "Fact" of Heaven and accepted its reality as sure. No Christian could do otherwise. Our object is not to prove its existence, but its location! If its location can be proven! its existence is forever established. No doubt the Cloud which received the form of the Ascending Lord was provided for that very purpose by the Godhead. It was not His intention for those watchers

to see the world for which He was bound, so the Cloud received Him out of their sight.

Yet Jesus Christ did ascend to another world, and from that world He has been ministering the Atonement for now almost two thousand years. As regards the length of His journey and the distance He traveled before He could sit down at the Right Hand of God, only the Bible, under the illumination of the Holy Spirit, may reveal. Of this we are sure, that Christ must be in Glory and receive at the Hand of the Father the promised Spirit, or the Spirit of Promise, Acts 2:33, and be ready to pour out that Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, as He most surely did. There were but ten days at the most, from the ascension of Christ to the Day of Pentecost. Thus the time of His Ascension, or the length of His journey is instantly reduced from the millions of Light Years of the intellectualist to less than ten ordinary days of time. And it will be our pleasure to reduce it still further, and to prove to your complete satisfaction that the actual time of the journey of the Christ from the Mt. of Olives to His Father's Throne was, in truth, less than ten ordinary minutes!

We have said that there is a relationship between Spirit and Light, for both these characteristics are applied to the being of the Godhead. What LIGHT is, only God can demonstrate. Yet the chief fact remains, that God is Spirit, and God is Light. Thus the relationship is biblically established. The Spirit

Man alone may communicate with God, and the Redeemed Body of the christian is the body of his resurrection. There is a Spiritual Body, and there is a Natural Body, 1 Cor. 15:54. The redeemed or spiritual body and the spirit proper are, organically speaking, one and the same. They are capable of the same phenomena, and destined to the same goal. And Spirit and Light are both attributes and characteristics of the TRUE Christian.

When Jesus hung dying on the Cross, He was crucified between two thieves. One of these was deeply repentant of the life he had lived, and, turning to the blessed Christ he said, "Lord, Remember Me when thou comest into thy Kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, —and mark it well— TO DAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."!!! This Day! Not a hundred million light years from now, but today! Further, the day was far spent. The end of the day came at Sundown, just a short time away. Already the shadows of the night were gathering, very little of the day was left. Yet He said to the repentant thief, To day shalt thou be in Paradise -the same place to which Paul's Spirit was caught up- with Me.

Thus the time is reduced from millions of Light Years to ten days; and still further reduced to the last moments of that Jewish Day upon which they were crucified, proving conclusively that the Heaven of God, The Paradise of God, The Throne of God, is but

a few moments removed from this earth.

Light travels at the speed of 186,000 miles per second. Quicker than a thought, almost. Light, as it pours forth from our SUN, is just seven or eight minutes in reaching this earth. The SUN is approximately 90,000,000 miles from this earth, and a simple example in multiplication and common division will prove to your satisfaction that the foregoing is true. And the relationship between Spirit and Light is that they travel with exactly the same velocity. The redeemed spirit of man, in its journey to God's heaven, travels on the "Wings of Light". The moment the redeemed physical body of the Christ left the earth's atmosphere, He traveled on the wings of Light, or at the very same velocity as light.

The atmosphere which surrounds our earth is "Light Resisting". Outside its confines man may not live only by artificial means, and anything artificial is, of necessity, temporary. It is the earth's atmosphere that acts as the walls of this prison house of our world, and those walls may only be scaled by the translation power of the Lord. Thus, seven or eight -Both numbers are spiritually prophetic- minutes from the time that Jesus said, "It is Finished", He rested from all His labors and ministries in the Bosom of the Father. He sat down at the Right Hand of God.

All this is terribly literal! and that is what it is intended to be! for the most literal piece of literature

in all the world is God's own book, The Bible. For far too long the realities of God and His Heaven have been dissolved into nothing more than a puff of smoke by the chronic spiritualizers of today. Heaven is Real. God is Real. There is eternal reality in the invisible!

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## CHAPTER TEN

*“For the things which are SEEN are temporal; but the things which are NOT SEEN are ETERNAL.” 2 Cor. 4:18.*

## Invisible Things

To the average mind, the invisible thing is nonexistent! This applies to the christian too. No class of people really KNOW LESS about the “invisible things” than the average christian. This is, by no means, entirely the fault of the saint. Rather it is the result of misunderstanding and faulty interpretation. There has been altogether too much dependence upon the unsanctified mind for spiritual truth, hence the scarcity of knowledge of these things. The thing which cannot be seen has been relegated to the background as not worth consideration. This has been a grievous mistake for many centuries, for the reality of the invisible is very definitely set forth in the Word of God.

Man, apart from God, is utterly incapable of right decision or judgment of spiritual truth! His spirit nature is completely undeveloped. There is not one chance in ten thousand of His discerning the truth,

for Spiritual Things are Spiritually discerned, 1 Cor. 2; 14. Man must be "Born again" and "Baptised with the Holy Ghost" before he is able to understand these things. Thus, in the light of the Word of God, it is supreme ignorance for man to believe only in that which he is able to see.

This is the boast of the world, "that they will not believe in anything they cannot see or handle". How foolish this is, in the light of Sacred and Scientific truth, is now completely demonstrated, for every Life-force in this universe is, in itself, invisible, and everything that sustains life is also begotten by these invisible life forces. Both Air and Light are positively invisible, without either of which, life could not be supported. Thus the person who testifies that he will only believe that which he can see or feel need not be taken seriously. He is uninformed.

On the other hand, the christian is required to exercise Faith and to believe in the things that cannot be seen. The world builds its hopes on the visible. The Child of God builds his hopes on the invisible. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are Temporal; but the things which are NOT SEEN are ETERNAL!" 2 Cor. 4:18. Thus the plain statement of the scriptures substantiates the marvelous reality and eternity of the "Invisible Things".

We quote the scripture, "For the invisible things of HIM from the creation of the world are CLEAR-

LY SEEN, being understood by the things that are made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse", Rom. 1:20. Again, Moses "endured, as seeing HIM who is invisible", Heb. 11:27. And again, "For by HIM were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in the earth, VISIBLE and INVISIBLE, whether they be thrones, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by HIM and for Him", Col. 1:16. Thus the truth is manifested. The Invisible things are an act of creation. They were created by the Lord God as definitely as were the things that are seen. This is eminently true of the Spirit of Man, for the Spirit of man, while invisible, is the only enduring and eternal nature about him! The body will dissolve and pass away. The Spirit of him will live forever. Hence the necessity of a Spiritual Planet upon which the redeemed may dwell. That Spiritual Planet, in our Bible, is called Heaven, and Heaven is the christian's goal.

Thus if Spirit and Light are synonymous, both are invisible, albeit they are the eternal part of US. And the statement we make concerning the rapidity of their movements need not seem strange. If Man has a Spirit, and that Spirit is separated from the body at death, then that Spirit must ascend to the heavenly world, even as the Glorified body of the Christ. "I ascend to my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God," Jn. 20:17. The Father of one



is the Father of the other. The Heaven of the Savior is the Heaven of the Saint.

In Radio Broadcasting the human voice travels with the speed of Light and is heard around the world in a fraction of one second, The human voice is real, tho invisible, and the speed with which it travels is unquestioned. So is the Spirit of man! The ether waves proceed from the SUN and are in direct connection with the SUN. This has been clearly demonstrated in recent tests, and there can be no doubt but that the voices of men are heard in the heavenlies!

