

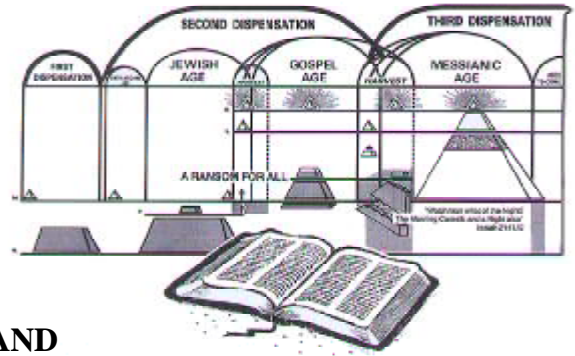


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THE TIME IS AT HAND

STUDY 5

“THE MANNER OF OUR LORD’S RETURN AND APPEARING”

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1. The authors thought in 1916 was that the lease to the Gentiles expired in 1914 but that the culmination of the church’s hopes was not reached at the time originally expected.

2. (a) The object of our Lord’s second presence is to RECONCILE whosoever will of the world.

(b) The manner and object of our Lord’s second presence are of paramount importance when it comes to the study of TIME.

3. (a) The great work of restitution at the SECOND advent follows the work of redemption at the FIRST advent.

(b) The bride of Christ, selected during the GOSPEL age, will be associated with her Bridegroom in the great work of RESTITUTION.

4. (a) During the harvest of the Gospel age, which work overlaps the MILLENNIAL age, there is a separation of wheat from TARES in the nominal Gospel church, the gathering and glorification of the wheat class, the burning (destruction) of the TARES (imitation Christians), and the gathering and destruction of the corrupt fruitage of “the Vine of the EARTH” (human ambition, greed and selfishness).

5. (a) Throughout the Gospel age, our Lord even though absent from earth, has been with his church in LOVE, THOUGHT and CARE. (Matthew 28:20)

(b) Our Lord promised to come again and receive his BRIDE unto himself. (John 14:2,3)

6. (a) Our Lord’s reign for a 1000 YEARS is for the purpose of putting down all enemies. (Revelation 20:3)

(b) The last enemy to be destroyed is Adamic DEATH.

(c) Prophecy touches the important events of the first ADVENT from Bethlehem and Nazareth to the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection of our Lord.

(d) A much larger space in prophecy is devoted to the second ADVENT and its thousand years of triumphant reign and overthrow of EVIL.

7. The work of the FIRST advent was so important that the work of the SECOND advent could never have been possible without it.

8. (a) The first advent of Messiah was manifested and proven by the gradual fulfilment of PROPHECY.

(b) It is more important to discern the fact of our Lord’s presence when he has arrived at his SECOND advent than to discover the exact moment of his arrival.

9. (a) At the first advent our Lord as a human being, gave himself a RANSOM for men. (1 Timothy 2:5,6; Hebrews 10:4,5)

(b) Our Lord was raised from the _____ a life-giving spirit being. (1 Corinthians 15:45)

10. (a) Our Lord’s change from human to divine nature at his RESURRECTION was a greater change than the one which occurred when he laid aside the glory of spiritual being and was made FLESH.

(b) It is the resurrected Jesus who has come again and not the man Christ Jesus who gave himself as our RANSOM.

11. (a) At the second advent our Lord comes to REIGN, exercising all power in heaven and in EARTH.

(b) Because of our Lord’s obedience

even unto death, he is now highly exalted to the **DIVINE** nature. (Philippians 2:9)

(c) Those who have faithfully followed in the footsteps of the dear Redeemer will **SEE** our Lord as he is—a glorious divine spirit being. (1 John 3:2)

12. At the first advent only those who had faith and **HUMILITY** were enabled to recognize the long-looked-for Messiah.

13. (a) Our Lord manifested his resurrection to chosen witnesses who would give credible **TESTIMONY** of the fact to succeeding generations.

(b) Those whose hearts are **RIGHT** will have the blessed intelligence of our Lord's second presence sooner than the world in general who will need to be brought by severe **DISCIPLINE** to the proper attitude to receive the testimony.

14. (a) At the first advent our Lord taught his disciples little by **LITTLE** as they were able to receive it.