In the case of the real christian, this we know to be true. The world uses its inventions and mechanisms, and by electrical energy projects the voice into the ether waves, but the christian has a God-given method by which he reaches the Ear and Heart of the Lord, and that is thru his spirit. The Spirit of man, anointed by the Holy Spirit of God, becomes charged with a Spiritual Energy which enables man to commune with his God. The power of prayer, in the Spirit, has been fully attested, times without number. It is literally possible to "Talk with God".

Thus we need not stagger at the fact of the oft repeated visits of the Lord God to this world or of those messengers whom He has sent. The Lord God walked in the Garden with Adam and Eve. He walked with Enoch for three hundred years. He communed with Noah. He covenanted with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He revealed Himself to Moses. He came

to Joshua, Gideon, Manoah, Samson, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon. Many times He came from the Heaven of His Throne and visited His people on the earth. The Three Wise Men came from Heaven led by a Star. The Angel Gabriel came from Heaven many times. Moses and Elijah visited the Christ during the entire course of His earthly ministry and will come again to complete it.

Enoch was caught up to Paradise. Moses was translated. Elijah was caught up in the Chariots of God. Jesus Christ ascended to Paradise as also did the dying thief. Paul was caught up to Paradise and so was John on Patmos. It did not take them millions of "Light Years" to ascend or to descend. Paul made the visit in a few minutes. So did John. Jesus arrived in glory the last few moments of the day 14th Nisan. Moses and Elijah descended to the Mount of Transfiguration in a few minutes of time. And so it has been throughout the ages. God has kept in touch with His creature and His world. When Light travels with such terrific speed and is the swiftest agency we know; and when the Bible so clearly testifies that GOD IS LIGHT, Light is His supreme characteristic, then it is a grievous mistake for the scientist or the intellectualist to insist that the christian's Heaven is "Millions of Light Years" away. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

When we remember that the bodies of these trans-

lated ones "Shined as the SUN when it shineth in its strength", then the only reasonable conclusion to which any one can reach is that the SUN is that WORLD from which these Four Living Ones came and that it is also that world to which the apostle Paul was "caught up", the same being true of John on Patmos. The Sun is that world to which Jesus Christ ascended from the Mount of Olives. It is that world from which He will come again. Rev. 7:2.

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## CHAPTER ELEVEN

*“That He might present it to Himself a GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.”*  
*Eph. 5:27.*

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## A Woman Clothed With The Sun

Of all the marvelous symbology of the Bible, this of which we now speak is the most magnificent. It carries a message to the present generation so astounding and wonderful as to be almost past belief, and yet it is true! No other authority in all the world dares to use the sublime symbology of a “Woman clothed with the SUN, and the Moon under her feet, and upon her head a Crown of Twelve Stars”. Rev, 12:1.

And no other Bible record has been subjected to the scrutiny and searching as this. It is admittedly the most momentous of all that is prophetic of all these great end times. A Vision, Sign, or Revelation so marvelous that expositors have largely given it up in despair, or, in their efforts at interpretation, have mutilated it so terribly as to make the heart sick!

Any correct interpretation of the Visions and Symbols of the Bible must come from the Word of God

alone. It was indited by the Holy Spirit and the only being capable of imparting the truth is THE Holy Ghost. The Book of Revelations may only be understood by "Revelation". God alone can give this knowledge.

Some have thought that this woman was Mary; and the Manchild, Christ. Such interpretations do violence to that which is written and need not be considered at all. This "Woman" is the CHURCH, that Church which will—in the last days— become the very Bride of the Lamb. She not only represents the Church, but she is THE CHURCH! and is here manifested as a married woman about to become a Mother.

She is a married woman! She has—at the time of her manifestation— already been married to the Bridegroom. Thus the moment of the Marriage of the Lamb is changelessly fixed as just prior to the coming of the antichrist and the establishment of the Great Tribulation period of three and one half years. To understand the "Time Element" of this vision is to build on a proper foundation.

It is utterly impossible to interpret the symbology of the Bible unless one knows or understands the Language of the Symbol, for it is instantly evident that unless we know the spiritual significance of the Woman and her vesture of the SUN, MOON, and STARS, we shall not be able to discern the truth.

The woman is the Church. God has always taken the place of a Husband to His people. Israel was the wife of Jehovah-God, God the Father. The Old Testament is full of this thought. It is spiritually and literally true! and the result of that Divine Human alliance in the Old Testament times was Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was begotten by the Father God in the power of the Holy Spirit, but Born of His Mother Mary as literally as you, yourself, were born. A New Creature. A new and last Adam by which the Father could build a New Race—The Church.

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, will also marry at the appointed time, but before that Marriage is consummated, the Woman, the Church, must be lifted to exactly the same standard of Holiness and Immortality as the Son of God Himself. He could never marry a Bride inferior to Himself. She must be cleansed, purified, and become a Glorious Church without a spot or wrinkle or any such thing before she could ever be "Married to the Lamb". She must have reached the incorruptability of the Godhead.

This is the schedule for the Last Days, and this is that which is signified by the marvelous vision of Revelations 12:1. "His Wife hath made herself ready," indeed! Rev. 19:7. The woman of this vision is the Perfected Church.

We have said that the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS are the ONE remaining symbol of the Godhead Bodily in FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,

a marvelous visual revelation to the world of all that God is! And it is clear that there can be no interpretation of the Woman of Revelations Twelve until the spiritual significance of her vesture is discerned. Not one bit of use to proceed until we know the mind of the Spirit in the SUN-CLAD WOMAN.

The truth is that this Woman, clothed with the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS, is the Church of the Last Days Clothed and Endued with all the fulness of the POWER of the GODHEAD BODILY! Empowered with "All the power of the Godhead". The Glory of the Father, The Ministry of the SON, and The Measureless Anointings of the blessed Holy Spirit. Just as God was in the Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, so Jehovah, in all His ineffable fulness will tabernacle in His Church for the final ministry of the last days. The Spirit and the Bride say COME.

But this great vision carries another thought which we now express. She is Clothed with the Sun! She is a woman who can dwell in the SUN. If the SUN were the blasting, burning furnace that modern science --and millions of christians-- says it is, then this woman, revealed as the marvelous handiwork of GOD and accomplishing ALL of His Perfect Will, is a Church clothed with a flaming, burning hell of fire!!! all of which is simply ridiculous.

If our SUN was a burning furnace of fire as the scientist supposes, then all the wonderful symbology

of the bible must go for naught. Fire is totally destructive, while the SUN is lifegiving! If the SUN were a furnace of fire, all the oxygen of our atmosphere would be consumed and death would immediately result. The opposite is true. The SUN is the one life force of the universe. It is the sole source from which the earth, with the human creature, is supported, fed, and clothed.

But all do not commit themselves to a theory as to the Sun's Light and Power. They are honest in their confessions that they do not know. And this becomes more and more the truth. It is only the superficial mind that would hazard a guess apart from the bible. There is no other authority that is capable of right interpretation. The astronomer, Herschel, testified on his dying bed, "that after a lifetime of the study of the Sun, he had concluded that the SUN was a WORLD, INHABITED BY BEINGS WHO RADIATED LIGHT". This is exactly true, and this testimony --whether Herschell knew it or not-- is the testimony of the christian's Bible.

This Woman, or Church, could not be clothed with the SUN unless she had --by the mighty processes of the Gospel-- reached that state where she could live in the SUN. Certainly the correct understanding of the vision could lead to nothing less!

After all, the wondrous operations of the Holy Spirit in the New Birth and in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is but to prepare the redeemed ones for



endless life in another sphere and in the actual presence of God. Jesus, in answering the question of the Sadducees, Luke 20:35-36, said, "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, ... Neither can they die any more: for they are equal to the angels; and are the children of God".