(b) After the Holy spirit came, it brought the things they had been taught to **REMEMBRANCE**. (John 16:12,13; 14:26)

15. The disciples experienced great **DISAPPOINTMENT** when Jesus was falsely accused and wrongfully **CRUCIFIED**. (Luke 24:21)

16. Knowing how perplexed his disciples were, the Master's concern during the 40 days following his resurrection was to re-establish their **FAITH** in him as the long-looked-for Messiah. (Luke 24:27)

17. Our Lord broke the news of his resurrection gradually to his disciples—first through the **WOMEN**. (Mark 16:1-7)

18. Jesus said to the women, "Go tell my brethren that they go into **GALILEE**, and there shall they see me." (Matthew 28:10)

19. (a) At the tomb Peter and John saw that the body was gone, but the grave **CLOTHES** were carefully **FOLDED** and laid by.

(b) After they turned away, Jesus appeared to **MARY**.

(c) At the first Mary thought that Jesus was a **GARDENER**.

20. (a) Jesus informed Mary that she had an important **MISSION** to perform.

(b) Mary was instructed to inform the other disciples that Jesus had been **RESURRECTED** from the dead.

(c) Through the other women, Jesus sent word to his disciples that he would meet them in **GALILEE**.

21.-24. (a) Jesus inquired the cause of the despondency of two of his disciples on the way to Emmaus on the **THIRD** day from his crucifixion. (Luke 24:13-21)

(b) As a **STRANGER** to the two disciples, Jesus explained the prophecies which foretold the sufferings, death, and resurrection of the true Messiah. (Luke 24:25-27)

(c) The two disciples constrained the stranger to tarry with them, and he sat at **MEAT** with them.

(d) Our Lord was recognized by the disciples in the simple act of blessing and breaking **BREAD** in the old familiar way.

25. (a) The two disciples returned to **JERUSALEM** to share the good news of the resurrection of our Lord with the other disciples.

(b) Because of the wonderful events on the day of our Lord's resurrection, the disciples desired to meet together on the **FIRST** day of every week after that.

26,27. (a) While the overjoyed little company of disciples were relating to each other their experiences of that eventful day, Jesus suddenly, stood in their midst and said, "**PEACE** be unto you." (Luke 24:36)

(b) Then Jesus opened their understanding (their mental **EYES**) and expounded the **SCRIPTURES**. (Luke 24:45-48)

(c) **THOMAS** was not present at the gathering on the day of our Lord's resurrection. (John 20:24)

(d) Eight days later Jesus appeared to the disciples and said "**PEACE** be unto you".

(e) Jesus gave proof of his resurrection to **THOMAS**. (John 20:24-28)

28-34. (a) After this there was a long **INTERVAL** before Jesus appeared again.

(b) **PETER** decided to go back to the old **FISHING** business, and **SIX** others went with him. (John 21:2,3)

(c) The old firm of fishermen toiled all **NIGHT**, but caught no **FISH**. (John 21:3)

(d) In the morning our Lord, as a **STRANGER** on the shore, told the fishermen to cast their nets on the **RIGHT/OTHER** side of the ship (John 21:5,6), and they caught a **MULTITUDE** of fish.

(e) **JOHN** immediately recognized that the one on the shore was our **LORD**. (John 21:7)

(f) The disciples knew our Lord, not by **PHYSICAL** sight, but by the **MIRACLE**.

(g) After Jesus had given **BREAD** and **FISH** (John 21:13) to the disciples, he reassured **PETER** of his continued acceptance, notwithstanding his denial of our Lord, for which he repented and **WEPT**.

(h) Jesus said to **PETER**, "Feed my **LAMBS**", "feed my **SHEEP**", and again "Feed my **SHEEP**." (John 21:15-17)

(i) Forty days after our Lord's resurrection, he met with them at JERUSALEM and informed them that they would receive an understanding concerning the times and seasons after receiving the HOLY SPIRIT; they were to be witnesses unto Jesus unto the uttermost part of the EARTH. (Acts 1:6-8)

(j) When our Lord and the disciples reached the MOUNT of OLIVES, he lifted up his hands and blessed them; our Lord "was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight." (Acts 1:9; Luke 24:50,51)

(k) Our Lord returned to heaven to receive the promised KINGDOM, and to return in due time. (Luke 19:12)

(l) Meanwhile the disciples were to be witnesses of Jesus in all the EARTH to call and make ready a people to receive him at his return as KING of kings and LORD of lords.

(m) Since our Lord's resurrection none of the WORLD has seen him. (John 14:19)

35. The waiting disciples received the Holy spirit on the day of PENTECOST. (Acts 2:1-4)

36. The brethren are not left in DARKNESS concerning the second presence of our Lord. (1 Thessalonians 5:4)

37. (a) A manifestation of our Lord in the human form at his second ADVENT would be out of harmony with the general tenor of God's PLAN.

(b) The spiritual kingdom will COMMUNICATE its presence and power through HUMAN, earthly agencies. (Psalm 45:16)

38. The fully consecrated spirit begotten disciples, see our returned king by the eyes of UNDERSTANDING and faith.

39. It was necessary for our Lord to appear to his disciples, as he did after his resurrection, in order that they (who had not yet received the Holy spirit) as well as natural men with faith, of coming generations, could grasp and APPRECIATE his resurrection.

40. While removing the natural obstacles to faith, our Lord reasoned with his disciples out of the SCRIPTURES enabling them to understand.

41. Was our Lord's way of appearing to his disciples better than appearing as a flame of fire? YES

42. Our Lord's appearance to Saul was brighter than the SUN at noonday.

43. During the 40 days after our Lord's resurrection, he briefly appeared to his disciples probably less than TWELVE hours or one eightieth of that entire time.

44. (a) Jesus appeared as a GARDENER to Mary and as a STRANGER to the two on the way to Emmaus and as a stranger to the FISHERMEN on the sea of Galilee.

(b) On every occasion Jesus was recognized

by his ACTIONS, his WORDS, or the familiar tones of his VOICE.

45. To Thomas, Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have BELIEVED." (John 20:29)

46,47. The bodies that our resurrected Lord created and assumed briefly during the 40 days before he ascended to the heavenly Father were not his divine spiritual BODY.

48-52. (a) Jesus could create a body and clothing for the purpose intended, even while the doors were SHUT, and could then DISSOLVE them at the proper time, though doubtless he was still invisibly present with the disciples.

(b) Before the first advent of Jesus, spirit beings had appeared in bodies of FLESH and talked to those instructed. (Judges 6:11-22; 13:3-20)

(c) The created and assumed human BODIES of our Lord were real and not mere DELUSIONS.

53. Christians should remember that spirit beings do not have flesh and BONES, that we do not know what a spirit body is, and that flesh and BLOOD cannot inherit the kingdom of God. (1 John 3:2; 1 Corinthians 15:50,51)

54. (a) Jesus gave his FLESH for the life of the WORLD. (John 6:51)

(b) If Jesus took back his humanity which was SACRIFICED, we would still be under CONDEMNATION to death, and without hope.

55. Our Lord was "put to death in the FLESH but made alive in SPIRIT." (1 Peter 3:18)

56. (a) Our Lord's human body was supernaturally REMOVED from the tomb; it did not decay or CORRUPT.

(b) It is not known whether that our Lord's body dissolved into GASES or whether it is still PRESERVED.

57-59. After our Lord's change to the divine nature, during the 40 days before he ascended to the Father, his manner toward his disciples was more RESERVED while he briefly appeared to them in assumed human bodies.

60. (a) Is our Lord Jesus, now exalted to the divine nature, an express image of the Father? YES

(b) Did even a reflection of the spiritual glory affect Moses and Israel at Sinai? YES

(c) Can any man see the face of the heavenly Father and live? NO

(d) Is Jesus now immortal since his resurrection? YES

(e) Can spirit beings see God? (Matthew 18:10) YES

61. (a) If Jesus is still a man could he see God? NO

(b) If our Lord's flesh, marred with scars, is his spiritual body, would it be beautiful? NO

(c) Will the saints who were beheaded, cut to pieces, burned, etc. have these blemishes in heaven? (1 Corinthians 15:42-51) _____**NO**

62. (a) A special glimpse of our resurrected Lord **BLINDED** _____ Saul. (Acts 9:8)

(b) To partially restore Saul's eyesight required a **MIRACLE**_____. (Acts 9:17,18)

(c) Is the resurrection of the church spoken of as being a birth? _____**YES**

63. (a) Moses, the Mediator of the _____**LAW** Covenant was a type of the Christ (Head and body members), the Mediator of the **NEW** Covenant.

(b) Moses' face was caused to **SHINE**_____, so that the people could not look at him, and he must thereafter wear a **VEIL**_____, as a type of spiritual glory of Christ. (Exodus 34:30-33)

64. During our Lord's second presence we should not expect our Lord to manifest himself in various **FLESH**_____ and bone forms to the world.