The vision of the "Woman clothed with the Sun" of Rev. 12:1 is the ultimate of redemptive power. It is the capstone of all revelation. As concerning mankind there is nothing greater to reveal. It is the finished product of all divine revelation. It is fallen mankind lifted again by the Atonement of the Blood of Christ to the right hand of God. And again we emphasize the deep spiritual import of the vision, or the symbol, in the fact that it enables the woman to dwell in the Sun, and, as we have said, this implies the thought that the SUN is an INHABITED WORLD, a statement we have previously made.

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## CHAPTER TWELVE

*"And I saw an angel STANDING IN THE SUN." Rev. 19:17.*

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## The Sun Inhabited

The scientist must constantly change his mind. The thing which appears to be true today, tomorrow must be cast aside as an idle guess. This applies to most of the celestial phenomena and is particularly true of that which pertains to our SUN. In this respect "things are not what they seem to be". While some conclusions and celestial measurements may be fairly dependable, it is quite possible that between the Earth and the Sun there is a strata of something or other, beyond which any instrument of man's invention may not go. There is no doubt whatsoever but that the celestial secrets of the Lord are well guarded from unscantified eyes and that they may only be rightly understood by a divinely imparted faith.

Thus the ideas of the astronomer as concerning the Sun's heat have given rise to all kinds of conjectures and mistaken conceptions. Some have endeavoured to estimate the amount of coal necessary to maintain such heat and radiation. Others have thought

that the Sun was continually being bombarded by meteors, and the heat produced by such impact. Many other theories, equally impossible, have been advanced and one by one they have gone into the discard. But they have served the purpose of turning the heart and mind of the people from any thought of the SUN as a World, or as a place where beings of any kind could dwell. Thus the very last thought to enter the mind of man is the possibility of life --even eternal--existing on the Sun. It has never been dreamed, except perhaps by some God-hungry soul who was afraid to voice the thought, that there could be life on the SUN.

How unreasonable this idea is must be apparent on but a moments reflection, for it is the SUN that supports life, light, and power on all the earth. There could be no life, no living thing, but for the SUN. Consequently, that which makes life possible must contain the elements of LIFE. Many eminent men have thought that in some strange and unknown manner we were all "Children of the SUN", and such thoughts among them are as the straws which shew which way the wind is blowing. In some sense it must be correct.

But mere speculation will never get us anywhere. If the SUN is an inhabited world, there is only one source from which any authentic knowledge could come, and that source is the BIBLE. If the bible says that the Sun is inhabited by the celestial creations,

or by the redeemed from among men, then the SUN is inhabited and it is the dwelling of God's own kind.

The bible does tell us just such truth. Throughout this work we have given many instances in which this truth is implied. We now give you a scripture that bluntly tells us so. "And I saw an ANGEL STANDING IN THE SUN; and he cried with a loud voice, ... Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God." Rev. 19:17. It was the moment of Armageddon! the moment of the destruction of the ungodly hosts of the antichrist; the end of the present age! now so near at hand.

The Angel stood in the SUN. That was his home, the place where he dwelt and served his God. It is common bible truth that Angels and Men have dwelt together in glory for now almost five thousand years! for Enoch, the Seventh, was translated that he should not see death, and was not for GOD TOOK HIM. If God took him, then Enoch went to dwell with the God with whom he had walked in holy fellowship for three hundred years. Enoch was not the only one of his kind to enjoy such fellowship and such heavenly surroundings. Moses too was translated! as also was the prophet Elijah. Jesus Christ himself completed the order, and these four "Living Ones" --in the fourth chapter of the Book of Revelations-- are "In the midst of the Throne, and round about the Throne" of God with an innumerable company of Angels, Rev. 5:11, all worshiping and blessing the very same God.

Thus the home of the Angelic hosts is also the home of the redeemed from among men. The Angel standing in the SUN was merely standing at the portal of his own habitation and giving voice to the vultures of the air, an invitation to consume the carcasses of those who had preferred the devil before the Christ and who were now to pay the penalty of their unbelief.

This command of judgment came from an Angel who stood in the SUN. But a short time before this the Heavens had been opened and the Rider on the white horse came forth. "His eyes were as a flame of fire" and His Name was called the "Word of God". He was "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" and on His head were many crowns. His vesture was "Saturated in blood" and He was followed by the "Armies of Heaven", also riding on white horses, and they were clothed in fine linen, "Clean and white", "Which is the Righteousness of the Saints".

Quite naturally our hearts ask the question, which heaven was it that was opened? and from which of the celestial worlds did this white-robed rider come? From which of the heavens did this glorious army of white-robed saints appear? It is a marvelous thought! and there are several clues by which we may be led aright.

In the last Book of the Bible, the Revelations, the SUN is mentioned just twelve times. Its first mention is concerning the Author of the Book, Jesus

Christ, "and His Countenance was as the SUN SHINETH IN HIS STRENGTH", Rev. 1:16. The second speaks of the phenomena of its darkness, or blackness; signs in the Sun, Rev. 6:12. The third tells us of the coming of a Mighty Angel from the SUNRISING, Rev. 7:2. The fourth announces the fact of a great multitude coming up out of great tribulation, upon whom the SUN should never light, that is, they had reached a place where sunlight was unnecessary, Rev. 7:16. The fifth records the smiting of a Third part of the SUN, Rev. 8:12, a reminder to the blasphemous world of the assassination of the Central Being of the Godhead on Calvary.

The sixth, a prophetic mention of the horrors of the opened pit, Rev. 9:2. The seventh again reveals the SUN-LIT face of the Jehovah Angel, Jesus Christ, Rev. 10:1, who comes to take possession of the land and the sea by the authority of the "Little Book", the Bible. The eighth is the manifestation of the "Woman clothed with the SUN", Rev. 12:1, that is, the Perfected Church, the Bride of Christ! in her final ministry.

In the ninth, one of the Judgment Angels pours his vial on, or toward the SUN, Rev. 16:8, an operation which destroys a part of the Atmospheric Veil between the Sun and the Earth and looses the burning brightness of His glory upon them in judgment. 2 Thess. 1:7-9 ; 2:8. The tenth reveals the abode of the angels and the Throne of God, Rev. 19:17.

The eleventh manifests that city which "had no need of the SUN", Rev. 21:23. The twelfth, and last, shows a people, fully redeemed, who "need no candle, neither light of the SUN; for the Lord God giveth them light", Rev. 22:5. This is that people who were "Clothed with the SUN", and any people who may be thus clothed must of necessity be capable of "Living in the SUN". And further, the only City that could need no Sun must, of absolute surety, be a City built in, or on the SUN itself!

Thus, all this array of positive scriptural evidence points with the unerring finger of the truth to the facts we have previously stated, viz. that the consumations of the redemptive work of the Christ reveal a church, or bride, "Clothed with the Sun". And this church is a great company of Perfected Believers; many, many members, but One Body. They are enveloped in the Sun, a condition utterly impossible unless that Church was actually able to dwell in the Sun. It is more than a Symbol. It is more than a type. It is a vision, a revelation, which is a blending of both type and antitype. It is a positive wedding of the symbolic and the real.

The facts then, are clear. That white-robed rider, warrior, came down from Heaven. He came from the Sun, the same place from which the angelic announcements were made. And it was from the very same heaven that the vast army of the heavenlies, also riding on white horses, came. A mighty army of the

hosts of God, who beforetime had suffered, but who are now in triumphant victory with the blessed Christ at their head, "Conquering and to conquer".