65. Would it be detrimental to the divine plan for our Lord during his second presence to open men's eyes to behold his glory, as he did to Paul and Daniel, or by assuming a human body? _____**YES**

66. At the first advent, those who saw the perfect Jesus saw the likeness of **GOD**_____ in the flesh.

67. (a) When the earthly kingdom is established, the ancient worthies will be the _____**PRINCES** among men, the representatives of the spiritual, invisible **KINGDOM**_____.

(b) As whosoever will reaches perfection and comes into full harmony with the will of Christ, every such one will be an image of God and of Christ, and in each of these Christ will be **MANIFESTED**_____.

68. Will there be general communications between the spiritual kingdom and its earthly representatives? _____**YES**

69. Does Satan's kingdom operate through human beings as agents? _____**YES**

70. Will the honored agents of the Christ act intelligently and harmoniously from choice and from love? _____**YES**

71. Will Christ's presence and righteous authority be recognized in both the punishments and the blessings that will flow to mankind from his reign? _____**YES**

72. (a) In the past the godly have oftenest suffered afflictions and _____**PERSECUTIONS**.

(b) By means of **TROUBLE**_____ and wrath upon the nations, the Lord is revealing to the world the change of _____**DISPENSATIONS**_____ and the change of rulers. (Daniel 12:1)

(c) After the earthly phase of the kingdom is established, right-doers will be _____**EXALTED** and **EVIL**____-**DOERS**_____ will be restrained and punished. (Psalm 72:1-19; 37:1-14)

73. (a) Will everyone eventually see or discern our King who began his reign more than 120 years ago? (Revelation 1:7) _____**YES**

(b) Our Lord will reign until the great enemy, Adamic **DEATH**_____, is destroyed. (1 Corinthians 15:25-26)

74. Are men seeking for protection in the great rocks and fortresses of society? _____**YES**

75. Is the idolatry of money to be completely overthrown? _____**YES**

76-79. (a) The retribution upon all who have by fraud unrighteously grasped the rights or property of others will come from the Lord, through the **UPRISING**_____ of the masses of the people.

(b) Will all the families of the earth wail during the great time of trouble? _____**YES**

(c) The trouble shall break and overthrow the **PROUD**_____, humble the powerful, and exalt the **MEEK**_____.

(d) Are some aiding error and wrong? _____**YES**

(e) Are some supporting the right and the truth and declaring the Lord's presence and the setting up of his kingdom to be the real cause of the overturning of society? _____**YES**

(f) Are the masses, at the present, heedless of the wise counsel of those bearing witness to the truth? _____**YES**

80. The mission of the feet or last members of the church is to point out to the world the cause of the **TROUBLE**_____, to announce the **PRESENCE** of the new Ruler, to declare the policy, **PLAN**, and object of the new _____**DISPENSATION**, and to instruct the world as to the _____**WISEST** course to pursue. (Isaiah 52:7; 61:1-3)

81-83. Do some scriptures (Revelation 16:15; Luke 17:20-27; Matthew 24:38,39) show that our Lord would be present unseen, doing a work of which the world for a time will be entirely unaware? _____**YES**

84. Do some scriptures (1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7,8; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7) show that our Lord would descend with a shout, the trump of God, and in the clouds? _____**YES**

85. Should we seek for a harmonious understanding of these scriptures? _____**YES**

86. (a) Did our Lord come in like manner as he went away to heaven? (Acts 1:11) _____**YES**

(b) Does the brightshining of the son illustrate our Lord's second presence? (Matthew 24:27) _____**YES**

87. (a) Are some of the above scriptures in highly figurative language? _____**YES**

(b) The symbolic scriptures must always bend in _____**INTERPRETATION**_____ to the more literal statements.

88,89. (a) During the first part of the sounding of the last or seventh trump of God, there is a great time of **__TROUBLE__**, while at the same time, the first resurrection occurs.

90,91. (a) The Greek word “keleusma” signifies a shout of **__ENCOURAGEMENT__**.

(b) The entire civilized world has, during the past several years, been studying political **ECONOMY**, **CIVIL** rights, and social **LIBERTIES** as never before in the annals of history.

(c) Men are striving for both **REAL** and **FANCIED** rights and liberties. (Isaiah 13:4)

92. (a) The name “archangel” signifies **CHIEF** messenger.