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## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

*“And His countenance was AS THE SUN shineth in his strength.” Rev. 1:16.*

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## As The Sun

It may be objected that the scriptures use the term “as the Sun”, and that this expression may mean, “something similar to the sun”, that it was not the real Sunlight which lit up the face of the Christ of God, but rather something which looked like the Sun. It is the profound conviction of this writer that the term “as the Sun”, or, “as it were the Sun”, simply is God’s way of saying, “THE SUN”. “Then shall the righteous shine forth AS THE SUN”, Matt. 13:43. “His face did shine AS THE SUN”, Matt. 17:2. “His countenance was AS THE SUN shineth in his strength”, Rev. 1:16. “And His face was AS IT WERE THE SUN”, Rev. 10:1. All of these scriptures clearly prove that the “as it were” simply means that “it was” THE SUN.

Over against the above record we place the following scriptures as further proof. “There is one glory of THE SUN”, 1 Cor. 15:41. In the resurrection of the righteous dead “There is one glory of THE

SUN". Thus testifies the Apostle Paul. John testifies that he saw a woman—the church—"Clothed with THE SUN", not with something "as the Sun", but, THE SUN, Rev. 12:1. The angelic messenger of Rev. 19:17 was "standing in THE SUN". It was "THE SUN" which went dark at the crucifixion of the Savior. Not something like the Sun, but THE SUN.

Thus throughout all the scripture when THE SUN is spoken of it is THE SUN that is actually meant. Not something that looks like the sun, but THE SUN itself is clearly meant when the prophetic writers use it as the emblem of the brightness of the Glory of the Lord. It not only is the emblem of the Glory of the Lord God, but IT IS THE ACTUAL GLORY OF THE LORD OUR GOD. With unbiased and unprejudiced heart and utterly without respect of any man's person, He has poured out the streams of His Light and Life upon every living thing. "He maketh HIS SUN to rise on the Evil and on the Good." Mat. 5:45. His love is dispensed without fear or favor, for God is Love!

#### The City That Needs No Sun

— "And the city had no need of the SUN, neither of the Moon, to shine in it: for the Glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." Rev. 21:23. "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the Sun; for the Lord God giveth them Light: and they shall reign for ever

and ever." Rev. 22:5. This is that city the patriarch Abraham had visioned, a city whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10. It is the City of God, the place of His Throne. The Shekinah Glory of God did lighten it. God Himself was the Light thereof. No need for any artificial light, nor yet the light of Sun. A city whose light was in itself, for God is Light.

"The Gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." Rev. 21:25. Thank God! Such a city as this could not possibly exist anywhere in this universe but on the SUN. Nor is there a spot in all this great universe that could exist or continue but for the force and power of our SUN. Its control reaches to the utmost bounds of the Celestial Realms. All things, as we know them, are upheld by the Word of His Power. Thus the city of God, according to the divine revelation and specification, could exist nowhere else but on the SUN. The only World of Light of which we have any positive knowledge is the SUN. It is a World of Light.

The SUN is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Jesus Christ is the "LIGHT OF THE WORLD", Jn. 8:12. After His departure the Church became the "Light of the World", Matt. 5:14. "Ye are all the Children of Light," 1 Thess. 5:5. Our God is a God "dwelling in the Light which no man can approach unto", 1 Tim. 6:16. He has also called US to His marvelous Light. 1 Pet. 2:9. "God is LIGHT," 1 Jn. 1:5.

Thus, that city that needs no light of Sun is a city builded on the Sun, for, as we have said, there is not one place or planet in our universe that does not need the SUN save the SUN ITSELF. This is the CHRISTIAN'S HEAVEN! It is to this Glory World that Jesus Christ ascended from the Mount of Olives in the presence of more than five hundred of the brethern. It was to the SUN, as God's Throne, that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was translated. It was to this same World of Light that Moses ascended after his resurrection from the dead, his face still shining with the Glory of the Shekinah, which is the Glory of the Presence of God; and the Glory of God is the Glory of the SUN. Rev. 1:16.

—The prophet Elijah was translated to this same world in the Chariots of Fire, and it was from this same glory world he and Moses came from time to time, ministering to the blessed Christ during His brief sojourn upon the earth. It was to the world of the SUN that Jesus went, and there He is at the very present moment. It is from "that world" that He has ministered the Atonement of His precious Blood for now almost two thousand years. It is also that world of light in the SUN to which the "Spirits of Just men made perfect" have gone; and where, right now! they enjoy the bliss and blessedness of full salvation. The SUN holds the Home and Throne of the "God of all the Earth". It was to this "Paradise" in the THIRD HEAVEN that the Apostle Paul was

“Caught up” where he heard the unspeakable words of the Godhead. The Apostle John was also caught up to this same Heaven that he might receive the direct revelation of Jesus Christ, and, according to the Holy Commandment, transmit it to the Church. It is in this world of Light and Glory that your loved ones await your coming.

It was from this world of the “SUNRISING” the Three Wise Men came, that is, Enoch, Moses, and Elijah! They witnessed—in behalf of the Godhead—the incarnation of Deity in the lowly Babe of Bethlehem. Likewise, from the same glory of the SUNRISING, came the mighty Angels of God. Zacharias declared that the earth had been visited by the “Day-spring from on High”, Luke 1:78. The word “Day-spring” is properly “SUNRISING”. One from the SUNRISING had come and quickened the barren womb of Elizabeth, the mother of John, and a Prophet of the Lord was born, the greatest among men.

Thus the glory of our natural SUN, throughout all the Bible, is declared to be the GLORY OF THE LORD! No greater glory than the glory of the SUN is anywhere attributed to the GODHEAD! God Almighty created the SUN that through its agency He might bathe the world in His own LIGHT and nourish it in the bosom of His own LOVE. The first created tri —THE SUN, THE MOON, and THE STARS--- are the everlasting SYMBOL of His own NATURE and BEING. They reveal and manifest

the actual Glories and Powers of the GODHEAD, Rom. 1:20, in supporting all life and by preserving all worlds. The SUN needs no support or supply. It is sufficient in itself to support and control "All things". In the SUN is exemplified the glorious "MAJESTY OF THE SYMBOL". The Presence of God is there. The impress of the GODHEAD BODILY is found throughout all His Creations. This impress is the SEAL of its author and its source. Every attribute of the Godhead, as ascribed to Him in and thro HIS WORD, is fully discovered and manifested literally in the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS.

The "Family of God" in the Heavens is comprehended and understood by the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS; as is also the Family of God in the Earth, Gen. 37:9. "Of whom the whole family in Heaven and Earth is named", Eph. 3:15. The same Blood-Seal is discovered on BOTH!

Thus the Glory of God is the Glory of the SUN. The Glory of the SUN is the glory of our earth. The glory of the SUN is ascribed to the family of God in the earth and is likewise ascribed to the family of God in the Heavens. The glory of the SUN was the glory of earthly Israel. It was the glory of the SUN and the Glory of the Godhead in the SUN that gave complete victory to the armies of the Lord under the leadership of Joshua, the Savior. Again, it was the Glory of our SUN as it shined in the Glory of the Shekinah on the face of Moses. It was the Glory of

the SUN in which the "Presence" was manifested between the Cherubim of Glory and the Blood-stained Mercy-seat.

The SUN is inseparable from the God of all the Earth. "The Lord God is a SUN and Shield," Pslm. 84:11. The SUN holds a marvelous place in the prophecies. There shall be signs in the SUN, Joel 2:10 - 3:15 - Mal. 4:2. The Glory of the SUN is declared to be the glory of the Kingdom of God, Matt. 13:43. The same scripture ascribes the very same glory to the Kingdom Saints. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the SUN in the Kingdom of their Father." The same marvelous glory was attributed to the Lord Jesus at His transfiguration. "His face did shine as the SUN," Matt. 17:2. The SUN in its glory was involved in the Death of the Savior, for the SUN became dark.

And certainly the SUN cannot be separated from the ascension of the Christ, nor from the Men in SHINING garments who so boldly testified of His second coming. Neither can the SUN be ignored in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus when He rolled away the stone and sat upon it, whose countenance was like the Sunlight. It was surely the Glory of the SUN that shined around the apostle Paul at his conversion on the Damascus Road, while on the Day of Pentecost the sound of a rushing mighty wind came "from heaven".

The final glory of the perfected church in the earth

is the Glory of the SUN. Rev. 12:1. The highest Glory of the resurrection is the glory of the SUN, 1 Cor. 15:41. The glory on the face of the glorified Christ at His resurrection was the Glory of the SUN when it shines in its greatest intensity, Rev. 1:16. The SUN is revealed as the Home of the Angels, Rev. 7:2. It is also declared to be an inhabited world, Rev. 19:17. Finally the Millennial Kingdom is bathed in the SUNLIGHT of Sevenfold strength, i. e. the perfect manifestation of the Glory of God. Isa. 30:26. And the consumations of Jehovah are reached in the City that needs no SUN, where night shall never come. No wonder it is called the "Holy City"; the City that comes down from God out of the Heavens; that City whose builder and maker is God.

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## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

*“Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.” Rev. 14:13.*

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## Where are the Dead?

What of the dead? where are they? and what are the operations that must transpire before Spirit and Body dissolve their partnership and death actually ensues? Before one can understand life, he must know the truth concerning his own being and understand the creations of his own body, soul, and spirit. Death is vastly more than ceasing to breathe! Death, to the christian believer, is the moment of his most exquisite joy! It is the moment of Divine ecstasy! The moment of the most sublime freedom possible for the creature to enjoy!

To understand death is to forever extract its “sting”. “Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord”. For the righteous ones, Death is Glory! For the unrighteous ones, Death is “Hell”; and no other word can ever express the bitter disappointment of that spirit, which, separated from its body, wanders in the darkness of an unlighted sphere, forever separated from

its God. Dying is simply glorious when one dies RIGHT. And to die RIGHT is to die IN THE LORD. To die in the Faith of the Son of God is to assure yourself a part in the Glory of His Resurrection.

Death is merely the separation of two entities; one created, the other uncreated for it is the impartation of the Spirit of God. The physical body is ordained to death, while the spirit of man is ordained to eternal life. "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body," 1 Cor. 15:44. It is the separation of the natural body from the Spiritual that brings the state of death. Death is not oblivion! Death is life in an eternal sphere, good or bad as the Great Judge of all shall decree. Thus preparing to die right is by far the most important of man's duties. He settles the status of the eternities while he lives in mortal state. This is the fiat of God.

#### The Death of the Christian.

The death of the child of God is declared to be "Precious" in the sight of the Lord. Psa. 116:15. The word "precious" which is used in this connection is the word which signifies something "Very highly prized" something very valuable, a real treasure. Wonderful word! For the thing of greatest value in the sight of God is the spirit of a justified man made perfect! A heart and spirit washed in the Atonement of Christ; justified among men by reason of faith, and received into the Presence of God with fulness

of joy. May my demise be found "Precious" in the sight of my God.

Again, the scriptures declare that "The day of death," is better, "than the day of one's birth". Eccl. 7:1. This is a condition utterly impossible unless death is better than life. But the reason for such statements is not hard to find when one understands his own makeup and the plan of God concerning it. The mortal body of man is revealed in the scriptures as the "House" or the "Earthly home" or Tabernacle of the spirit which comes from God.

This "House" was some day to dissolve and pass away and in the resurrection the spirit man was to be "clothed upon with our House which is from Heaven." All this is God's way of showing unto us the different parts of our own nature. The natural and the spiritual. The heavenly and the earthly. The divine and the human. The temporal and the eternal. The corruptive and the incorruptive. And, of course, the stress is always laid upon that which is spiritual and Godlike. One passes away, the other abides forever. 2 Cor. 5:1-10.

When the Saint dies, that death is precious—of great value—in the sight of God for it releases the eternal spirit of man from its prison house of flesh and permits it to wing its flight to the glory world. The cause of death is of no moment whatsoever. In the death of the saint he simply loses that which has been the cause of all his earthly trouble.

He lays aside that which binds him to life on this sphere. "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise, To seize the everlasting prize." "He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God."

The details of this kind of death are; first, it is in the "Sight" of the Lord. God, the Holy Ghost, is there. His comforting presence is in that sick room and He stands by that sick bed to strengthen spiritually the dying saint. Second, He turns the vision of the sick one constantly towards its redeemer and keeps His Salvation nigh. The Holy Spirit supports the Saint through his final sufferings and reveals the perfections of Christ. And third, when the end is reached and the spirit leaves the body, immediately the Holy Spirit takes charge of the disembodied spirit of the saint, and together, under His all-powerful protections, they make their way through the vast spaces of the firmament and into the very presence of the Throne of God. As they pass thru the portals of glory the song of the redeemed is heard --Thousands upon thousands of dying saints have heard this song-- and the Holy Spirit presents the victorious saint to his Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And what a meeting! What a glory. What a shouting. What music. What singing as the saint --accompanied by the Holy Spirit-- comes marching home, for heaven is our home. It is just seven or eight minutes from the time of death till the saint reaches home! for Spirit travels as fast as Light and both are

the attributes of God. A real Home and a real heaven.

We grant you that all this is very literal, but truth always is! There is no truth that is not magnificently real. The oft-occurring question is, where is the christian's heaven? We have endeavoured to solve this question in a perfectly biblical way by bluntly saying that the Heaven of God is positively located on our SUN, that the SUN is the Throne of God and the Habitation of all the holy celestial beings of which we have any knowledge. There is not a saintly death which our God does not see, nor a dying saint that the Holy Ghost does not succor in the final sorrow and lead them into their everlasting rest.

#### The Death of the Unbeliever.

The death of the sinner is almost too terrible to relate. There is nothing precious about a soul or spirit going out of life's opportunities of salvation unready and unprepared. The sick room of the unbeliever is a place of sorrow and gloom. Uncertainty and fear are the dread attendants of that couch. The presence of God is forbidden. Dying men grope blindly in the dense darkness of that unlighted house. Sometimes a spirit of bravado is seen. A sickening shroud of utter hopelessness. A shallow attempt to quiet those deadly fears.

By that sick bed stands the prince of devils. He prompts the dying to curse God because of his sor-

rows. He torments them with the thoughts of a hell to come. The devil is a hard taskmaster, and the wages he pays are the wages of a Godless and Christless death. As the earth recedes, the blackness of hell opens on their vision, and, at the moment of agonizing death, the prince of devils himself takes charge—for he has the power of death—of that unredeemed spirit and escorts it into the presence of myriads of fallen demons which roam thru the trackless spaces of the firmament of our world. Reserved in chains, an eternal prisoner doomed to the outer darkness until the day of "Judgment and Perdition of ungodly men". 2 Pet. 3:7. Far from God he becomes a follower of the "prince of the power of the air", Eph. 2:2, the unclean god of this world. He realizes at last what it means to be lost!

God save us from a death like that!