(b) Our anointed Lord is Jehovah’s Chief **MESSENGER**.

(c) “Michael” signifies who as **GOD**.

93. (a) To stand up signifies to assume **AUTHORITY**. (Daniel 12:1; Isaiah 2:19,21)

(b) The truth on every subject shall judge men and under its power shall cause the overturning of evil and **ERROR**.

94,95. The events mentioned under the six trumpets of Revelation refer to **HUMANITY’S** doings, while the **SEVENTH** refers specially to the Lord’s work and covers the 1000 year reign of Christ. (Revelation 8:6-13; 9:1-13; 11:15,18)

96-98. (a) Our Lord has come, is now **PRESENT**, and the harvest work of gathering the **WHEAT** and burning the **TARES** is in progress.

(b) The work of the Gospel age harvest is **CLOSING** while the work of the incoming Millennial age is **OPENING**.

(c) The recognition of the harvest work in actual progress is proof of our Lord’s **PRESENCE**. (Revelation 14:14,16; Matthew 13:30)

99-103 (a) In the harvest of the Gospel age and the dawning of the Messianic age the symbolic fire of 2 Thessalonians 1:8 and Malachi 4:1 will burn very **FIERCELY**.

(b) Pride, evil, and evil doers, who resist the kingdom authority, will be **DESTROYED** during the Millennial age.

(c) After the earthly phase of the kingdom is established, all will be brought to a clear knowledge of the **TRUTH**.

104-105. (a) Many see the clouds of **TROUBLE** gathering and darkening, but they do not recognize Christ’s **PRESENCE**.

(b) Not until the clouds have let fall the hailstones and coals of fire (Psalm 18:12,13) to batter down men’s **PRIDE**, and **SELFISHNESS**, and **PREJUDICES**, and consume these, will the clouds disappear and reveal the full majesty and glory of Christ’s **PRESENCE**.

106. (a) When the 1000 years expire, **SATAN** will be loosed for a little season. (Revelation 20:7)

(b) Those who follow the adversary will be **DESTROYED** in the second death. (Rev. 20:9)

107. The symbolic explanations of the manner of our Lord’s coming accord perfectly with the **PLAIN** statements.

108-110. (a) The **MANNER** of our Lord’s coming is like the **MANNER** of his going.

(b) Our Lord went away **QUIETLY**, so far as the world is concerned.

(c) Our Lord promised his disciples that he would come again and **RECEIVE** his bride unto himself. (John 14:3)

(d) Jesus has experienced **TWO** changes of nature.

(e) Did these changes of nature destroy Jesus’ individuality? **NO**

(f) Since his resurrection, is it possible for Jesus to die? **NO**

111. (a) The Greek word “astrape” in Matthew 24:27 should have been translated **BRIGHT-SHINING** or sunlight.

(b) The more than overcomers will be a part of the **SUN** of righteousness. (Matthew 13:43)

(c) By the close of the 1000 year presence of Christ it will be **LIGHT** or perfect. (Zech. 14:6,7)

112-114. (a) The Greek word “parousia” invariably signifies personal **PRESENCE**.

(b) Our Lord does not come in the flesh, nor in the secret chambers, but his second **PRESENCE** and **INFLUENCE**, as the sunlight, will be felt the world over.

115-117. (a) The word “come” in our common English Bibles is used to translate **32** Greek words.

(b) The Greek word “parousia” which signifies **PRESENCE** occurs **24** times in the Greek Testament and is correctly translated only 2 times in the English Common Version.

(c) Spirit beings can be present with us, yet **UNSEEN**.

118-122. (a) The disciples asked Jesus, “What shall be the sign (indication) of thy coming “parousia” (**PRESENCE**) and the end of the world (age)?”

(b) In Matthew 24:4-14 Jesus indicated that there would be a lapse of a considerable **PERIOD** of **TIME** before his second presence.

(c) Our Lord’s words in Matthew 24:15-22 have a **DOUBLE** application—literally to the close of the **JEWISH** age and figuratively to the end of the **GOSPEL** age.

(d) Verses 23-26 contain words of **WARNING** against false Christs.

(e) In verse 27 our Lord reaches the question of the disciples concerning his “parousia” and uses the **SUNLIGHT** to describe it.

(f) Our Lord's second reference to their question is recorded in verses 37 and 39 where he makes the contrast of Noah's presence before the FLOOD and Christ's presence in the world before the extreme TROUBLE of the Day of the Lord.