Thus the great contrast is made. The spirit of the saint, at death, is carried into the presence of God by the blessed Holy Spirit Himself. That is His mission and His ministry. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:8. There is no intermediate state, No soul sleeping, No unconsciousness, No oblivion. The spirit of man is as eternal as the Spirit of the Lord. Its destiny is to live, to enjoy all the sweetness of unbroken existence in the presence of its Savior and Lord.

But where is this unending life continued? Our very reason demands to know God's plan in a matter

so vital to human happiness. Indecision and uncertainty in so serious a matter can never be the will of God. If the spirit is a separate and distinct nature and being, dwelling in the human body of the Children of God, then this very fact demands a logical explanation, and an explanation that even finite man may understand.

Why should we not possess such information? We live our lives in a desperate effort to please God. We turn away from all things sinful and worldly. Our meditations are in heavenly things. We long to pierce the veil of earthly things and see as God sees. When our loved ones leave us, our thoughts are more or less in confusion. We have no certain knowledge of their eternal state. By the way many of us decorate our graves you would think that we believed they were there. But, thank God! it is not so! The earthly clothing of an eternal spirit has been laid aside that that spirit may be clothed upon with its "House from Heaven", and mortality be completely swallowed up of Life. "He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God." 2 Cor. 5:5. It is the ultimate of redemption's plan, the triumph of the Resurrected Christ.

Some years ago the writer lost his one remaining daughter. As she lay in an adjoining room, breathing her last, I walked over to the window. The Sun was setting in the west, a burning blaze of glory. I stood and watched it as it reached the horizon. It seemed

as though the Spirit of the Lord prompted me to look at its splendor. I noted its perfect sphere. The outlines of its edges were sharply defined against the shadowy blue beyond. As I gazed at that marvelous Orb, the Spirit of God seemed to whisper to me, "IT IS A WORLD", and like a flash of light in a darkened sky the truth dawned in my spirit. It was a revelation to me. From that moment my searchings in the Bible became more and more a search for the location of God's Heaven, the place where He dwelt, and the place to which the redeemed of all ages have gathered.

Scripture after scripture thrust itself into my heart until there was no room for a shadow of a doubt but that the SUN, that SUN which attends our world in eternal beneficence, that SUN which we see every day and by which we live, and move, and have our being in human sence, was the actual habitation of our God. Its Glorious Light was the Light of God, and that there He had established His Throne! In our Sun was discovered the World of Light of which our Bible so often speaks, and that it is in or on the SUN that God's Heaven is found!

If the Sun was a conglomeration of incadescent gases as we are sometimes asked to believe, then from whence comes its perfect spherical form? Incandescient gases would not be subject to such sharp lines as are manifested in its circuit every day. No, the Sun is not a combination of gases. The SUN IS A



WORLD, a world of LIGHT and LOVE, A SUN of RIGHTEOUSNESS which arises day by day with HEALING IN ITS RAYS, even as JESUS CHRIST was that SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS which arose on a darkened world of sin with HEALING IN HIS WINGS. And it is to that world of LIGHT and GLORY that your loved ones have gone and where they now are! standing in the presence of very God. Fully redeemed and endowed with the wisdom of the Christ, they rejoice with a joy that is unspeakable and are filled with the Glory of the Lord.

But we do not lay the stress upon the fact of "revelation". If the Bible does not teach or reveal the truth in this matter, then all the revelation in the world would not be acceptable. The bible does so teach when our hearts are tuned to the Voice of the Spirit. What can all this array of scripture—as it pertains to the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS—mean, if it does not mean just what it says?

Looking into the heavens again, there is no other Orb but that of our SUN which could in any wise fill the divine specifications concerning Heaven and concerning the Throne of God. All other worlds are far to remote to be considered for one moment. Their distance from the earth and the time it would take to reach them can never be reconciled with the Word of God. God is Light and therefore will move with the velocity of Light. His periodic visits to this world can be accounted for in no other way. There is no other reasonable interpretation.

We do not say that there are not greater SUNS in the multiplied universes of His creating, nor do we say that the present SUN will always be the home and Throne of Jehovah. We do not think it will. There is to be a New Heaven and a New Earth wherein the Righteousness of God shall always prevail. The present earth and the present heavens must pass away, for both have been contaminated and polluted by SIN. But we do say that for the period of man's activities on the earth, a period of Six Thousand Years, and also for the period of the Millennial Kingdom of One Thousand Years, that the SUN is the Habitation and Throne of the God of the Bible. Jehovah God.

We have endeavoured to show that the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars are a divinely created Symbol of the Godhead Bodily, and that from that Symbol there streams all the Power of Endless Life. And again we call your attention to the fact that in every created symbol of the Godhead in previous ages the very Presence of God was found. He was in the Ark of Noah, for none but Jehovah could have subdued the wild natures of the animal life in that Ark for the period of one whole year; or have supported life in Noah and his family.

God was surely in Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in both Name and Nature. He changed the Name of Abraham. He gave the Name of Isaac. And He changed the Name of Jacob to the "Israel" of God.

He was in the Ark of the Covenant, for it is written "Thou that dwellest between the Cherubims," Pslm. 80:1. He was in the Passover Blood. He was in the Manna. He was in the Rod. He was in the Rock. He was in the Living Waters. He was in the Tabernacle. He was in the Temple. Jehovah was in both Moses and Israel, and they were both God's Typical People, and, as we have said before, God was in the Typical Creation. How much more then shall we not discern Him in the One Enduring Type of the SUN, the Moon, and the Stars! the Three Heavenly Witnesses of the Eternal Power and Godhead of God! God, Himself, is that Witness. God, Himself, is that Seal.

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## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

*“That in the DISPENSATION of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth.” Eph. 1:10.*

## Dispensational Truth

The Dispensations of Time are changelessly ordained of God and carry His own Seal. They present a startling testimony to the truth of the Word of God as the accompanying diagram will show. They are Three in Number. Three co-equal periods of time, each Two Thousand Years in length. No more and no less. Six Thousand Years in all. The One Thousand Years of the Millennial Age constitutes the beginnings of eternity for all who are permitted to attain to that Kingdom State.

The First Dispensation of time reaches from the Fall of Adam to the Covenants with Abraham, a period of Two Thousand Years. It is the Dispensation of the FATHER, the Dispensation of the Promises. The Spirit of Promise is the Spirit of the FATHER. For Two Thousand Years the Father God, the Jehovah of the Old Testament, THE LORD, is

manifested in the Promises of full redemption from all the consequences of Adam's Sin. He promised it in the Garden, Gen. 3:15. He promised it to Noah. He finally promised it to Abraham and Sealed the Promise around the Sacrifice of Isaac, the only begotten Son of Abraham and Sarah, in whom all the nations and families of the earth were to be blessed.

The dominating personality of that First Dispensation was that of the FATHER GOD. It was the Dispensation of the Father. It began with Adam, the Father of the Human Race, and ended with Abraham, the Father of All who Believe. The Old Testament Name of the Father God is Jehovah, in our language rendered LORD. More than Eight Thousand Four Hundred times it is so expressed in our bible. In the terms of Bible Astronomy, the Glory of the LORD is declared to be the Glory of the SUN! It is for this reason that you see the SUN, in the sketch, as the Glory of that First Dispensation. The SUN is the Glory of the FATHER. The SUN is the eternal Symbol of that God and Father who dwells in LIGHT which no man can approach unto.

No need for strained and fantastic interpretations. It is all so clear and plain. The Name of the Father God is LORD! Isa. 42:8. Thus it is eminently proper to inscribe upon that First Dispensation of Two Thousand Years not only the title of THE FATHER, but also to write upon it the Name of "THE LORD".

The second or central Dispensation of time, also a

period of Two Thousand Years, reaches from Abraham to the Coming of the Babe of Bethlehem as the incarnate Son of God. This entire dispensation carries the indelible impress of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in all his ministry of atonement for the salvation of the world. At the very threshold of this central time period we have the promise of that typical Son in whom all the families of the earth should be blessed, Isaac, a child of promise indeed! the central figure of the earthly human Tri of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in and upon whom are so marvelously revealed the changless characteristics of the Godhead Bodily.

The second dispensation opens with the birth of the Typical Son who was offered as a Living Sacrifice on Mount Moriah, around whom the Covenants of Salvation were centered, and reaches its glorious consumations in the Birth, the Ministry, the Death, the Resurrection and translation of Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of the Father God! Thus that dispensation which began with the Promise and Birth of the Only begotten Son of Abraham and Sarah, which reached its supreme fulfillment in the manifestation of the Only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, must be the dispensation of the SON! And upon that central time period of Two Thousand Years must be written the Name of THE SON, and the Name of the Son of God was JESUS, Luke 1:31, for He was so named of the Angel.

But there is yet another impressive aspect of this

central period of time which forever seals this interpretation as the very Truth of God, and that is the great fact that between the Covenants which were made with Abraham, Gen. 15:1-21, and the final sealing of that covenant in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, is comprehended the shedding of every drop of Sacrificial Blood which was shed for the "Remission of Sin" and for the perfect Atonement we have in the "Finished work of Christ".

Thus in most emphatic manner is discovered upon this middle dispensation the Seal of Blood Atonement! And Blood, vicarious blood, is the great Sign-Seal of the central being in the Godhead, even Jesus Christ, the LORD! first in the "Blood of bulls and goats", and last of all in the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is for this cause that we have placed the Moon, the central light of the celestial trinity, over the central dispensation of the times. It is the Moon that shall be turned into Blood! Joel 2:31 - Acts 2:20. It is the Moon turned into Blood which constitutes the "Sign of the Son of Man in Heaven," Matt. 24:30, a prediction made by the Lord Jesus Himself. It is the Blood of Atonement which takes away all sin, Lev. 17:11 - Ex. 12:13 - Heb. 9:12. And it is this same Blood-Seal, impressed upon the ages of time as the signet of the Godhead, which assures us of the truth of His Word and of its ultimate fulfillment to the very last jot!

The Third and Last dispensation of time is the Dis-

dispensation of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the Third in manifestation of Deity. It is the Spirit of God in fullness of effort to win the world from its sin and back into the image and likeness of its Creator. It is the Holy Ghost that brings in the fullness of the times and administers to the Church the perfections of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is revealed in the varied manifestations of the Glory and Power of the Godhead. He comes in "Differences of administrations" and "Diversities of operations", 1 Cor. 12:5-6. But it is the same God which worketh All in All. He comes as a "Rushing Mighty Wind", Acts 2:2, as Flames of living Fire, Acts 2:3, and as the teacher of every language of the nations in the same moment of time. He comes as "Rivers of Living Water", Jn. 7:37-39. He is the Teacher, Guide, Comforter, and the Revelator of the Spirit of the blessed Christ. He is the Gift-bringer and that One who alone can make our Christian Experiences bear the Fruits. Wonderful Spirit of the Living God!

In the scriptures the Holy Spirit is symbolized by the stars in the first created tri. And it is for this reason that we have placed the Stars—in the diagram—over the last dispensation of time. The Stars are the symbol of the blessed Holy Spirit of God, and the Holy Spirit always works thru man. Not one man only, but thro multitudes of men at one and the same moment of time. It is this glorious characteristic



of the Holy Spirit that is forever impressed upon the starry skies and which brings into our view the revelation of the vastness of His ministry and the Numberlessness of the blood-washed multitudes who have yielded to His sway. Heb. 11:12.

At the very beginning of this Dispensation of the Holy Spirit we are confronted by the advent of the Star of Bethlehem. The dispensation that is symbolized by the Stars was opened by the coming of a Star, the Star that came out of Israel. Num. 24:17. It was "His Star", Matt. 2:2, the Star of Messiah. The "Day-Star" of Israel had arisen and was shortly, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, to arise in their hearts. As the present age closes and Messiah comes again, He will come as the "Bright and Morning Star", Rev. 22:16, the harbinger of a brighter, an eternal day. "For one Star differeth from another Star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead," 1 Cor. 15:41-42. It is the starry impress in the varied glories of resurrection splendor.

"The seven Stars are the angels —the seven Pastors— of the seven churches," Rev. 1:20. This is the impress of the Holy Spirit upon the ministry of the church, while in the consumation of all things in the church, the ministry is symbolized by a "Diadem of twelve Stars" which is at the head of the Sun-clothed Woman—a revelation of the Perfected Church and of a ministry that was entirely complete. Rev. 12:1. Therefore, as the Name of the LORD

was inscribed upon the Dispensation of the Father, and the Name of JESUS was written upon the dispensation of the Son, so now the appellation of the Spirit, CHRIST, must be written upon the dispensation in which we now live, for it is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit which brings in the fullness of the times. Thus the startling truth is again discerned, that these God-formed ages not only reveal the characteristics of the Godhead Bodily as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but that they are also impressed with the Glory and Power of His ineffable Name in the LORD - JESUS - CHRIST! -See Chart-

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## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

*“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” Rev. 22 : 20.*

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These are hallowed truths! They are solemn evidences that the present age is about to close and that our God is about to require of every one the final reckoning of his faith. “Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?” Lk. 18:8. That is the question of first importance to every living creature. God is high and over ALL. He reveals Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the great eternal Tri. He impresses His characteristics upon the ages, and writes across them the Glory of His Great Name. This is His Signet and His Seal. When the ages shall blend into the fullness of the Name, Time shall be no more! The end of all things earthly shall have come and the Kingdom of God shall immediately appear. Are YOU ready?

What more can be said? The more one studies the problem of Solar Phenomena, the more we are made

to realize the utter impossibility of a satisfactory solution of that problem among all the theories of men. There is not one that comes anywhere near the truth. So much for the natural. Yet when one begins the same study with the Word of God for his guide and foundation, there is not one of the points of spiritual contact that can fail! The deeper one gets into it, the more marvelous the relationship becomes. The Glory of the Godhead, as revealed in the christian's Bible, blends with divine perfectness into the Glories and Powers as they proceed from our SUN.

The writer is not the only one who has had such thoughts as these. Thousands of holy men have looked with longing eyes toward the celestial realms and have hungered for the truth. Dr. Joseph A. Seiss in his "Gospel in the Stars" is probably the most recent of authors to endeavour to present this thought, and while he gives a most astounding record of astronomical data, worthy of the deepest thought of any man, yet he utterly fails to grasp the truth as it is presented in "THE MAJESTY OF THE SYMBOL". While declaring the Gospel Story as he found it written in the Stars in a most blessed and convincing manner, never did he discover the fact that in the SUN, the MOON, and the STARS we have a magnificently flawless revelation in Symbol ? of the Fullness of the Godhead Bodily as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Neither has the writer in all his searching found another with the thought that is the foundation of

this interpretation, viz. that GOD WAS IN EVERY CREATION TYPICAL OF HIMSELF! Yet such is the fact as we have stated elsewhere in this book. H. W. MORRIS, D. D. in his "CELESTIAL SYMBOL INTERPRETED", a wonderful and marvelous presentation of the spiritual characteristics of the SUN and a book of seven hundred pages, likewise misses the primal thought, or truth, shown in the creation of the Celestial Bodies; yet he brings to light an array of facts concerning the spiritual aspects of the SUN that are without compare in the literature covering the subject. The great Herschell came nearest the truth when in the moment of inspiration he declared that "The SUN is a world inhabited by beings who radiate LIGHT". Hershell was a holy man, a christian in the realest sense, a man of God.