(g) The point of comparison is not in connection with the WICKEDNESS, which has abounded in every age, but rather concerning the fact that the people "KNEW NOT"; they were in ignorance and unbelieving concerning the flood, and at the present are in ignorance concerning the PRESENCE of the Son of man.

123. Luke (17:26-29) states that our Lord would be PRESENT ("in the days of the Son of man") in the end of the Gospel age (which overlaps the incoming Millennial age) while the world in ignorance of the fact, would be going about its usual pursuits of eating, marrying, buying, building, etc.

124. (a) The existing order of things is being DEVOURED by the FIRE of God's jealousy. (Zephaniah 3:8)

(b) The faithful children of God are counted worthy to ESCAPE the severest features of the trouble. (Luke 21:36)

125-134. (a) The professed disciples of Christ should always be WATCHING so as not to be taken unawares regarding the presence of Christ.

(b) Our Lord is still using the writings of "the" faithful and wise SERVANT to serve the household of faith with MEAT in due season. (Matthew 24:45-47; Luke 12:42-44)

(c) The unfaithful servant who is not watching, and who is INTOXICATED with the spirit of the world, will not be aware of the presence of Christ, and hence will not be privileged to serve the truth to others.

(d) The unfaithful servant will be drawn into closer sympathy with the mere PROFESSORS or hypocrites and will have his portion in the perplexity and TROUBLE coming upon Babylon.

(e) Our Lord taught that neither the world nor the unfaithful servants would be aware of his second presence until the intense FIRE of TROUBLE is at least commenced.

(f) The faithful watchers discern our Lord's presence by the eye of FAITH and give earnest HEED to the warning regarding deceptions.

(g) Our Lord's presence is manifested by the dawning light of TRUTH.

(h) For more than 120 years the harvest of the GOSPEL AGE has been in progress; the Chief Reaper is present accomplishing the work of GATHERING the first-fruits of spiritual Israel and SEPARATING the wheat from the tares with the sickle of TRUTH.

(i) The time prophecies were given not to alarm the world, nor to awaken a SLEEPING nominal church, but to those who are awake, CONSECRATED, and faithful.

135-142. (a) The Apostle Peter wrote that the unfaithful servants and hypocrites will SCOFF during the presence of the Lord. (2 Peter 3:3,4,10,12) since they are busied with worldly plans and intoxicated with the spirit of the WORLD.

(b) During the first part of our Lord's thousand year presence, the symbolic fire will overthrow all civil and ecclesiastical rule thus making room for the new HEAVENS and new EARTH (the kingdom of God). (2 Peter 3:8,10)

(c) Peter exhorts the fully consecrated not to be swallowed up by POLITICS, money-getting, etc., but rather to set our AFFECTIONS on higher things. (2 Peter 3:11-4)

(d) Paul assures us that the children of light will not be left in DARKNESS. (1 Thes. 5:4)

(e) Even though we are already in the day of our Lord's thousand year PRESENCE, and in the great fire of TROUBLE, nevertheless, the storm is held in check until the faithful SERVANTS of God are given an intellectual appreciation of the time in which we are living and the presence of our Lord which will comfort them and be an evidence of their SONSHIP.

(f) One glance upward at the myriad gems of night shining through millions of miles of space, with nothing to roll away or to take fire, should convince one that the statements of Peter and the Revelator are symbolic and not LITERAL.

(g) Unto the consecrated it is given to KNOW the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to others the truth is stated in figures of trumpets, voices, fire, dark sayings, parables, etc. so that they may not SEE and understand at the present time. (Mark 4:11,12)

(h) Current events are causing the hearts of worldly men to fail them for FEAR. (Luke 21:26)

143. (a) The spiritual phase of the kingdom began to be set up before the lease to the Gentiles expired in the year 1914.

(b) The kingdom broke in PIECES and is now consuming the kingdoms represented in the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 2:44)

144. (a) The "Times of Restitution" began when our Lord returned in 1874 A.D.

(b) Those watching are being served with MEAT in due season regarding the object and manner of our Lord's return, the harvest, the reaping of the vine of the earth, etc. (Luke 12:37; Rev. 14:1-4; 18-20)

145,146. (a) Truth like silver, must be not only mined, but also REFINED.

(b) The real truth-seeker, so far as possible, will eat for himself from the Word of GOD and make every POINT, argument and proof his OWN.