Thus the MAJESTY OF THE SYMBOL BECOMES THE MAJESTY OF GOD! And the sacred pages of the scripture shine with an added luster as the Glory of the Heavenly blends with the Glory of the Earthly and God and His creature are forever made ONE. The scriptures that heretofore have been irrelevant or obscure, now glow with the Glory of the ancient Shekinah, and the typical things become real! The doubt and dread of death are banished. Heaven becomes a real, visible, Glory World. We KNOW to which world our loved ones are gone. The flashings of brilliant Sunlight throughout our bible as they come from the presence of God are now

understandable. The Sunlike glory on the face and form of Moses. The Sunlight from the cloud by night as Israel journeyed thru the wilderness. The burning brilliance of the Shekinah on the Mercy-Seat. The brightness of the Glory of the Lord. The Glories of the Sun in the Kingdom. The Glories of the Sun upon the saints. The celestial Sunlight on the face of the transfigured Christ. The same brightness in his visitors, Moses and Elijah. The pathetic darkness of the Sun at the Crucifixion of Heaven's Firstborn Son. The Sunlit face of the Angel of the Resurrection. The Glory of the Sun as the chief glory of the Resurrection.

The Wise Men from the Sunrising, the mighty Jehovah angel who came from the same place, the signs in the Sun, the Church clothed with the Sun, the angel standing in the Sun, the City that needs no Sun, the redeemed ones who dwell in the Sun are all divine evidences of the truth of this fact. Evidences that may not be refuted, sure, plain, consistent to the last degree, and word of the fact that the astronomy of the bible is the Seal of all His creative work.

Finally, the Christian Religion, or the Good News of the message of the scriptures demand that there be not only a real and personal God, but also a real and actual Heaven, and this Heaven must be a world of Light and Glory, the Habitation of God and the place of His Throne. It must be a real world. Elementally the physical creations of the Sun must be in

large degree as the elements which go to make up our earth, and this is clearly proven in the fact that sixty six of the elements in the earthly creation have been positively discovered in the atmosphere that surrounds the Sun.

Every virtue and every glory as concerning Heaven that is promised to the believer in God's Word is discovered in the Sun. Its very location agrees and conforms to the demands of the Scripture in this regard. Its distance from the earth is in exact accord with divine revelation, The method of reaching that world, as revealed in the bible, is Spiritually and Scientifically true! The nearest Star is more than Three Hundred Thousand times further away from the earth than our Sun. Other Stars are still more remote. For this reason they are all outside the present consideration of the dwelling place of God.

Yet during the eternities the redeemed of God will visit all worlds. "For by Him were All Things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, Visible and Invisible, whether they be Thrones, or Dominions, or Principalities, or Powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him." Col. 1:16. The great plan and purpose of the Gospel in its ultimate consummations is the Resurrection from the dead. It is by the processes of the Resurrection that we are given a Spiritual Body, i. e. a body like unto the body of the Resurrected Christ. His body could ascend thru

the heavens. Christ could travel from world to world. So also shall the saints of God.

Laying aside the impediments of the body of flesh, they shall rise to "Meet the Lord in the Air", and, after the Thousand Years upon the earth in righteous reign with Christ, they shall pass from world to world beholding the glorious handiworks of God, and who can tell what those worlds may contain? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that LOVE HIM." 1 Cor. 2:9. May it be your lot and mine to enjoy the blessedness of all these creations and to give God all the Glory, Worlds without end!

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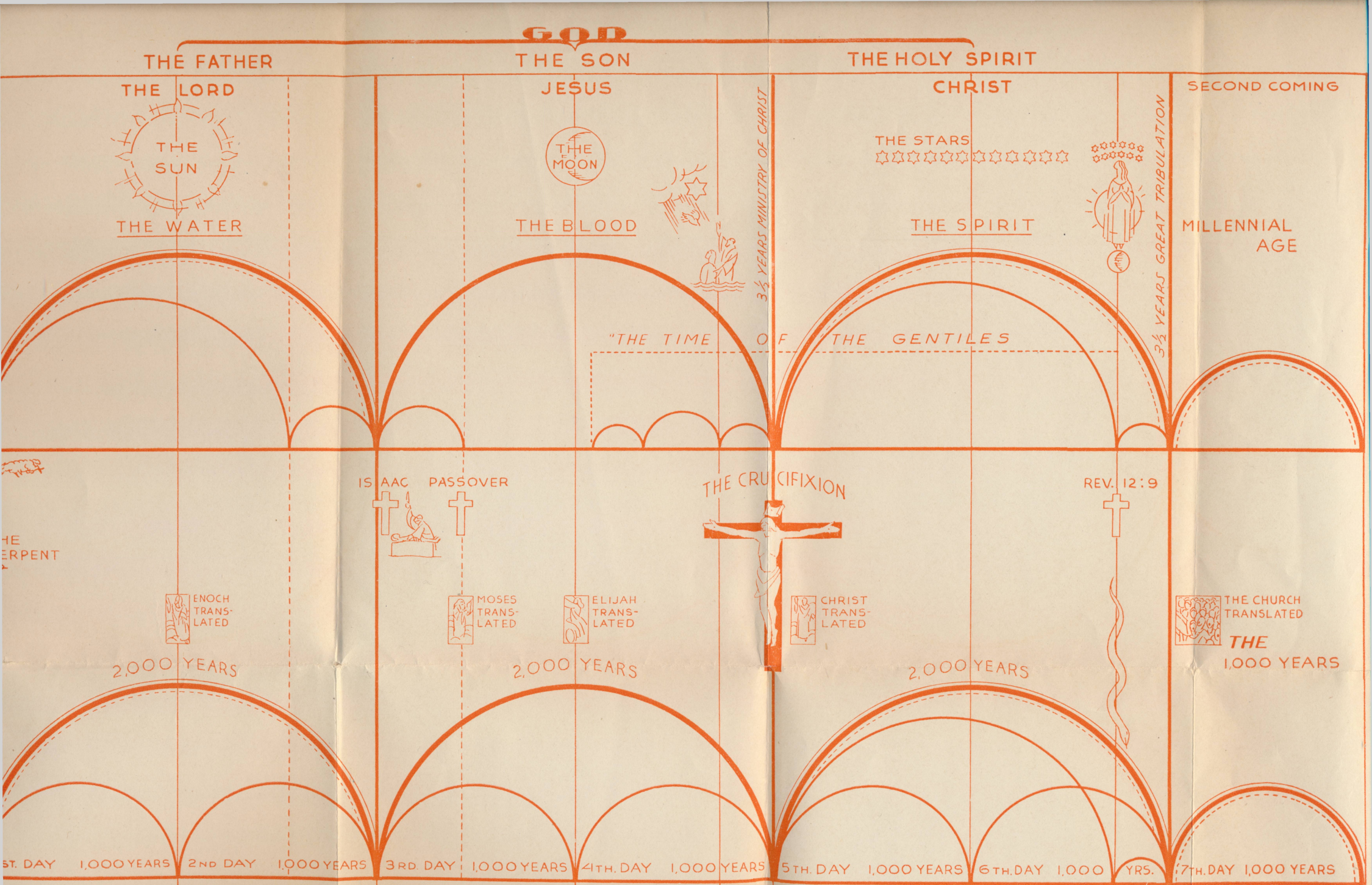
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